



Rotational Grazing

Description

The pasture is divided into two or more areas or paddocks with fencing. Livestock are moved from paddock to paddock on a planned schedule based on forage availability and nutritional needs. Livestock are not allowed to graze plants below a specific height. Allowing paddocks to rest and recover until the next grazing rotation maintains a vigorous plant community and high quality forage.

Benefits

- Improves vegetative cover, protects soil from erosion, and improves water quality.
- Helps ensure high quality forage throughout the grazing season.
- Distributes manure more evenly.
- Improves habitat for birds and wildlife.