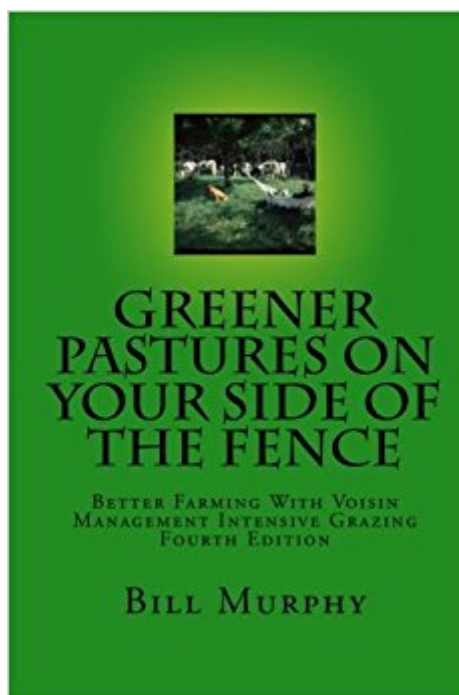




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Greener Pasture On Your Side Of The Fence: Better Farming Voisin Management-Intensive Grazing (4th Edition)



Synopsis

Tired of cash flows that leave little money in your pocket? If you're feeding livestock in confinement rather than on pasture, you're working too hard and spending too much money. Your permanent pasture is a valuable resource that up till now has been wasted. Forget about how pastures are. Think of how they could be if they were managed with the same amount of attention that you give to your other crops. Voisin management intensive grazing takes into account the needs of both animals and plants, rather than animals alone. Its use can at least double or triple your pasture's productivity. This book explains why and how to use management intensive grazing, and what to expect from its use. It shows a way to simplify your farm operation, reduce its labor needs, increase its productivity, and improve your quality of life.

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Customer Reviews

"Bill Murphy's book saved our farm and changed our life! It made it possible for our son to come back home to the farm, which now that it is based on pasture will support two families, rather than going bankrupt as we were when we fed in confinement. " -- Henry Forgues, Vermont dairy farmer

For nearly 20 years, Bill Murphy has been a leader in North America helping farmers to use the pasture resource to its fullest potential in cutting production costs. As many successful pasture-based farmers know, there is no cheaper way to feed livestock than on pasture and this book explains how to do it!

Lots of great information in this book, very practical and applicable for people who raise cows, sheep or goats. You can skim some of the statistical details and just get to the practical parts if you just want to know what it means for your farm on a day to day basis: how to set up pasture rotation, when to move animals on and off a certain pasture, etc. However, I'm not sure how applicable it is for people with pastures in California because when it stops raining here in April, the grass dries up almost immediately. In areas where it rains periodically all summer, this book would be super useful.

A very complete discussion of intensive pasture management. Murphy's explanation is very good, however, this method of farming is not simple, and requires the farmer to make weekly analysis and planning adjustments. It is a method that requires both the farmer's hands and his mind. Not for the absentee or part time farmer.

I'm reading this book for the third time - there's just too much info to digest in one reading. We are just starting with cattle and are using this book as our bible. It not only explains the many advantages of raising animals using management intensive grazing (more profit, environmentally friendly, humane, better nutrition, ease of animal handling), it goes into great detail on HOW to do it. My husband used the chapter on fencing to select products that have received many positive comments from visitors to the farm. I especially enjoyed reading about pasture plant diversity and how cattle "harvest" it. Our cattle look (and taste) great, much to the shock of long-time cattle farmers in our community who are surprised that two greenhorns like us can do so well. We attribute our success to this book and highly recommend it.

An excellent book that met all of my expectations. This book is well researched and readable. I wish that more people would read and study it--especially anyone who is in a position to influence policy--either on a small scale or a large scale.

Very detailed and informational regarding the nutrients and life cycle of pastures, symbiotic relationships of plants and livestock, and how to manage rotational grazing to get those most production possible. A slight bit of repetition throughout the book, but overall, very well-written.

This book is very well written. If you are interested in pasture management this is a good reference. It is best if you have cattle but, lots of the information is basic to land and helpful. Very well laid out

and researched.

I needed a good primer on pasture care and I have found it. Easy to read with doable instructions.

This book is full of good information on rotational grazing and how to create "greener" pastures. I read it twice since I got it, and each time I picked up on a new part of the book that I overlooked the first time through. Looking forward to using some of the ideas next spring and summer on our grass acres.

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