



Rotational Grazing

A big part of what I do is serving as a resource producers can rely on for their operations. One of the most common concerns we hear is high input costs. At AgCentral, our team of experts helps producers spend less time trying to buy cheaper products and more time using the right plans and tools to grow more of a resource they already have.

What does this mean? For livestock producers, the cheapest resource is grass—when it is properly managed. Care and management that maximize nutrient production and maintain forage quality throughout the seasons are key. One of the best ways to achieve this is through rotational grazing.

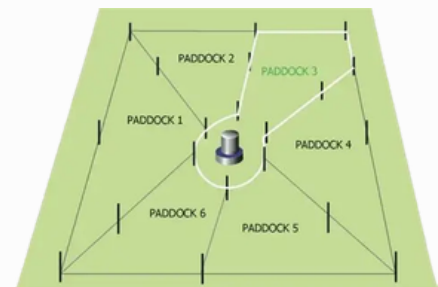
WHAT IS ROTATIONAL GRAZING?

Rotational grazing is a management practice where livestock are moved through different sections of pasture to allow for forage recovery, improved soil and plant health, and increased animal performance.

You may also hear terms like regenerative grazing or adaptive multi-paddock (AMP) grazing. All involve dividing pastures into smaller sections (paddocks) and moving livestock regularly.

Common methods include:

- **Basic Rotational Grazing:** Uses 4–8 paddocks, with cattle moved systematically between them. This is the least labor-intensive method.
- **Strip Grazing:** Temporary fencing creates small grazing strips. Fences are moved daily or regularly, providing consistent access to fresh forage. This method maximizes forage utilization and helps prevent overgrazing.
- **Adaptive Multi-Paddock (AMP) Grazing:** Involves high stock density with frequent rotation through small paddocks. Time spent in each paddock depends on forage conditions. When done properly, it allows for extended rest periods and strong forage recovery.



ROTATIONAL GRAZING MAP



FEATURED ECONO REEL
Ideal for strip grazing or simple rotational systems.

Seasonal growth also plays a role. In the spring, faster forage growth requires quicker rotations, while slower summer growth allows for longer grazing periods.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Every producer is focused on what is economically beneficial. Rotational grazing helps maximize every dollar already being spent.

An operation may not lack inputs—it may lack efficiency. Fertility still matters, but proper grazing management allows fertilizers and herbicides to deliver a stronger return. Giving plants adequate rest promotes root regeneration and maintains sufficient leaf area, improving the effectiveness of these inputs.

Healthier forage stands also compete better against weeds.

AgCentral's team can evaluate soil tests and pasture conditions to provide targeted recommendations—ensuring dollars are spent where they generate a return.

Improved forage management also shifts how feed is used. Instead of being a necessity, feed becomes a tool. When livestock efficiently utilize forage first and supplements are used only to fill nutritional gaps, feed costs are better optimized—especially when forage quality and availability are high. This can result in improved weight gain and milk production from pasture alone.

AgCentral's livestock nutrition team can also design customized feeding and supplementation plans tailored to your operation—helping you stay intentional with every dollar spent.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Tracking progress is key. Simple, reliable indicators include:

- **Number of grazing days per acre**
- **Livestock body condition**
- **Length of the grazing season**

Tools like grazing sticks, temporary fencing reels, and solar-powered fence chargers can make rotational grazing more manageable and effective.

WHERE TO START

If you're interested in rotational grazing but unsure which method or layout fits your operation, AgCentral can help.

Every operation is different, and our livestock equipment team specializes in designing systems tailored to your farm, livestock, and management style. From paddock layout and water access to selecting the right fencing materials, we ensure your system is both practical and efficient.

We also offer installation services—giving you peace of mind that your system is built to perform from the moment your livestock enter the pasture.