

SOUTHERN CROSS LIVESTOCK CAPI 2019

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO



The operation is run between my wife Heather and myself
We rent $\frac{3}{4}$ of the land we manage, so we are tenant farmers based around the area of Madden AB
We have people that we have to please, so it works out that we have to do the best job we can with their land.
So we try to BEYOND Sustainable



We run a cow/ calf and a grass yearling business based on a year around grazing management program.



Summer grazing, high legume based
pastures

Sanfoin, Alfalfa, Cicer milk vetch @ 70%
Cell grazing management



Cover crop mix for swath grazing
oats, triticale, forage rape, turnips
peas, sunflowers, hairy vetch



Swath grazing is our winter program



WINTER FEEDING EQUIPMENT

keeping things simple saves \$\$\$



Livestock management below and above the soil to build soil health



Livestock record keeping and information transfer





Low
stress
handling

WHAT DRIVES OUR THE SYSTEM

- DIVERSITY
- CROP RESIDUE
- COVER & COMPANION CROPS (annuals or perennials)
- SOIL HEALTH
- NUTRIENT RECYCLING
- LIVESTOCK INTEGRATION
- LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY
- WATER INFILTRATION
- MOISTURE EFFICIENCY
- SOLAR PANEL (Forages)
- REST TIME (Soil and Pastures)
- FAMILY TIME ?? (Working together or playing together)
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (Today most families have off farm income)
- ALLOWING THE SYSTEM TO WORK

Programs and Partners we are enrolled with and why.



THANKS FOR YOUR TIME

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