

Lesson 2: Grazing Management Systems

Developing a Rotational Grazing System

Objective: Develop a rotational grazing system based on the needs of an operation.

Procedure:

1. The students should identify an existing operation that they want to use for the activity, or the instructor can provide the class with an operation to use if this is not an option. They will need to research the pastureland and its current conditions, which will require visiting the location and looking at area maps and soil surveys.
2. Have the students document the current conditions of the operation. They should note the strengths and weaknesses of the pasture and the livestock operation.
3. Ask students to recommend different ways to make a better use of resources such as land, water, and forages for livestock production.
4. Have the students document the course of action that would best incorporate improvements in the existing operation.