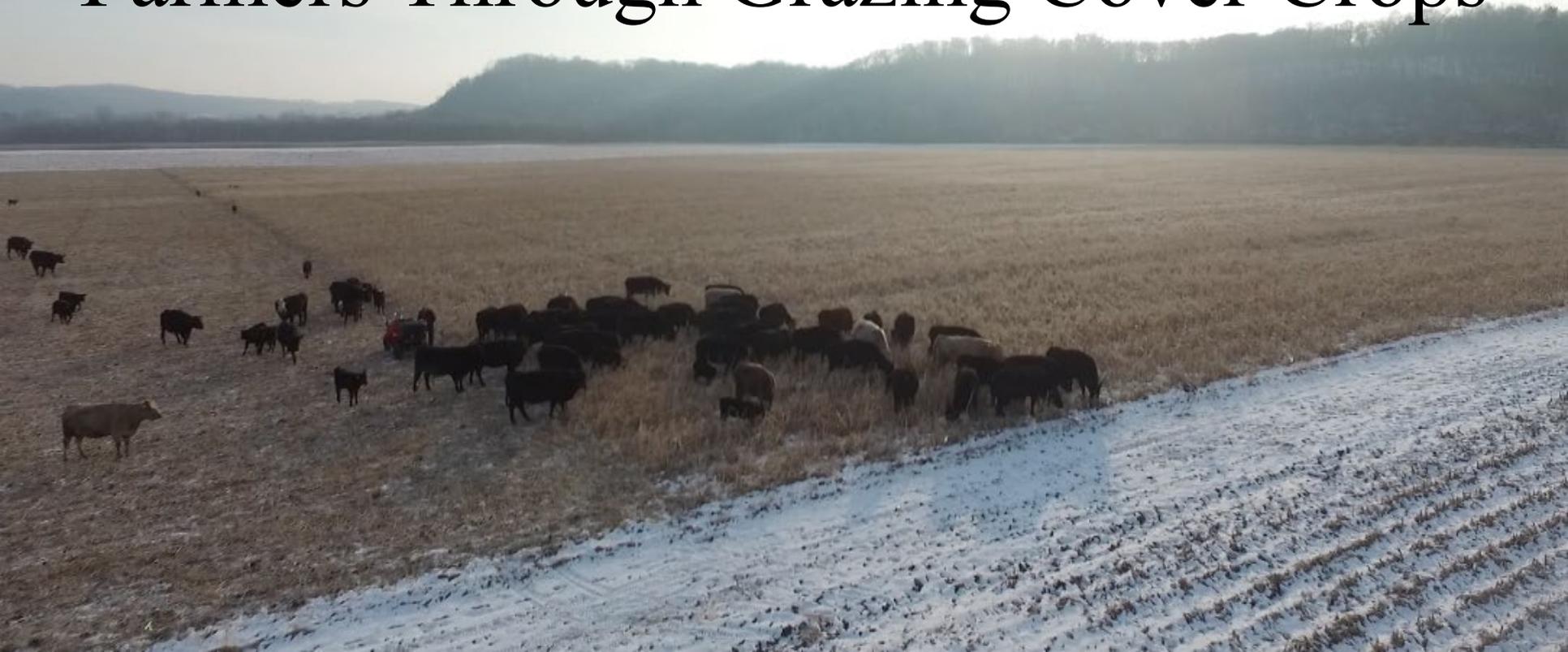


Growing the Next Generation of Farmers Through Grazing Cover Crops



History

An aerial photograph of a farm at sunrise. The sky is a mix of yellow, orange, and blue. In the background, a wind turbine stands on a hill. The middle ground shows several farm buildings, including a large barn with a corrugated metal roof, several silos, and other smaller structures. The foreground is dominated by the roof of a large building, showing its texture and some skylights. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

- Century Old Farm
 - Established 1876
 - 145 years
- 5th Generation
- Turkeys Since 1958
- Organic Turkeys 2001
- Cow/Calf (180 head)
- Row Crops
 - Con. 380ac
 - Org. 520ac

Background

An aerial photograph of a large farm complex. In the foreground, there are several long, white, metal-roofed barns and silos. A dirt road winds through the farm. In the middle ground, there are large fields, some of which appear to be recently plowed or harvested. In the background, there are rolling hills and a single wind turbine on a hilltop. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

- Luther College
 - Environmental Studies
 - 2014 Graduate

Location

- Northeast Iowa
 - Driftless Region
 - NW of Decorah IA.
- River Bottom Ground
 - Subject to Flooding
- Bluffland Ground
 - Wildlife Damage



How We Started Grazing

An aerial photograph of a farm at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. In the foreground, there are two large, cylindrical metal silos with corrugated roofs. To the right, a white house with a grey roof is visible. A paved road runs along the right side of the farm. The background shows a line of trees and a hillside.

