

# Establishing Grazing Fact Sheet

Save Costs  
on Feed By  
Establishing  
Grazing on  
your Farm!



Sheep grazing on orchardgrass at Red Line Dairy.

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## What is Grazing?

Grazing is a practice of allowing farmed animals to roam across land feeding on established vegetation instead of having food brought to them as is typically done on feedlots. These animals are in fenced off paddocks that are rotationally grazed.

## Why Establish Grazing?

Properly managed pasture-based systems use land efficiently and provide high production per acre, thus reducing costs for your operation. Another benefit is using otherwise unsuitable land to grow grass that wouldn't typically sustain row crops. These grazing systems also decrease compaction, soil erosion and run-off from the land.

## Things to Consider When Establishing Grazing

- Manage grazing appropriately, over-grazing can lead to the destruction of soils
- Look into the different types of grazing and determine what works best for your farm
- Reach out to other farmers that are grazing for useful tips and tricks on how to get started