

## Stages of a Grazer Where Are You?

### Apprentice Grazer Years 1 and 2 – Where Am I Going?

1 to 5 paddocks per herd

Limited access to water

Moves animals erratically and not  
Frequently enough

Wastes pasture

Believes grass is grass

Treats soil like dirt

Uses no lime

Pastures have few, if any, legumes

Says grass does not need fertilizer

Ignores weeds

Has too few or too many animals

Grazing is work

Not sustainable

### Journeyman Grazer Years 3 and 4 – Now I See!

6 to 10 paddocks per herd

Water is located in laneways

Moves animals weekly or  
too long a rotation

Reduces pasture waste

Sees grass can be improved

Considers soil a resource

Limes occasionally

Pastures have 20 % legumes

Uses nitrogen only so organic  
matter declines

Realizes that grazing can  
reduce and control weeds

Grazes more animals

Less work and fewer mistakes

Sustainable

### Master Grazer 5+ Years

More than 10 paddocks

Water in every paddock

Moves animals based on  
species and forage height

Eliminates pasture waste;  
stockpiles and rations

Maintains a productive pasture mix

Treats soil like the goose that  
lays the golden egg

Limes little and often

Pastures have 30% legumes

Uses less nitrogen and more  
balanced fertilizers

Controls weeds with drainage  
and grazing

Graze more animals better

Little work and minimal mistakes

Sustainable, Profitable, and Delightful