- Hated Silos
 - Inefficient
 - Labor Intensive
- Losing Money on Cattle
 - Winter Feeding



Education

- Youtube Videos
 - Erin Silva
 - Gabe Brown
 - Jim Gerrish
- Books
 - Soil Health

Education



- NRCS
 - Contracts (CSP, EQIP)
- Diamond T Ag (Full Circle Nutrition)
 - Compost
 - Biological Products
- Prairie Creek Seed
 - Cover Crop Seed

Why We Graze Covers



- Increase Soil & Animal Health
- Increase Plant Diversity
- Animal Behavior
- Reduce Winter Feed Expenses
- Increased Yield



Plant Diversity



Salad Buffet



DAIRYLAND LABORATORIES, INC.
Arcadia, WI 54612
Telephone 608-323-2123

Report date: 11/20/2019
Sample number: 001-1911-050870

ACCOUNT # 121 (0)
SAMPLED BY: Farmers Win Coop

TO: Farmers Win Coop
Box 402
824 E Water St
Decorah , IA 52101

SAMPLED FOR: JEWELL FARMS

PRODUCT: HF4A2 West (1 - N1)

Moisture %  74.86%
Dry Matter % 25.14%

Mixed hay statistics
provided for comparison.

		Dry Basis	Median	90% Range
Crude Protein	%DM	13.78%	19.89	13.73 - 23.91
ADF	%DM	35.28%	32.66	25.78 - 41.61
aNDF	%DM	49.46%	41.14	32.31 - 55.58
AD-ICP	%DM	0.69%	1.43	1.06 - 2.09
Protein Sol.	%CP	37.81%	36.28	26.07 - 46.05
Starch	%DM	1.85%	2.03	0.29 - 3.75
Calcium	%DM	0.73%	1.47	0.93 - 1.81
Phosphorus	%DM	0.31%	0.31	0.24 - 0.39
Magnesium	%DM	0.24%	0.31	0.23 - 0.40
Potassium	%DM	2.88%	2.58	1.76 - 3.37
Sulfur	%DM	0.16%	0.25	0.16 - 0.33
Sugar (ESC)	%DM	9.00%	6.35	3.04 - 9.57
Sugar (WSC)	%DM	9.51%	7.34	3.67 - 10.53

Adjusted Crude Protein % 13.78%
NFC % 25.12%
RFV 115.70 

		ADF
TDN 1x	%DM	61.42
Nel 3x	Mcal/cwt	63.02
Neg	Mcal/cwt	28.87
Nem	Mcal/cwt	54.46

-----BILLING INFORMATION-----

SAMPLED BY: Farmers Win Coop
SAMPLED FOR: JEWELL FARMS
PRODUCT: HF4A2 West

Reference: 0628652
Date: 11/20/2019
Sample: 001-1911-050870

\$ 17.00 *N-1 NIR BASIC
\$ 17.00 TOTAL

Seeded- 8/5/19

DAIRYLAND LABORATORIES, INC.
Arcadia, WI 54612
Telephone 608-323-2123

Report date: 11/20/2019
Sample number: 001-1911-050869

ACCOUNT # 121 (0)
SAMPLED BY: Farmers Win Coop

TO: Farmers Win Coop
Box 402
824 E Water St
Decorah , IA 52101

SAMPLED FOR: JEWELL FARMS

PRODUCT: HF4A2 East (7 - N1)

Moisture %  60.10%
Dry Matter % 39.90%
pH 6.51

Sorghum/sudan silage statistics
provided for comparison.

