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Grazing Cover Crops

Ross Kurash

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My Goal Today

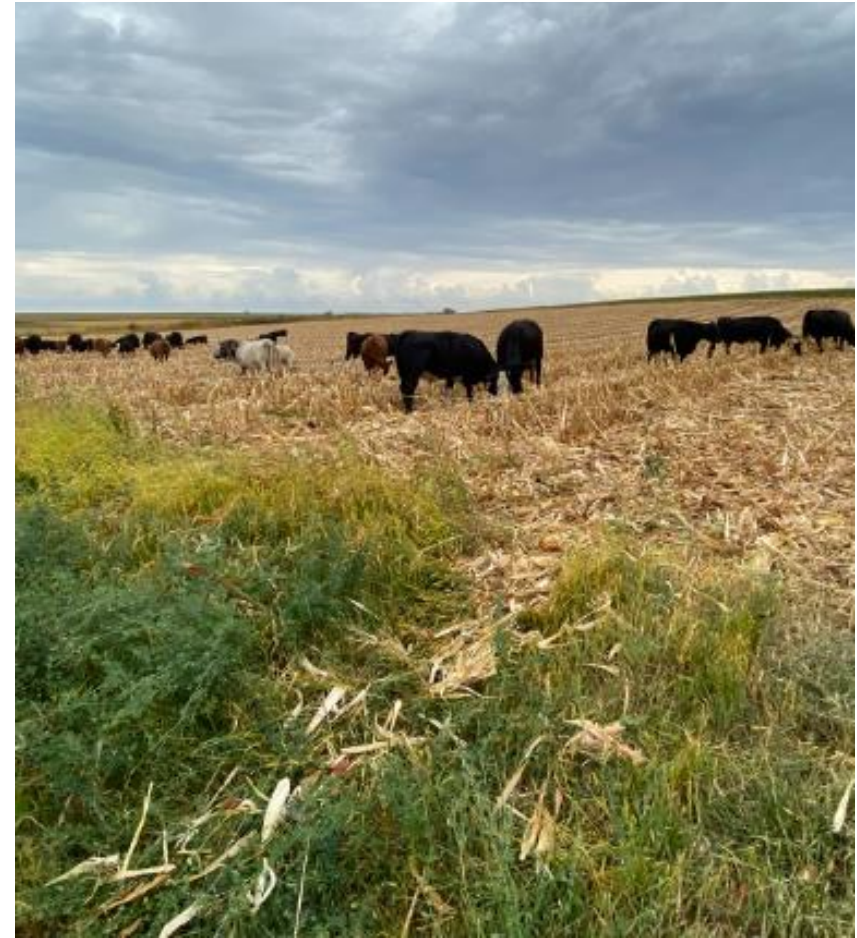
- Share strategies, experiences, and ideas
- Motivate & help others successfully graze crop fields
- Improve animal, soil, economic, and ecosystem health!



About us

- Ross, Cassie, Henry (5), Ruthie (3), Betsy (6mo)
- Fort Atkinson, Winneshiek County, IA
- Corn, Soybeans, Rye, Hay, Beef Cattle, & Pastured Chickens

Cattle



How I started grazing
cover crops....





What I feared



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Baby Steps...



And Then...



From This





To This



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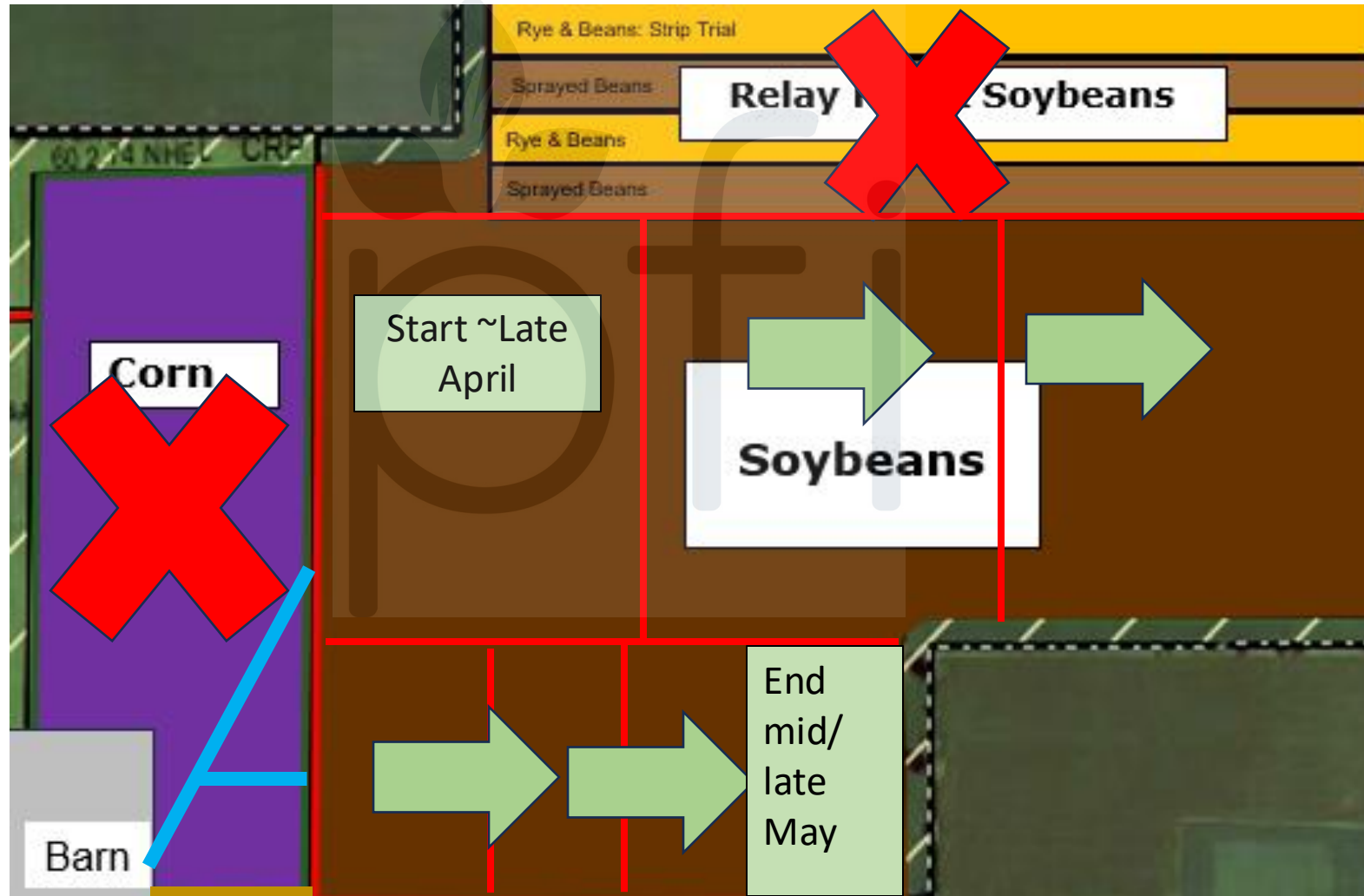
Plan Your Grazing Success

