

## Annual Grazing of Cover Crop Forage Field Tour Picabo Livestock Co. July 19, 2017





## Overview:

- Land Size = 148 acres
- Planting was done with a JD 1590 no-till drill on two dates: West side of field May 11<sup>th</sup>, East side on May 15<sup>th</sup>
- First planting blend was:
  - 30# Hayes forage barley
  - o 14# Forage Oats
  - o 12# Forage Peas
  - o 4# Common Vetch
  - 1# Purple-top Turnip
- On June 22<sup>nd</sup> 150 head of 600# heifers were placed on the first paddock (90,440# total)
- On June 28th an additional 63 head were merged into the herd (42,860# additional 133,300# total).
- June 29 started grazing 6 8 acre paddocks to graze off tops of barley and oats to prevent heading.
- On July 1 the 40 acres in the NW corner was drilled with a warm-season blend of 12# forage wheat, 2.5# sorghum sudan, 2.5# millet, 1# forage radish.
- July 7 moved back to light grazed areas for 2<sup>nd</sup> grazing so that we could plant warm-season blend following cattle.
- July 11 planted 17 acres with new warm season blend: 15# forage wheat, 5# sorghum sudan, 5# millet, 1# forage radish.
- Warm season blend will be planted with no-till drill in increments as cattle move around the circle.

## **Grazing:**

**Yields** (Max: 4,325 lb/A ---- Min: 897 lb/A); Average = 1,519 lb/A

## **Forage Quality**

Pre-Grazed 6/27: Crude Protein (26.7%), ADF (18.6%), aNDF (27.4%) Post-Grazed 6/28: Crude Protein (16.7%), ADF (23%), aNDF (34.3%) Pre-Grazed 7/12: Crude Protein (13.7%), ADF (29%), aNDF (44.9%)

**Grazing Utilization Range:** (30%----80%)

Soil Moisture Profile (LESA):



**LESA Span Moisture Profile**. Note irrigation response down to 36" level.



**Rotator Span Moisture Profile**. Note that moisture response is only seen to 8" with some affect at 12".

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