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Labor and equipment needs, economics, calving, grazing practices, grassland diversity, soil health, livestock, lifestyle—virtually everything can change for the better when you evolve to grazing year round.

Two South Dakota ranchers pioneering the practice share their experiences

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"It's all about rotation, rest and recovery. I can put more cattle on fewer acres and get paid more per hundredweight. Some years we need to supplement hay, some ^^&•Á we absolutely don't."

Bart Carmichael Faith, SD



Quinn, SD

"I couldn't understand why I was haying all summer, hauling hay in just to haul it back out in the winter. I finally got the point--why not just graze it?" For Year Round Grazing, FYa Ya VYf'h Y'Fför: $O'_{\&} \in \mathfrak{F}^* / \mathfrak{K}_{\otimes} / \mathfrak{K}^A$ $\wedge \phi c'_{a^*} a' a' \mathfrak{K}_{\otimes} (f' * @ \mathfrak{K}_{\otimes} / \mathfrak{K}_{\otimes}$

Advantages to year round rotational grazing

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The best part: Less stress, with an improved lifestyle

Tip to get started:

If your grasses are in good condition from rotational grazing, try extending your grazing period just a bit. If you're grazing 6 months, try 8 months; if it's now 8 months, try 9 or 10, watching grass carefully.







