



**Developing Wildlife Habitat
with Grazing Practices**



Feed the soil



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Solar powered workers





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Burn or Graze?

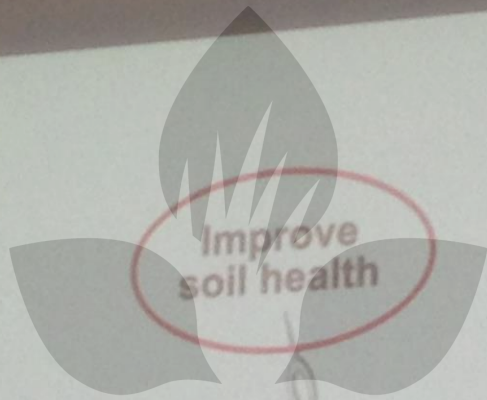




Inter-drilled cover crops into perennial pastures







Increase yields

Improve soil health

Prevent soil erosion

Build soil organic matter

Scavenge nitrogen

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Economic returns

cover crop benefits

Improve rainfall infiltration

Provide nitrogen (legumes)

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Reduce soil compaction

Encourage pollinators and beneficial insects

Control weeds

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Managing invasive cedar removal

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Honey Locust Savannah





1 million lbs stocking density, 20-minute moves, no seeding

Multi-species grazing





Grazing... Emulating Nature.



Harvest the Energy

- Multi Species
- Aesthetics
- Recreational





Silvo-pasture/edge habitat for wildlife

Don't overuse the tool of fire!



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Stock density/2000 head trampling carbon



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18 species big game



Nature at work

- **Large Herds**
- **Predators**
- **Density**
- **Animal Impact**

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Creating Open Savannah



Mob grazed = deer plot



Creating savannah with cattle mob



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Grazing For Better Wildlife

- Idle land needs pulsed grazing
- Stimulates new plants
- Quality animals require quality forage
- Proper grazing management is the key



Walking mob to next farm

A photograph of a lush green field with various plants and flowers. In the foreground, there are large green leaves and several white clover-like flowers. In the background, there are many small blue flowers scattered among the greenery. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the upper part of the image, containing text.

30 days rest, September 1st
Bow Season Opening Day

Landowner Benefits

- Explain landscaping with livestock.
- Environmental benefits.
- Preserving open space.
- Clean water, rich soils, wildlife.

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Nesting Bald Eagles



Major Building Blocks

- Securing long land leases.
- Takes time to build farm fertility back
- Higher quality wildlife
- Building hunter landowner loyalty.



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Coppiced autumn olive



3 months later, deer browse



Broomsedge + Hay



Soil life appears



Keeping Landowner Updated

- Open line of communication.
- Weekly or bi-weekly email farm updates.
- Send farm progress pictures.

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Columbus Method

- Turn-em out in spring, discover them in the fall.
- Will not work.
- Management is key.

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Plowing moss and brambles



90 days rest, forbs and
grasses exploded



Breaking Down Thatch

- Idle thatch needs sunlight.
- Mob busts down thatch, bits of soil exposed.
- Organic matter with active microbes.

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40 year idle farm, cows at work. Deer hunter owned



Build It, They Will Come

- Develop their environment and the wildlife will come home.
- Wildlife are drawn to most nutritious plants.
- The healthier the soil, the better the wildlife.



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Wildlife, Sign Of Balance

- Every species of wildlife supports an additional 8 species.
- You are building a spider web of life.

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Legumes

- Legumes are magnets for all wildlife.
- High density/short grazing duration.
- Long recovery periods.

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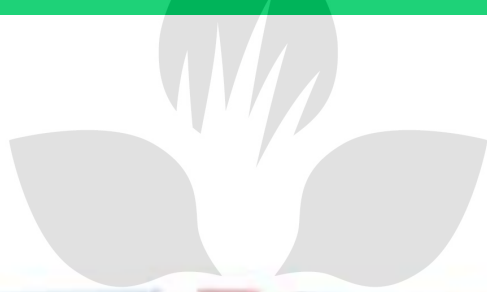
Legumes busting out of thatch.

Landowner Hunters

- Graze off plots next to deer stands 30-60 days before season.
- Perfect wildlife food plot.
- Remove livestock from hunting areas.



Here's The Proof!



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Nesting Cover

- Leave cover blocks for nesting birds.
- Narrow cover strips are more predator friendly.
- Must have winter cover.

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Winter Grazing

- Take half, leave half.
- This protects the ground.
- Leaves wildlife food and cover.
- Controls erosion.
- Earlier Spring growth.

It Is The Forage!

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MARKETING



30,000 acre wildlife refuge trust





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Life Time Lease



Share our farm with customers



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Summary

- Manage for wildlife.
- Beat it up, let it recover.
- Mimic nature.
- Farm becomes a wildlife magnet

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Mimic nature, everybody wins

Our Website



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A colorful illustration of a green field with a yellow sun in the background. A purple flower with green leaves is in the foreground. The text 'Green Pastures Farm' is written in a stylized font over the field.

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YouTube Channel:

Greg Judy

Regenerative Rancher

5 free videos per week.

2024 Grazing Schools

- Advanced Grazing School May 2nd-4th
- Beginners Grazing School May 10th-11th
- Sign up at greenpasturesfarm.net

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