

Frost Seeded Forages

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Over the past few years we've seen a lot of information on frost seeding, particularly with legumes. Frost seeding is one of the systems used to add new forage species to an existing forage stand.

We went to Hannas Seeds in Lacombe for the seed for this project. They donated Alsike Clover, Red Clover, Cicer Milkvetch and Birds-foot Trefoil seed for the project.

Bob Aasman seeded the small pasture with a legume mix using a small quad mounted spin spreader in March of 2008. The ground was frozen with some snow still there.

In 2009, on our annual Director's Tour we took another look to see how these legumes had fared. It looked like the legumes had established well. Now we just need to see how long they'll last in that pasture.

