



# The Blade

"Creating an Awareness of Forages"

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### VISION STATEMENT

GWFA - The centre of choice for gathering and dispersing of forage and livestock information, providing a strong link with producers and the research community

### MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance awareness of the organization as an information exchange centre, illustrating forage and livestock production practices that are environmentally and economically sustainable for the agricultural community.

Approved May 2012

## Manager's Notes:

By Albert Kuipers

The GWFA Annual General Meeting marks the beginning of an exciting term of office for each of our new directors. This meeting also marks the completion of the terms of office for three out-going directors.

First, I would like to express sincere gratitude to our friends who are leaving the board. Directors give their time and energy to our organization because they truly believe in the value of research, extension and education for forage and livestock producers in our area.

We really appreciate Darrell Papuschak for his leadership as Chair of our organization. Darrell's positive personality always lit up the office whenever he stopped by. His efficient management style made

board meetings efficient and productive.

John Harder added a voice of experience to the mix. Many thanks to John for the time and energy he gave to make our organization a better one.

Herman Wyering served as treasurer for the past couple of years. His experience in financial matters were a real asset to us. Herman tackles anything that comes his way with enthusiasm and commitment. We have an ongoing ESN Nitrogen Fertilizer project continuing at his farm near Ponoka. Herman will continue to represent GWFA at ARECA board meetings and other events. Thank-you very much guys, for everything you put into the well-being of our organization.

As three board members are stepping off the board, three new directors are coming onto the board. We realise that, in this day and age, there are many demands on everyone's time and energy. We really appreciate the commitment these men have to forage and livestock production, and to GWFA.



We wish to welcome our new directors, Victor Penner, Cameron Jenkins and Iain Aitken to the board. We hope and trust that they will be rewarded handsomely through the sharing of knowledge and experiences that are part of every gathering the directors are involved in.

We would also like to welcome Bonita Knopp, who will be assisting us to serve you, the members, for this summer. We trust that this will be an enjoyable and educational experience for Bonita. I know that her help will be appreciated greatly by Muriel and me.

Some of you just might be saying to yourself, "Why did he have Bonita stand in a patch of dandelions?" I would like to say that the, often misunderstood, very common plant is actually beneficial.

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## Director's Corner:

Hi, I'm Darrell Papuschak.

My son Brent and I run a small purebred Red Angus herd in the Rocky Mountain House area.

I am the out-going chairperson for GWFA. It has been an enjoyable three years as a Director with the association. I have learned a lot and had the opportunity to work with some very knowledgeable people.

I highly recommend being on the board if you can. You will take away far more knowledge than the time com-



mitment that you have put in.

I am quite excited about the new strategic plan that was designed in February of 2012. It outlines clear directions for the group.

I would like to thank Albert and Muriel for their dedication and hard work that they put into GWFA. It does make a difference to work with good people.

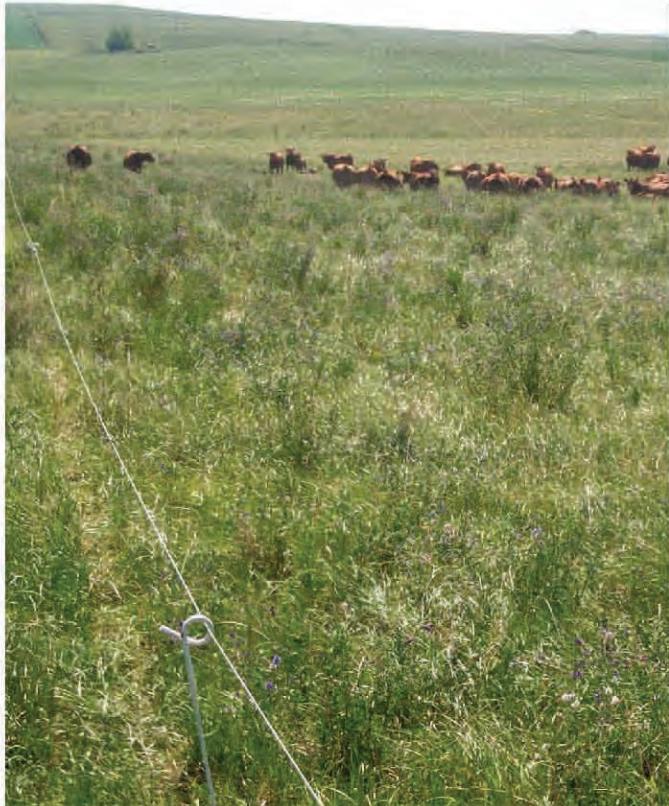
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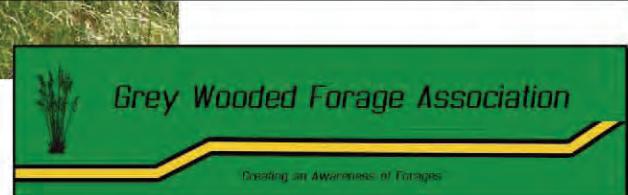
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# Ergot Prevention for the 2012 Growing Season

