

Graziers' Comments

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Grazing management is 10 more important than tillage or seeding.

Any plants standing in the pasture after grazing will not be eaten that year. Do you want them to scatter seed and/or shade out your legumes?

A legume component is particularly valuable to keep the energy content of the forage high during the "summer slump", when grasses lignify and decline in digestibility.

Success in any field is primarily a game of observing innovative people and modifying what they are doing to fit your specific situation.

In the spring consider mowing one-third of some paddocks the day before the animals enter them. This allows the animals to balance the washy, spring grass with some high, dry matter, mown grass. This will help to keep animal performance high.

The better control I have on the grazing animals, the better results I gain! I guess I will always be adding fence.

Management (drainage, grazing system, fertilizer and lime), not what you sow, determines what you end up with.

Topping prior to grazing allows the grasses to wilt and to concentrate the sugars, which makes the material sweeter. Topping also makes the grass more palatable and acceptable because it has not been fouled.