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ADVANCED
GRAZING SYSTEMS

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MODULE 5

RECORD-KEEPING

English Resources (le Français suit)

National

[Grazing and Recordkeeping for Beginning Producers](#)

Free online courses that lead students through understanding and thinking about grazing for their farm or ranch. These courses are designed to speak to you regardless of where you live or what animals you graze.

[PastureMap](#)

Online record and planning tool. Measure what matters, PastureMap enables better grazing management decisions so ranchers get the most from their land.

[Record keeping for forage and grassland management](#)

Pasture and stored forages are critical resources in the cattle industry. An effective management plan requires realistic production goals, a clear understanding of forage production, effective grazing strategies and timely responses to forage availability and changing environmental conditions. Record keeping can support management decisions needed to effectively manage both pasture and stored forage.

[Consult the grazing chart](#)

One of the most undermanaged crops we have in North America is pasture. All we need to do is take the time to calculate out a margin on pasture and we can start to understand its value. Do you know what your pastures yield? Do you know the dollars per acre return?

Mountain

[Monitoring Grazing Lands](#)

Monitoring, while labour intensive, is an important component of any grazing management plan. It provides measurables that allow you to determine whether the objectives of these plans are being met. Without it, you are unable to determine what effect your grazing has had on the health of your tame pastures or native range. This includes determining the trend, or changes, occurring in the condition of your grazing areas.

[Grassland Monitoring Manual for British Columbia](#)

The manual continues to be a tool that enables ranchers and range managers to manage grasslands in a proactive and adaptive manner. As in 2009, the purpose remains to help ranchers and tenure holders recognize and adopt the monitoring process set out in the manual as a useful mechanism for improving stewardship practices and outcomes, promoting productivity, and enhancing the viability of ranching businesses.

For your interest

[Using a Grazing Chart to Get what you want](#)

The conference was given by Troy Bishop, organic producer forage finished family farm. Do you want more quality grazing days? Are you ready to make more money within your grazing system? Are you dealing with weather events proactively? Do you want to limit stress points in your operation? Can you get away for a vacation during the growing season?

[Using the Grazing Records Spreadsheet](#)

The Grazing Records Spreadsheet is an Excel-based tool that allows producers to collect and utilize forage production and grazing management information to make decisions. Dr. Jerry Volesky demonstrates how the tool works and shows examples.

[Why You Should Switch to a Digital Grazing Chart](#)

A grazing chart is your first step to a complete grazing plan. Remember, you can't manage what you don't the first measure! There's a lot of data involved in creating a grazing plan, and grazing charts are a wonderfully visual method for data input and quick referencing. They can auto calculate much of the data that goes into grazing planning and recordkeeping.