Ergot in cereals has become a heightened problem in recent years on the Prairies, and significantly higher in Alberta than in other Prairie Provinces. According to plant pathologists, one potential reason for the increased ergot severity may be due to shortened rotations like canola-cereal-canola-cereal.

While the ergot resting bodies (also called sclerotia) have generally been thought to stay viable for only one year, plant pathologists are suggesting that they may remain viable for a bit longer. Since no seed treatments or pesticides are available to control this fungal disease, and all cereal cultivars other than oat are susceptible, preventive control methods are of paramount importance to prevent ergot infestations in 2012, especially if we experience another cool, wet spring and early summer.

Ergot appears as conspicuous dark, hardened resting bodies (sclerotia) in harvested grain and although it doesn't cause significant yield loss, ergot can cause grain rejection or downgrading at the elevator because the sclerotia contain mycotoxins (e.g. alkaloids) that are extremely toxic to humans and livestock. Traditionally ergot was more prevalent in rye and triticale than in other cereals. However, since the late 1990s it has become more common in other cereal crops and significant losses have occurred during the last two growing seasons in spring wheat, durum and barley. Forage grasses and most roadside grasses are also susceptible to ergot.

Ergot has two infection stages – primary and secondary – and an understanding of its life cycle is key to prevention. The sclerotia bodies germinate in the soil in the spring after the crop canopy covers the soil surface, especially under prolonged wet soil conditions like the springs of 2010 and 2011. Wind-borne spores emerge from the germinating sclerotia causing primary infections by attacking the tiny flowers on the heads of fall- and spring-sown cereal crops. Once the infection occurs, the ergot fungus grows on the ovary tissues of these cereal flowers and then produces another spore type in these flowers that is comprised of a mass of spores and a sugary, sticky substance; this stage is known as the "honey dew" stage.

Secondary infection happens when these spores stick to insects or are splashed by rain drops that in turn spread these spores to the flowers of nearby cereal plant heads. This secondary spread can continue for as long as cereal flowers remain open in a field. Instead of the cereal flower ovaries being fertilized by pollen and producing seed, infection with the ergot pathogen replaces the seed with the hard, dark sclerotia that show up at harvest time.

Since open cereal flowers are susceptible to ergot infection, anything that extends the overall flowering period in a field or prevents uniform crop maturity, which would prevent uniform flowering, enhances the risk of ergot by increasing the window of time during which infection can occur. Prolonged wet, cloudy and cool weather not only extends the infection window but can also favor an increase of insect populations like aphids, midge and leaf hoppers that may transfer the sticky spores.

Deficiencies in copper and boron can lead to reduced pollen viability and as a consequence the typically self-pollinated

cereal crops (wheat and barley) will open their flowers to ensure access of pollen from adjacent plants, heightening the possibility of infection. Ensuring adequate levels of copper and boron are present in soils will help to improve pollen viability thereby ensuring wheat and barley flowers remain closed and less accessible to ergot spores that may be present during heading. However, application of copper and boron does not eliminate the risk of ergot associated with pollen sterility as other factors such as cool or hot temperatures at heading, or late herbicide applications, may lead to issues with pollen sterility and thus increase ergot risk.

