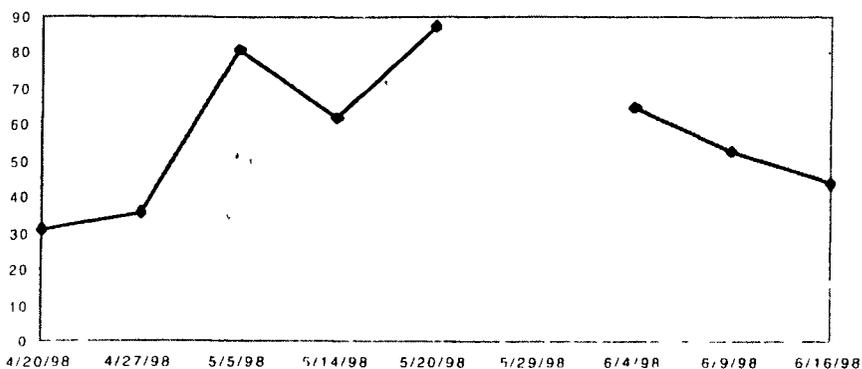


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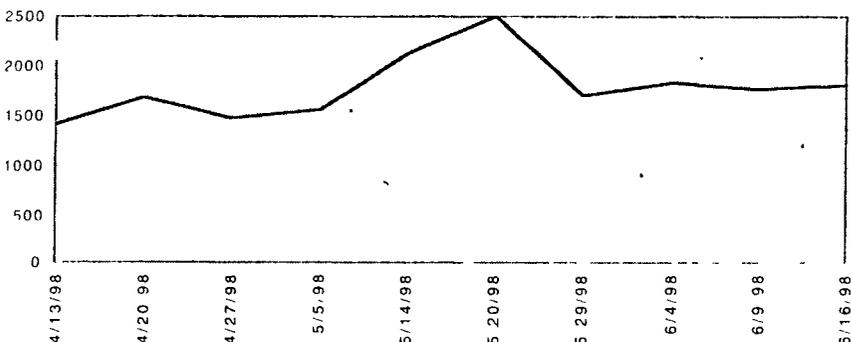
Tioga County, The break in the growth line chart is where the paddocks measured were all grazed and thus there was no growth that week

Tioga Corr. Ave Growth/day



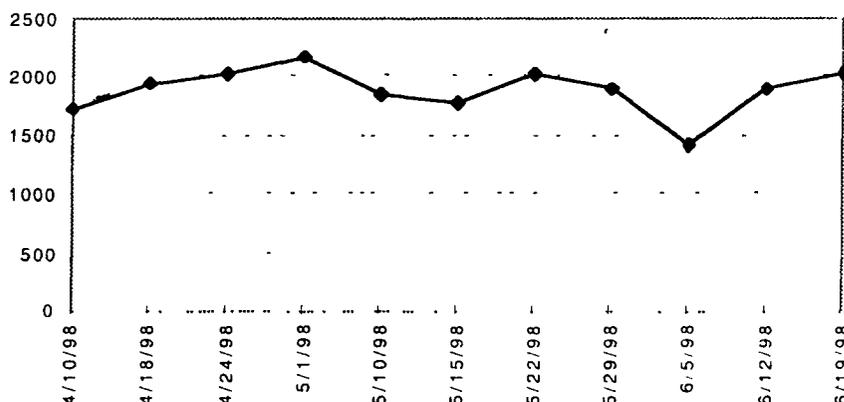
Tioga County, The pasture cover increase this spring as the grass growth increased, the drop in cover on May 29 is mostly from a cooler dry weather that slowed the the growth and the cows were on the paddocks a little longer to clean them up changed from whole day to half day grazings

Tioga Ave Pasture Cover



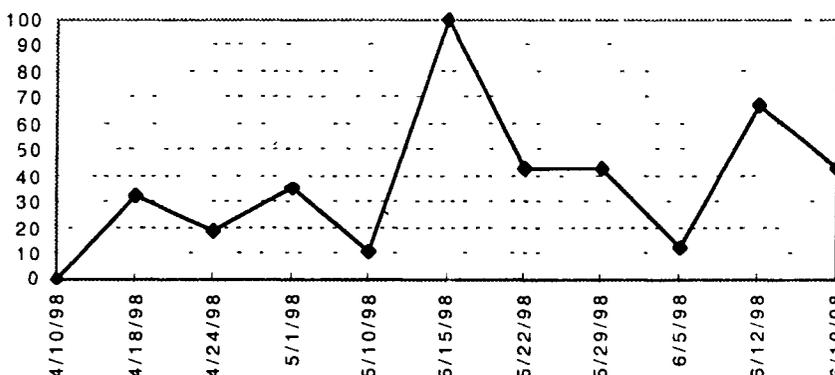
Somerset County has clipped the pastures in late May and you see how there pasture cover declined Notice how Even the cover was thru the spring a sign of a controlled stocking

Somerset Ave Pasture Cover



The spike on May 15th is from several paddocks growing well and the week before almost all the measured paddocks were grazed, thus not many paddocks were in the average

Somerset Corr. Ave Growth/day



Entries Due July 1 For National Corn Yield Contest

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — It's the corn grower's equivalent of the World Series, Super Bowl, and Stanley Cup, all rolled into one. But if they want to play in this game, they need to be entered in the National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC) by July 1.

Sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA),

this popular contest recognizes America's top producers of the nation's number one crop — corn. The information is then shared with all NCGA members in the annual Corn Yield Guide, helping growers learn from each other how to produce the highest yielding, most profitable corn crop. The goal of the NCYC is to edu-

cate farmers on methods to improve production and profitability, while addressing environmental concerns.

"Market pressures today are forcing growers to become increasingly competitive," said John Green, director of production and education for the NCGA. "This contest is an excellent way for

them to test their own production methods against their peers and to learn from the successful techniques of others."

To be eligible, initial entry forms must be postmarked no later than July 1, 1998, and postharvest entry forms no later than Dec. 1, 1998.

Winners will be announced in February at Commodity Classic, the annual combined convention and trade show of the NCGA and American Soybean Association being held in Albuquerque. Along with national recognition, winners also receive significant prizes from participating seed and crop protection companies.

"We encourage NCYC entrants

to gain valuable hands-on experience with new production methods, such as no-till or narrow-row by trying them first on contest plots before adopting them for full farm-scale use," said Green.

The nine contest classes include both dryland and irrigated categories for conventional till, mulch-till, no-till and ridge-till production practices. Farmers compete only with those in similar growing regions, thus greatly increasing their prospect of winning.

For more information or entry forms, contact NCGA at (314) 275-9915, ext. 129 or visit their web site at <http://www.nega.com>.

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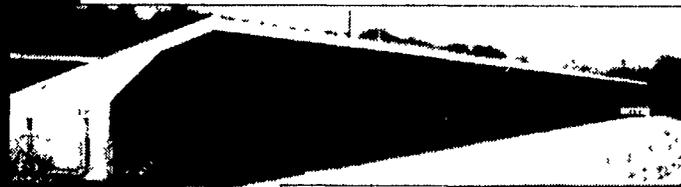
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