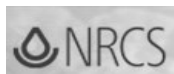




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Pasture Grazing Rental Rates

University of Minnesota Extension Regional Educator David Bau has this to say in the University of Minnesota Extension Farm Resource Guide 2015.

Pasture grazing rents have ranged from:

- \$12.00 - \$90.00 per acre, or
- 20 -70 cents per cow unit per day, or
- \$8.00 - \$21.00 per cow unit per month, depending upon pasture quality. There are both higher and lower rents than listed here and is subject to local demand and supply.

The average is:

- \$35.00 per acre, or
- 40 – 50 cents per cow unit per day, or
- \$12.00 - \$15.00 per cow unit per month (1000 lb. beef cow).

You can adjust these figures for other classes of livestock; multiply by 30% for a calf (3-6 months old), 50% for a calf (6-12 months), 75% for yearlings, 125% for a bull or a horse, and 20% for a ewe.

Cattle Owner: Cattle owners are responsible to keep the fences in good repair, and are also responsible for all costs associated with weed control. They also check their cattle and pay for the electricity required to water the animals.

Landlord: Landlords supply the fence posts and wire. They will find less over-grazing of the pasture if they use a per animal, rather than per acre leases.



October, 2014

Spring Soil Health Field Day



Saturday, May 30th 2015

8:30am to Noon

29825 County Road 45, Clarks Grove, MN

Come learn what it takes to successfully establish & terminate a cover crop in Southern Minnesota, the benefits healthy soil has on agriculture & the environment, & how healthy soil practices can increase your operations ROI & net profit!

This event is free of charge!

Registration is not required but is appreciated.

To RSVP: 507-373-5607 ext. 3

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At this Field Day ...

- ◆ Learn about local soil temperature data collected by the Freeborn Co. Soil Health Team
- ◆ Listen to presentations on soil health practices from guest speakers
- ◆ Get hands-on experience determining healthy soil in backhoe pits
- ◆ View crops planted into Cereal Rye
- ◆ Talk with experts on implementation & management of cover crops
- ◆ See the benefits of cover crops & conservation tillage on soil structure with a rain fall simulator demo
- ◆ Enjoy snacks & refreshments

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Freeborn County Grazing Day

You are invited to attend a field day on July 9, 2015 at the Richard Stadheim farm located just North of Albert Lea off County Highway 25. Richard recently converted 80 acres of steep, highly erodible cropland to a rotational grazing system for his herd of beef cattle. The day will start with registration at 2:30 pm with tours of the grazing system to follow. During the tour, participants will learn about pasture seeding management, fencing systems, watering systems, and grazing management. Following the tour the Worth County Iowa Cattlemen's Association will sponsor a meal.

Greg Wood, National Cattlemen's Beef Association Environmental Stewardship Award winner will discuss the topic, Staying Focused on Forage and Cattle.

Other topics to be discussed include:

- ◆ Planning a Rotational Grazing System
- ◆ Establishing New Forage Seedings
- ◆ Using Warm Season Native Grasses
- ◆ Fencing and Watering Systems
- ◆ Managing Your Grazing System
- ◆ Financial Planning
- ◆ Financial Assistance Opportunities

Sponsors County Road Cattle and the Maine-Anjou Cattle Association will discuss how their livestock fit into a managed grazing system.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this event which will provide you with a variety of useful topics and opportunities to visit with other cattle producers in the area.

In Memory



It is with great sadness that we share with you the news of the passing of Jerrold "Jerry" Tesmer, 27 year veteran of the University of Minnesota

Extension, trusted agricultural educator and farm advisor, one of the founders of the Grazing Gazette, and a true friend to all who knew him. Jerry's farm/tractor safety program was known throughout the state as a model for youth education and we will never know the full impact of his influence through it. He will be sorely missed by the author and many others.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 30, Spring Soil Health Field Day
Clarks Grove

June 3, Cover Crop Field Day at
Terry Hamilton in Mower County
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July 9, Freeborn County Grazing Day,
Richard Stadheim farm, Albert Lea



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