- Goals
- Constraints
- Strategy



Design your plan for success

Spring Rye Grazing Plan:



Exterior Fencing



Temporary Fencing

- Powerflex
- Gallagher
- O'Brien



Water



Mineral



Setup Ideas



Wet Weather



Cereal Rye



Cool Season Mixed Species



2024 Mix Seeded in Aug

37 lbs per ac

1 lb Bayou Kale

20 lbs Oats

3 lbs Cow peas

10 lbs Spring Peas

3 lbs Sudangrass

1 lbs Daikon Radish

Cool Season Mixed Species



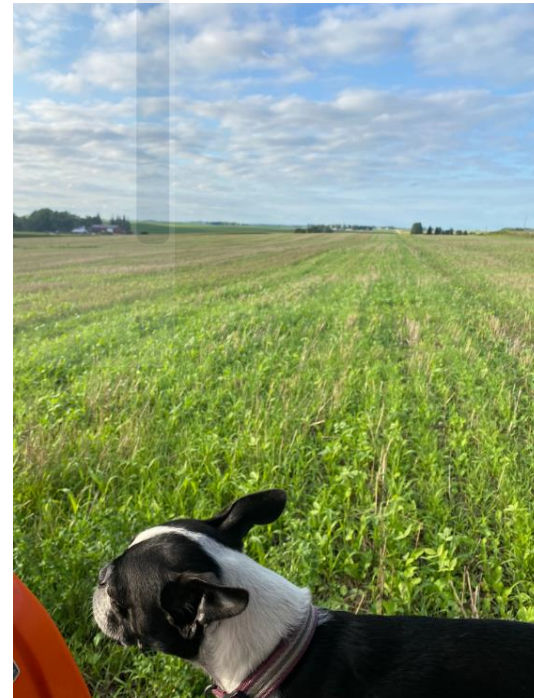
20 lbs / ac

- Cowpeas
- Sun Hemp
- Sorghum Sudan
- Brown Millet
- Pearl Millet
- Collards
- Radish
- Turnip
- Sunflower
- Rye - volunteer

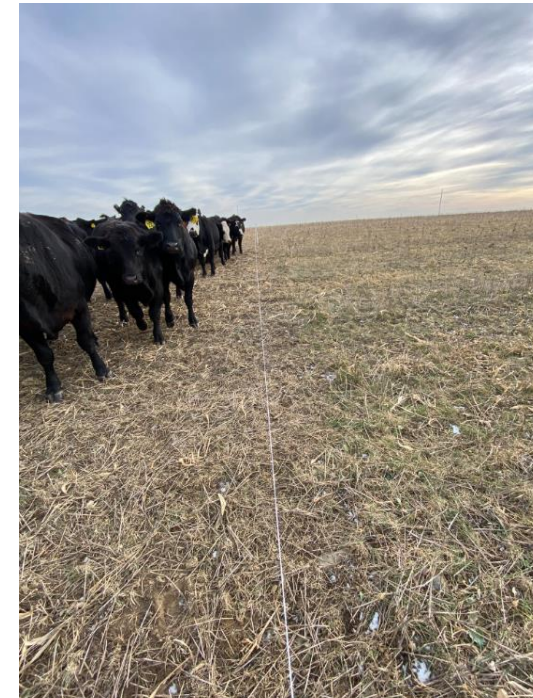
2 weeks - 15Aug



4 weeks - 28Aug



4 months – 3Dec





Warm Season Grazing Mix

33 lbs/ac

- 15lb Sorghum Sudan
- 1lb Bayou Kale
- 10lb 4010 Forage Peas
- 1lb African Cabbage
- 3lb Brown Flax
- 3lb Buckwheat



Summary

- Make a realistic grazing plan
- Rainy weather options
- Be resourceful & adapt infrastructure
- Track & value your time
- Just Graze It!

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