

Livestock Ledger

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12:00 noon "Keystone Ribeye Steak on a Roll"

Special Session: The Future of the Beef Industry in Pennsylvania

A forum presented by the Pa. Beef Council Cattle Development Committee

View Commercial Exhibits

Afternoon Repeat of Breakout Sessions

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Cost of the symposium is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Call your county extension for registration details.

Using Swine Waste In Grazing Programs
By incorporating intensive grazing technology with a better agronomic use of animal waste, pork producers in North Carolina are becoming cattlemen with stocker grazing programs.

Working with extension agents in Sampson County, pork producers are irrigating pasture land with swine lagoon effluent and studying the performance of grazing beef calves. The results have been promising, with producers reporting return per acre in the \$400-\$420 range.

Benefits of low labor, less hay making, and a release from weather concerns are also positive aspects of this alternative to utilizing swine waste.

The North Carolina programs have mostly utilized coastal bermudagrass as the main forage, with fescue incorporated in some programs. Stocking rates on bermudagrass in the intensive rotational grazing system have reached 7-10 calves per acre. Programs

irrigating pearl millets, rye grass, watermelons, cucumbers, and bell peppers have also been researched.

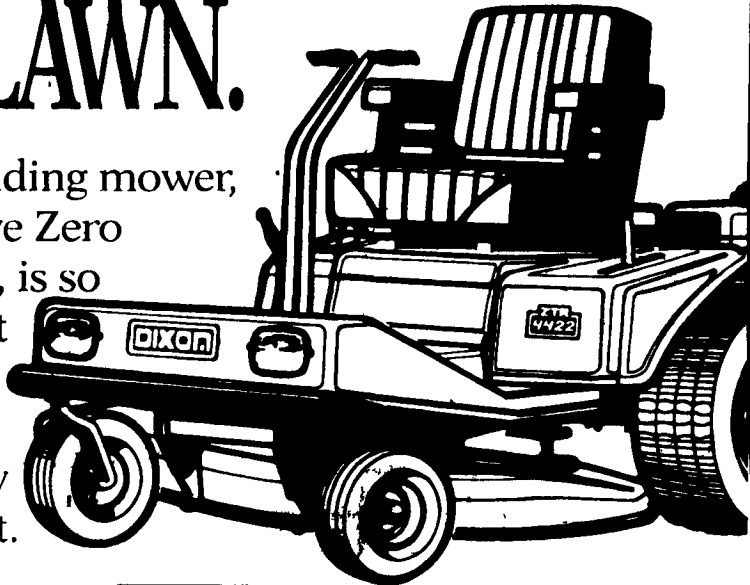
Can we do this in Pennsylvania? There certainly is an opportunity to explore this technology, perhaps utilizing fescues, orchardgrass, brassicas and maybe even vegetables! Land values will remain a factor in the development of programs related to utilizing swine waste to graze cattle.

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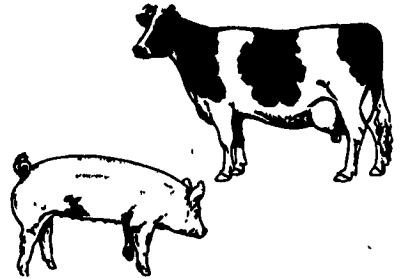
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