

VIII. New Ideas

Perhaps, rather than generating new ideas, this project confirmed our belief that using alternative feeds can be a viable method to help farmers reduce their feed costs. The use of alternative feeds, however, may not be applicable to every production situation. We are not suggesting that every producer drastically change his or her feeding program. We are simply encouraging farmers to examine the viability of alternative feeds for their situation.

IX. Future plans to use the practice we investigated

As mentioned above, we found that the use of alternative feed stuffs can be an effective way to help farmers reduce their feed costs. We plan to continue our search for alternative feeds especially options that are locally viable. We would encourage other farms to do the same!

X. Outreach

Our current and future outreach activities include:

- Sharing results at the Common Ground Fair in Unity, Maine and the New England Heritage Breed Conservancy Livestock Exhibition;
- Sharing guides and information with the New England Livestock Alliance (NELA) and with the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC);
- Sharing information regarding our findings on our web site;
- Disseminating the guide at various in-house and external workshops and producer meetings.

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