Utilizing a combination of the following strategies can help to minimize the risk of ergot in cereals such as rye, triticale, wheat, durum and barley:

- rotate away from a cereal crop to a broadleaf crop like canola or a pulse for two years,
- especially do not plant a cereal crop on rye or triticale stubble from the 2011 crop year,
- use seed cleaned of ergot bodies,
- add copper or boron only if soil tests indicate a deficiency in these micronutrients,
- prevent a lengthy secondary infection window by ensuring a uniform crop stand which can be enhanced by using high seed germination percentages, avoid seeding into cold soil, seed shallow and at an even depth, maintain a balanced fertilizer program, prevent herbicide injury to the crop including avoidance of late herbicide applications, and use a higher seeding rate to prevent tillering,
- mow grasses in field headlands and nearby road allowances before these grasses flower,
- cut or graze nearby forage grasses before they flower in the heading stage.

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*Ergot continued:*

If your field does end up having significant levels of ergot in cereal heads at harvest time, delaying swathing/harvesting can allow the wind to blow ergot bodies from infected crop heads prior to harvesting. Scout fields and if the headlands are more infected from nearby grasses, harvest and bin grain from the headlands separately to reduce the level of ergot contamination and improve grade. Record the infested fields, or infested parts of fields, in your record-keeping to use preventive measures in these areas over the next two years. Crop rotation, mowing adjacent grassy areas and ensuring that copper and boron are not deficient in the soil remain the most effective preventive measures.

The spring and early summer of 2012 may not have prolonged, cool and moist weather, which increases ergot infection, however, since there are numerous viable sclerotia currently present in the soil from the 2011 growing season, it is important to consider preventive control methods to avoid an infestation in 2012.

*By Neil Whatley – Crop Specialist, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development, Ag-Info Centre, 310-FARM (3276)*



## No Inoculants for Red, White or Alsike Clover in Canada this Year

**There are no inoculants for these clovers available (anywhere?) this year. If you seed a new stand with red, alsike or white clover, you will have to do so without a bacterial inoculant.** On land that has had these inoculated clovers seeded on them before, this is not a very big problem. On land that has not had inoculated clovers seeded before, this may hurt yield a bit, or maybe quite a bit. The last symptoms will be with less healthy plants that are short of nitrogen. Often native bacteria will make up most, or just some of the shortfall but this happens to varying degrees.

### Background:

The clay based inoculants for red, white and alsike clover have not met CFIA standards for some time. For several years

CFIA “turned a blind eye” to this fact and Canadian Seed companies continued to get these bacteria strain products. That is until now.

As of this year CFIA chose to not ignore the fact that these clay based inoculants from the USA do not meet their standards. They finally enforced their rules and these inoculants are not being allowed into Canada.

The peat based inoculants can still be brought in (Texas), but companies were caught off guard and did not do this. The peat ones have to be applied within about 24 hours prior to the seed being planted. They are a hassle.

*By Grant Lastiwka, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development*

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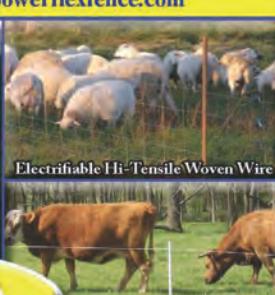
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Growing Forward 



# Legume Inoculation Cuts Fertilizer Needs

## Nitrogen Fixation

Legumes form a unique relationship with rhizobia, a soil bacteria through which nitrogen is made available to the plant. In a process called nitrogen fixation, atmospheric nitrogen is taken from air in soil spaces and converted to a usable form. Since gaseous nitrogen is the most abundant element in the atmosphere and is continually replenished, the supply remains constant.

## Nodules

Nitrogen fixation occurs in the root nodule. Rhizobium bacteria from the soil enter the plant roots and multiply, eventually causing a swelling which forms the nodule. The shape and size of nodule varies with legume species.

Rhizobium requires specific host plants for nitrogen fixation to occur. Bacteria must be able to infect the root and effectively "fix" the nitrogen. Sometimes bacteria infect the root but are not able to fix nitrogen. In other situations, bacteria fix nitrogen but cannot enter the root, so nodulation does not occur.

