How To Manage Your Animals
In Sync With Nature
Past Grazing Practices

- Continuous grazing
- Zero profit
- Almost bankrupt
Controlled vs Continuous
Changed Grazing Methods

• Switched to MIG 1993
• Switched high density grazing 2006
• Increased plant diversity
• Increased stocking rate
Current Grazing Method

• Managed planned grazing
• Daily monitoring
• Profit
• Regenerative
Animal Behavior

- No flighty animals
- Increased human exposure
- Predator
- Lower stress, docile
- Increased animal performance
Planned Grazing Results

• Less hay
• No seeding
• No fertilizer
• No lime
• Full time rancher
Be Aware Of Surroundings

• Nature is static, changes daily.
• What works today, may not tomorrow!
Healthy Plants

• Planned Grazing:
  1. Grazing recovered plants
  2. Graze plant tips, leave
  3. Plants recover faster
What Worked 1000 Years?

Duplicating Nature:
1. Manage with nature.
2. One species supports eight.
3. Diversity is king.
50 Years No Livestock
Restored Farm
4 weeks
What Is Litter?

- Any Material That Decays
  1. Grass
  2. Leaves
  3. Sticks

Carbon Rich Soil
Challenges: Neighbor runoff
Opportunities: hold the soil
One Manure Pile = 462 Earthworms
Leftover stockpile
Mimicking Nature

• No chemical fertilizer
• No worming
• Predator friendly
• Soil life is #1
Our vision: Regenerative!
Conclusions

• No stress daily moves
• High animal performance
• Fresh salad bar every day
• Cull inferior animals
• Daily monitoring
Website: Greenpasturesfarm.net

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