

Forage Conversion

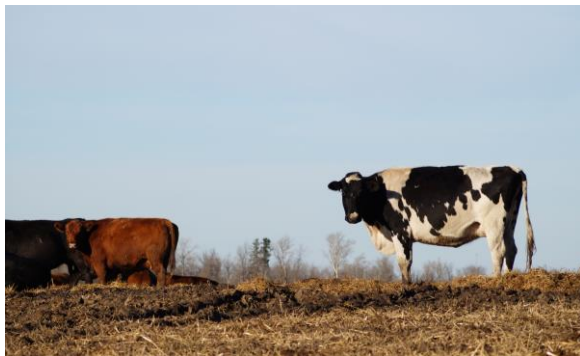
Why Switch from Agriculture to Livestock and Forage?

Recently, there have been many economic incentives to switch from agriculture to livestock for certain farmers.

Agriculture

- More susceptible to flooding and drought
- Can reduce soil quality
- Decline in cereal crop value
- More “seasonal”

These issues with agriculture have influenced growers to switch to livestock and forage.



Things to Consider with Forage Crops

The Lower Souris Watershed Committee is offering to help with your conversion. We can help you access cost-sharing funding to:

- Assist with forage seed and establishment costs
- Obtaining Imagery
- Species Selection

What Impact Does Forage Have?

The act of switching to forage has many benefits for the environment but also has some new hurdles to consider.

- Less or no nutrients applied
- Low incentive to drain wetlands
- Incentive to restore wetlands
- No monocultures
- Less soil structure breakdown



Consider

- Grazing rotation with fences
- Keeping cattle away from streams and large water bodies to reduce nutrients entering watershed and erosion
- Solar powered water pumps
- Adding native plant species

There Are Programs to Help!

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