## The Need for Inoculation

Inoculation refers to the addition of effective rhizobia to legume seed prior to planting.

All legumes should be inoculated with rhizobia, even if the legume has previously been grown in the soil. Inoculation provides the most effective strains of bacteria for the type of legume.

Commercial inoculum is available for specific legumes:

- alfalfa group - for alfalfa and sweet clover;
- birdsfoot trefoil;
- sainfoin;
- cicer milk vetch;
- pea group - field peas, garden peas, lentils;
- clover group - for red, white and alsike clover;
- lupins;
- bean group;
- fababeans; and
- soybeans



Inoculation with the proper strain ensures early and effective nodulation and makes nitrogen available to the plant in the early growth stages.

## Methods of Inoculation

There are three common methods to inoculate seed. The seed should be sown immediately after inoculation.

1. **Slurry** - Mix inoculum with water in amounts indicated on the package to form a slurry, then pour slurry on seed and mix well. If done properly, the seed will absorb the water leaving an even, dry coat of inoculum.
2. **Adhesive Solution** - This method is a modification of the slurry method using an adhesive solution instead of water. The inoculum adheres to seed coated with this solution. The solution also contains nutrients which the nodule bacteria use for growth. While commercially prepared adhesives are available, a suitable solution can be made by mixing 2 tbsp. (25 ml) of corn syrup in 1 qt. (1 L) of water. Use this solution to make a slurry with the inoculum and apply using the slurry method.
3. **Dry Application** - This method is not recommended because so much inoculum is wasted. Dry application requires two to three times as much inoculum as the slurry method, with less successful results.

## Pre-inoculated Seed

This method is a great time saver because seed is treated or coated with rhizobia by a seed processor or distributor and can be directly seeded. Successful nodulation, however, depends on proper application and storage techniques.

## Successful Nodulation

Once seed is ready to be inoculated, certain management practices may influence the effectiveness of the bacteria.

## Bacterial Cultures

Commercial inoculum is most effective when used before the expiry date indicated on the label. Inoculum should be stored in a refrigerator or other cool, dark place to maintain its viability.

## Inoculated Seed

Inoculated seed should be sown as soon as possible. If this cannot be done the same day, place the seed in plastic bags and store in a cool, dark place for no more than two days. If seeding is delayed longer, re-inoculate seed.

## Soil Conditions

Rhizobia bacteria will not survive in acid soils. Although acid soils are not usually a problem in Manitoba, lime should be applied before seeding where soil pH is low. Some rhizobia strains now available in the alfalfa group can fix nitrogen in acid soils. However, most Manitoba soils require only the regular strains of alfalfa rhizobia.

Inoculated seed should be sown into a moist seedbed as nodule bacteria cannot survive in dry soil. However, too much moisture can also be harmful. Rhizobia need oxygen to survive, and wet soil with reduced soil air levels may cause serious bacterial losses.

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# New Forage Barley Variety and Forage Oat Variety

## CDC Maverick Barley

Brian Rossnagel, a plant breeder from the University of Saskatchewan has announced the registration of their newest 2 row forage barley variety named CDC Maverick.

CDC Maverick is essentially a smooth awned version of CDC Cowboy. Like CDC Cowboy it demonstrates high biomass yield and in Coop testing out-yielded all checks and other entries by some 10%+ in terms of forage dry matter. Forage quality is similar to CDC Cowboy with the exception of course that CDC Maverick has smooth awns while CDC Cowboy has rough awns.

Pedigreed seed increase and marketing will be handled

by SeCan. CDC  
Maverick was  
tested in the  
Western For-  
age Barley  
Coop trials as  
FB205 and in  
CDC Trials as  
SB060176.



## CDC Haymaker Oat

Brian Rossnagel also announced that they are releasing their newest forage oat variety named CDC Haymaker. Please note that they have indicated that they are releasing CDC Haymaker rather than saying they have registered it since under current CFIA variety registration regulations, forage oat varieties are not subject to registration.