		Dry Basis	Median	90% Range
Crude Protein	%DM	11.20%	9.70	5.06 - 16.00
ADF	%DM	41.13%	38.71	30.82 - 47.36
aNDF	%DM	65.39%	57.63	45.66 - 68.15
AD-ICP	%DM	1.18%	1.06	0.60 - 1.63
Protein Sol.	%CP	20.80%	43.76	21.38 - 61.00
Starch	%DM	0.10%	1.91	0.12 - 21.48
Calcium	%DM	0.27%	0.42	0.23 - 0.77
Phosphorus	%DM	0.22%	0.27	0.17 - 0.40
Magnesium	%DM	0.20%	0.23	0.14 - 0.38
Potassium	%DM	1.37%	2.04	1.01 - 3.48
Sulfur	%DM	0.15%	0.13	0.09 - 0.22
Sugar (ESC)	%DM	2.49%	1.70	0.31 - 3.87
Sugar (WSC)	%DM	8.54%	5.15	1.50 - 12.73

Adjusted Crude Protein % 11.10%
NFC % 10.96%
RFV 81.10 

		ADF
TDN 1x	%DM	63.45
Nel 3x	Mcal/cwt	65.21
Neg	Mcal/cwt	25.74
Nem	Mcal/cwt	51.07

-----BILLING INFORMATION-----

SAMPLED BY: Farmers Win Coop
SAMPLED FOR: JEWELL FARMS
PRODUCT: HF4A2 East

Reference: 0628489
Date: 11/20/2019
Sample: 001-1911-050869

\$ 17.00 *N-1 NIR BASIC
\$ 17.00 TOTAL

3 Weeks Apart

Seeded- 7/14/19



Aug. 15th
(4.5 weeks after seeding)
(1.5 weeks after seeding)



Sep. 15th
(8.5 weeks after seeding)
(5.5 weeks after seeding)

Reduce Winter Feed Expenses



Stockpiled Forage (HF4A2) 2019 Winter Grazing CC

Home Farm 4A2- 27 Acres (18 Days of Grazing Stockpiled Cover Crops)

Livestock- 151 Cows, 122 Calves, 5 Bulls

Avg. Weights- ~1200lb Cows, 200lb Calves, 1600lb Bulls

Total Cow Equivalence- 151+20+7= 178 Cows

Avg. Dry Matter Intake- 35lbs/cow (Cold Weather and Lactating)

Grazing days- 11/14 - 11/20 (7days), 12/2 - 12/12 (11 Days)= 18 days Total

Feed Price

Oat Bale Value- \$120/Ton (\$66/Bale) Av. 1100lb Bales

Hay Bale- \$180/Ton (\$99/Bale) Av. 1100lb Bales

Silage Value/Day- Tons / Corn Market / 10
2.01 / 3.80 / 10 = \$76.38/Day

Labor- 30 Minutes/Day **(Wash!!!)**

Strip Grazing-(18 Days Total)~1.65Ac/Day (27 Total Ac) 9 Oat Bales use to supplement dry matter intake

Manure Spreading- 52 4/A (13ac)

Disking- 831.6 15.4/A x2

Seed- 1.350 50/A

Seeding- 495.45 18.35/A

Bales- 594 \$66/Bale (9 Oat Bales)

Cattle Expense= **-1,958.52**

Next Crop Expense= **-1,364.52**

Total Expense= **-\$3,323.05**

Feeding Silage/Hay- (18 Days Total) (4,030lb Silage, 2,200lbs Hay (2 bales) = 6,230lbs Dry Matter

Silage Value/Day – 2.01 Tons / \$3.80 Corn market / 10 = \$76.38/Day

18 Days = \$1,374.84

Hay Value/Day – 2 Bales/Day

Bales- \$3,564 \$99/Bale (36 Bales total)

Total Expenses= **-\$4,938.84**

Grazing Covers Vs Silage/Hay- Total Savings= \$1,615.79 \$90/Day Total Expenses

Total Savings= **\$2,980.32 \$165.57/Day Cattle Expenses**

Increase Yield

An aerial photograph of a combine harvester working in a cornfield. The harvester is positioned in the lower right quadrant, moving from right to left. The field is densely packed with rows of corn plants, showing a clear pattern of planting. The lighting is bright, casting shadows that emphasize the texture of the crops.

