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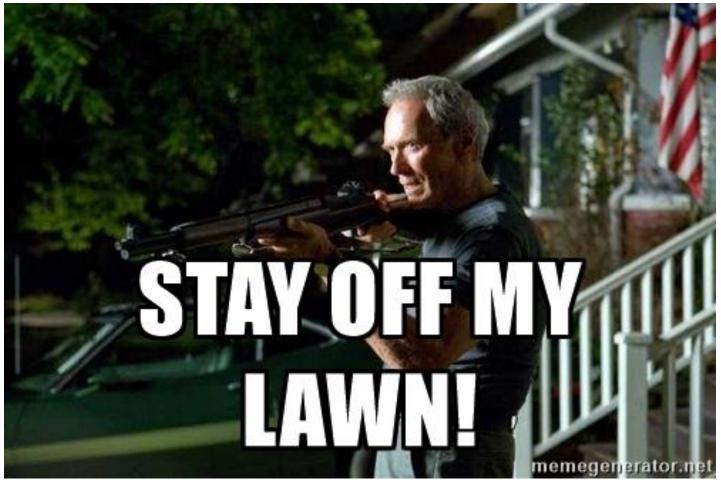
# Managing a first year pasture planting

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# 1<sup>st</sup> and biggest rule!





#### To put it nicely









#### Why is this so important?







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#### Can I use it at all?



• You can make hay.



# Clipping







# How do I know when they can use it?

- 10-12 inch cycles
- Tug Test





# I can finally use it!

- Tools to help insure success!
  - Fertilize
  - Weed Management
    - Clipping
    - Dragging
  - Animal Stocking Rates
  - Sacrifice Lots
  - Rotationally Graze





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# **Stocking Rates**

- Horses are grazers and typically roam over large tracks of land.
- 2 acres per horse.
- Stocking Rates can go up or down with management style.



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# **Sacrifice Lots**

 A sacrifice lot is a small nongrazable paddock or exercise lot for your horses. It requires little maintenance and can be used whenever your pastures are muddy, overgrazed; or under renovation.



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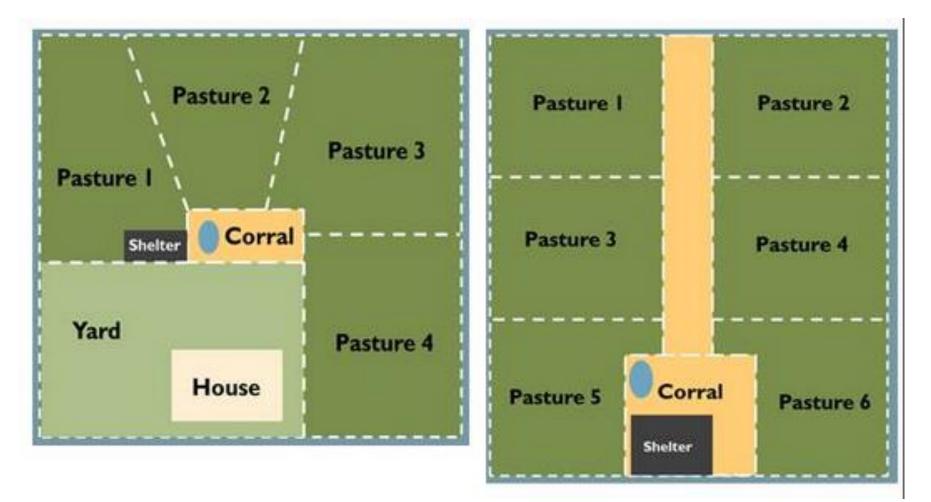


# **Rotational Grazing**

 the shifting of livestock to different units of a pasture or range in regular sequence to permit the recovery and growth of the pasture plants after grazing.

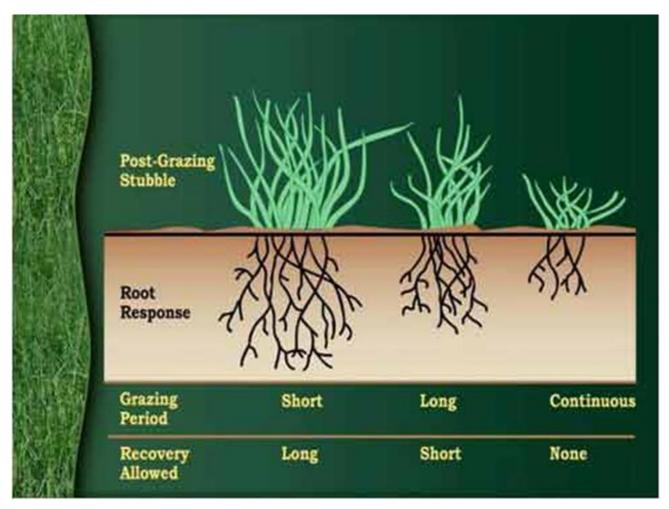


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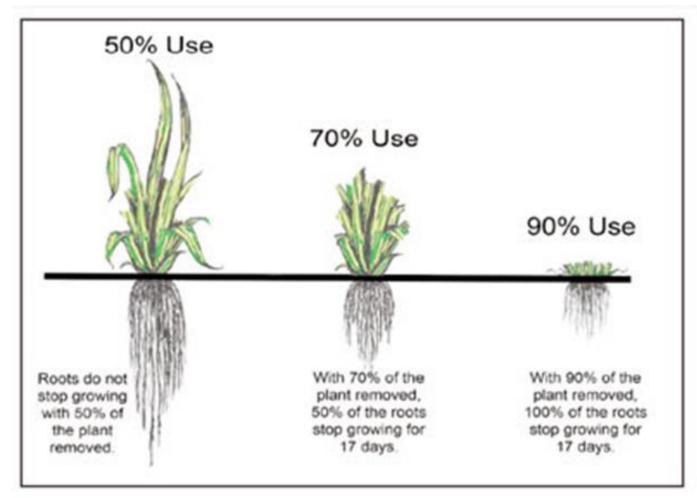


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### **Questions?**

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