CDC Haymaker is designed as replacement for CDC Baler and shows some 7% higher forage dry matter yield than CDC Baler with similar forage quality. As a forage oat CDC Haymaker is not designed for the milling industry.



They will soon  
be seeking a  
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ety.



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*Inoculants continued from page 7*

### Seed Disinfectant

Generally, seed treatments used in Manitoba do not seriously harm bacterial cultures, but fungicide-treated seed requires special care. To ensure nodulation occurs, use two or three times the usual amount of inoculum.

Bacterial cultures should not be applied to seed treated with mercury or copper disinfectants, since these chemicals harm the bacteria. Instead, add inoculum to cracked wheat or sawdust and drill into the soil before seeding.

### Checking for Nitrogen Fixation

To determine if nitrogen fixation is occurring, dig up a plant and cut a few of the nodules. If nodules are red or pink inside, fixation is taking place.

### Crop Management

Proper treatment of bacterial cultures before and after inoculation leads to successful nodule formation. But remember, management practices associated with other crops must also be applied to the legume stand - legumes do not grow by nitrogen

alone.

### Summary

- Inoculate all legume seed.
- Purchase commercial inoculum specific to the legume being grown.
- Store inoculum in a cool, dry place until use.
- Use the slurry method of inoculation.
- Inoculate seed immediately before seeding.
- Sow inoculated seed in a moist seedbed.
- Careful seedbed preparation and good management practices are as important with inoculated legumes as other crops.

*From Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives*



# GROWING FORWARD UPDATE



## Growing Forward Stewardship Plans

Stewardship Plans are designed to help producers demonstrate their environmental practices and plan for operational improvements that will reduce their environmental impact. Producers will be required to complete an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and a risk report based on their EFP which will direct them to one of three management programs that best suit their operation. Opportunities to complete an EFP will be available through Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development or GWFA.

### The programs available under Stewardship Plans are:

- ◆ Grazing & Winter Feeding Management (GWFM)
- ◆ Integrated Crop Management (ICM) *Closed*
- ◆ Manure Management (MM) *Open*

### Grazing and Winter Feeding Management:

The Grazing and Winter Feeding Management Program will close on August 31, 2012 to allow time to process applications before year end and project completion by client during normal construction season. Any new applications received after August 31st will be returned to the applicant. Please note the following:

- Meeting the August 31, 2012 deadline does NOT guarantee funding within the 2012-2013 Growing Forward program year.
- Applications are considered for approval based on meeting eligibility requirements and funding availability.
- Applications received before August 31, 2012 will be reviewed on a first-come first-served basis until all available funding has been allocated. The remaining applications will be placed in a queue should additional funds become available.
- Prior to applying for this program, please consider that your project must be completed before October 31, 2012.

In order to access the Work Plans and Program Applications for this program, potential applicants should contact the following:

For the GWFM Program or the ICM Program, contact:

⇒ Diana Bingham @ 780-632-5487

⇒ Heather Landiak @ 780-632-5467.

For the MM Program, contact:

⇒ Jennifer Neden @ 403-948-8535

You can also call:

⇒ Ag-Info Centre @ 310-3276

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⇒ Murray Green @ 403-948-8518 or Cell: 403-818-4516

⇒ or Albert Kuipers at the GWFA office @ 403-844-2645.



# Alberta EFP

## Environmental Farm Plan

Please call **GWFA Manager, Albert Kuipers** at **(403) 844-2645** or your local County Agricultural Services staff if you would like to complete an Environmental Farm Plan. Your EFP is required to apply for funding to the Environmental Stewardships Plan Program of Growing Forward. Grazing & Winter Feeding, Integrated Crop Management and Manure Management are the 3 Stewardship programs available.



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October 2004

Agdex 420/52-4

## Beef Ration Rules of Thumb

This factsheet can both guide producers through a feed test and help them understand the results.

With a feed test in front of you, look at the following rules and compare them to the feed test. Remember, these are rules of thumb, which means they hold true most of the time, but variations in management and cow type will affect the end result.

These rules of thumb should not be considered a replacement for balancing rations with proven software, but rather an aid to understand the feed and where it fits in the management.