- 2017 Org. Field Avg. 140bpa
- 2019 Org. Field Avg. 173bpa

How We Graze Winter Stockpiled Cover Crops



Strip Grazing

- Increase Grazing Days



Strip Grazing

- Increase Competition

- Better Consumption



Strip Grazing

- Even Distribution of Manure



Strip Grazing

- Snow Compaction



Strip Grazing

- Solar Wicking



Strip Grazing

- Wet Weather



Strip Grazing

- Eat Most Palatable First
- Will Have to Supplement

PURINA®
WIND & RAIN®
FORM® ALL SEASON 7.5 COMPLETE
 MINERAL FEED FOR CATTLE ON PASTURE

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GUARANTEED ANALYSIS

Calcium (Ca) (Min).....	13.50 %
Calcium (Ca) (Max).....	16.20 %
Phosphorus (P) (Min).....	7.5 %
Phosphorus (P) (Min).....	18.00 %
Salt (NaCl) (Min).....	21.60 %
Salt (NaCl) (Max).....	1.0 %
Magnesium (Mg) (Min).....	1.00 %
Potassium (K) (Min).....	3600 ppm
Manganese (Mn) (Min).....	12 ppm
Cobalt (Co) (Min).....	1200 ppm
Copper (Cu) (Min).....	60 ppm
Iodine (I) (Min).....	27.00 ppm
Selenium (Se) (Min).....	3600 ppm
Zinc (Zn) (Min).....	300000 IU/LB
Vitamin A (Min).....	30000 IU/LB
Vitamin D3 (Min).....	300 IU/LB
Vitamin E (Min).....	300 IU/LB

INGREDIENTS

Calcium Carbonate, Salt, Dicalcium Phosphate, Monocalcium Phosphate, Processed Grain By-Products, Vegetable Oil, Plant Protein Products, Potassium Chloride, Magnesium Oxide, Sodium Selenite, Mineral Oil, Molasses Products, Lignin Sulfonate, Colored with Iron Oxide, Vitamin D3 Supplement, Vitamin E Supplement, Vitamin A Supplement, Natural Flavor, Artificial Flavor, Ethoxyquin (a Preservative), Manganese Sulfate, Zinc Sulfate, Basic Copper Chloride, Ethylenediamine Dihydroiodide, Cobalt Carbonate.

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DIRECTIONS

Feed this product free choice to cattle receiving rations composed largely of grass hay or to cattle grazing and/or on grass pastures. Optimum intake is 4 ounces per head daily.

IMPORTANT

- Follow these management practices:
1. Cattle receiving phosphorus deficient diets may over-consume this product when it is first offered.
- See Reverse Side For Precautionary Statements



MANUFACTURED BY
 Purina Animal Nutrition LLC
 Arden Hills, MN 55126

Feed Questions? Please Call 1-800-227-8941
 Net Weight 50 lb (22.67 kg)

PURINA WIND & RAIN FORM ALL SEASON 7.5 COMPLETE

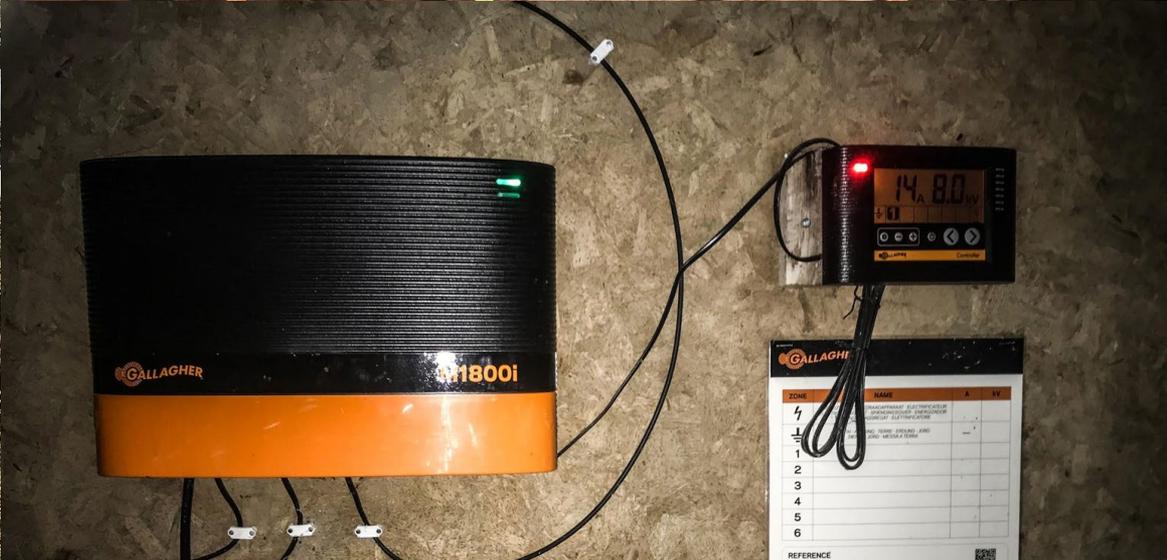
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Supplementation

Equipment









As of: 7/3/2020

(877) 754-4019 PrairieCreekSeed.com
Cover Crop Calculator Tool

Name: Jewel Large Seed

Tract Total Acres: NRCS (Y/N) Organic: (Y/N)

