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New South Dakota Grazing Exchange Website Officially Released

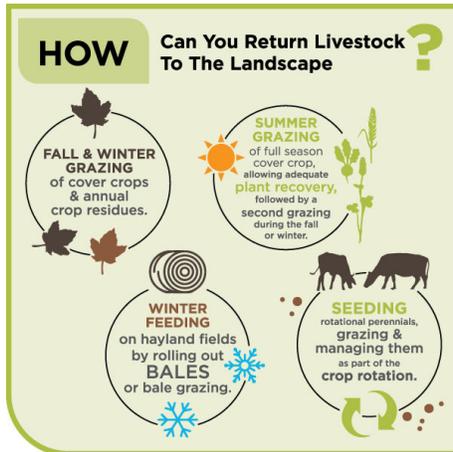
SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL HEALTH COALITION (SDSHC), Pierre, S.D. May 17, 2019- SDSHC has officially released a new online portal and accompanying educational resources, created to connect livestock producers and those with available cropland or forage to graze. Integrating livestock onto cropland and proper grassland management are both key steps in increasing overall soil health. The website <https://sdgrazingexchange.com> is a completely free, publicly accessible map, developed through a grant agreement with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. The site offers a platform for producers to connect throughout the state of South Dakota and the surrounding region.

Do you own land or have pasture, native grass, crop residue or cover crops available to be grazed? Are you a part of an organization whose membership or clientele would be interested in knowing about this type of tool? Or do you need extra grazing land or forage for your livestock this year? Take a look at the South Dakota Grazing Exchange! Getting started is easy, simply access the website address listed above, click the “Create Account” button in the upper right-hand corner of your screen and connect with other producers to work out the details and improve your soil health. The map overlay shows sites where fields are available for grazing as well as producers who are willing to move livestock to grazing sites.

Additional educational resources included on the site include fact sheets on a variety of topics related to livestock integration, crop residue, and cover crops, contracting resources, as well as the contact information or links for organizations that can provide additional technical assistance. Integrating livestock onto cropland and proper grassland management together form one of the five basic principles of soil health. It is the SDSHC’s hope that this new website will provide the tools for producers, landowners and operators across the state to effortlessly connect with others interested in incorporating this principle. For additional information or questions about the South Dakota Grazing Exchange please contact the SDSHC at sdsoilhealth@gmail.com or (605) 280-4190.

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HOW Can You Return Livestock To The Landscape ?



FALL & WINTER GRAZING of cover crops & annual crop residues.

SUMMER GRAZING of full season cover crop, allowing adequate plant recovery, followed by a second grazing during the fall or winter.

WINTER FEEDING on hayland fields by rolling out **BALES** or bale grazing.

SEEDING rotational perennials, grazing & managing them as part of the crop rotation.

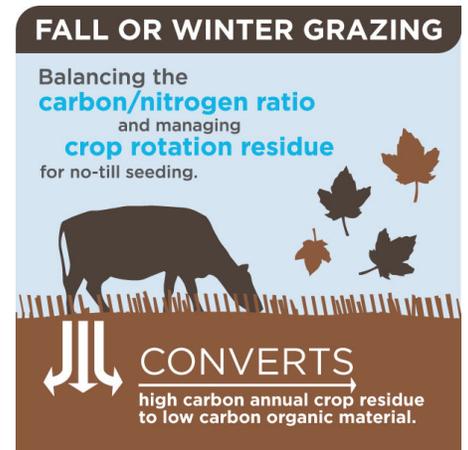
SPRING OR SUMMER GRAZING



Allows the plants to **regrow** and harvest additional **sunlight and CO2**.

Annual and/or perennial plants, with **short exposure periods** followed by **long recovery periods**.

FALL OR WINTER GRAZING



Balancing the **carbon/nitrogen ratio** and managing **crop rotation residue** for no-till seeding.

CONVERTS high carbon annual crop residue to low carbon organic material.

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