### Rules of Thumb

#### Dry matter

Always refer to the "dry matter" numbers. These numbers have the moisture factored out and allow the comparison of all feeds, from silage to grains.

#### Crude protein

Protein is a building block. The Beef Cow Rule of Thumb with protein 7.9-11, which means an average mat requires a ration with crude protein 9 per cent in mid pregnancy, 9 per cent in late pregnancy.

#### Energy

Energy gives the ability to use the building blocks for growth and other productive purposes. Learn one of the six measures for energy and stick with it. Using Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN) per cent, the Rule of Thumb is 55-60-65. This rule says that for a mature beef cow to maintain her body condition score (BCS) through the winter, the ration must have a TDN energy reading of 55 per cent in mid pregnancy, 60 per cent in late pregnancy and 65 per cent after calving.



August 2009

Agdex 130/536-1

## Nutrient Management on Intensively Managed Pastures

Pastures are unique to agricultural production systems in that only a very small portion of the nutrients

#### effect of legumes

and environmental risks

#### and pathways

total pools of nutrients including soil, plant litter, living plants, plant litter, living animals, large herbivores, above and ground invertebrates (beetles and soil microbes), and the atmosphere.

Cycles develop as nutrients flow through them from pool to pool. The processes and pathways of nutrient cycles are different for various land uses and human intervention cycles. Balances are made up of outputs and losses of nutrients from a pasture system.

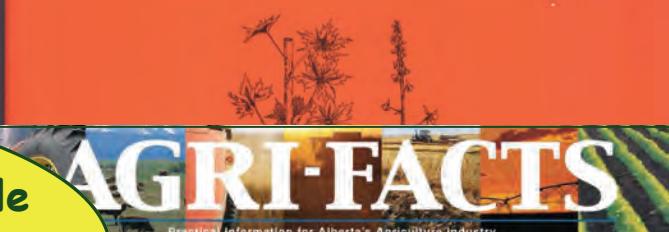
Inputs = outputs + losses when they are removed or added by man. These expected losses are the same type of fertilizer or seed inputs that are applied.

# Pasture Planner



## Stock-poisoning Plants of Western Canada

W. MAJAK, B. M. BROOKE and R. T. OGILVIE



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## Agronomic Management of Swath Grazed Pastures

Fod, feeding, cow management and manure disposal can account for up to two-thirds of the total cost of production in a cow-calf operation. Systems that can extend the grazing season and reduce these costs are of great interest to cow-calf producers. One of these is swath grazing.

#### Swath

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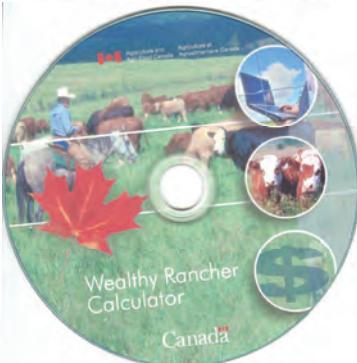
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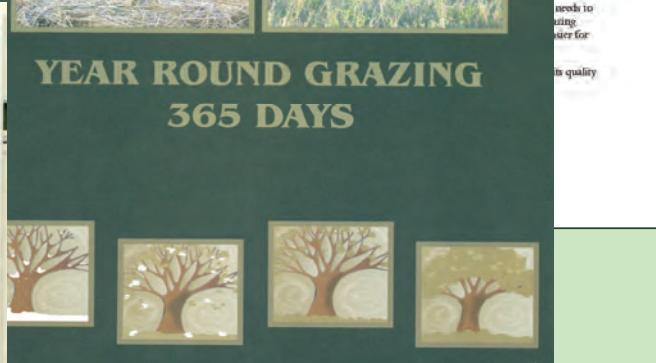
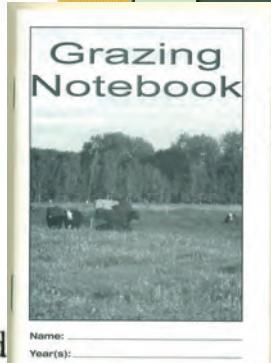
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