Seeding Method: 1 = Drilled / 2=Broadcast Seeding / 3= Aerial Application

Seeding Window: _____ Termination Method: _____
Fertilizer Applied: _____ Primary Crop Planted: _____

Cover Crop Mixture

Cover Crop Species	Full Seed Rate #/ac	Acres	% Full Rate	% of Blend	Rate lb/ac	Total lbs	Actual lbs	Crop Type	Seeding Depth (inches)	Seeds per Sq/Ft	Retail Cost per unit	Retail Cost (total)
Pea, Winter Icicle	50	87	5%	25%	2.5	217.5	250	CB	1.00-1.50	0.23	\$ 0.45	112.50
Mung Beans	25	87	10%	25%	2.5	217.5	250	WB	0.50-0.76	1.15	\$ 1.79	447.50
Sunflower VNS	7	87	5%	5%	0.35	30.45	50	WB	.50-1.0	0.06	\$ 1.03	51.50
Sudangrass, SD3010 UT	35	87	14%	45%	4.9	426.3	450	WG	1.00-2.00	3.94	\$ 1.65	741.60
					100%	892	1,000					

Estimated Cost (Bagged-total/acre): \$ 16.36 1.42 /LB Estimated seeding rate (lbs/acre): 11.5
Estimated Cost (Bulk-total/acre): \$ 16.13 1.40 /LB Planned Seeding Depth (inches): _____

TOTAL PROJECT SEED COST(Bagged Seed): \$ 1,423.10 (Check one)
TOTAL PROJECT SEED COST(Bulk Bags Seed): \$ 1,403.10 (Check one)

Notes:

Seeded After Oats

Planned by: Pat Troendle

Date: 7/17/2020

1. Some pricing may be estimates and are subject to change.



As of: 7/3/2020

(877) 754-4019 PrairieCreekSeed.com
Cover Crop Calculator Tool

Name: Jewel Small Seed

Tract Total Acres: NRCS (Y/N) Organic: (Y/N)

Seeding Method: 1 = Drilled / 2=Broadcast Seeding / 3= Aerial Application

Seeding Window: _____ Termination Method: _____
Fertilizer Applied: _____ Primary Crop Planted: _____

Cover Crop Mixture

Cover Crop Species	Full Seed Rate #/ac	Acres	% Full Rate	% of Blend	Rate lb/ac	Total lbs	Actual lbs	Crop Type	Seeding Depth (inches)	Seeds per Sq/Ft	Retail Cost per unit	Retail Cost (total)
Turnip, Barkant	2	87	10%	3%	0.2	17.4	25	CB	0.25-0.50	0.89	\$ 2.12	52.94
Rapeseed, Barsica	4	87	5%	3%	0.2	17.4	25	CB	0.25-0.50	0.72	\$ 1.59	39.81
Radish, Pick Axe	12	87	8%	13%	0.96	83.52	100	CB	0.50-0.75	0.75	\$ 1.68	168.00
Clover, Medium Red	10	87	40%	47%	4	348	350	CB	0.25-0.49	24.99	\$ 2.06	721.00
Millet, Pearl M5017 UT	23	87	10%	33%	2.3	200.1	250	WG	0.50 1.00	4.35	\$ 2.02	505.00
					100%	666	750					

Estimated Cost (Bagged-total/acre): \$ 17.69 2.05 /LB Estimated seeding rate (lbs/acre): 8.6
Estimated Cost (Bulk-total/acre): \$ 17.52 2.03 /LB Planned Seeding Depth (inches): _____

TOTAL PROJECT SEED COST(Bagged Seed): \$ 1,539.25 (Check one)
TOTAL PROJECT SEED COST(Bulk Bags Seed): \$ 1,524.25 (Check one)

Notes:

Seeded after oats

Planned by: Pat Troendle

Date: 7/17/2020

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Layout





Paddock Size

- Trial & Error
- Formula

1 sq ft wet weight = 100gms

100gms x .2(20% DM) = 20 gms of DM

43560 x 20 = 871200 gms or 871 kg

871 x 2.2 = 1916 lbs of DM/ac

Whole Field

- Less Grazing Days
- Less Risk for Mudding
 - Mud by Water Tank



- Travel Distance
- Water Access
- Acres
- Costs



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HOW IT WORKS

Resources

- Gabe Brown
 - Youtube
 - “Dirt to Soil”
- Jim Gerrish
 - Youtube (Strip grazing)
 - “Kick the Hay Habit”

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