



## Forage and Livestock eNews

*Updates and information from across the industry*

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### Saskatchewan Forage Council Summer Events

#### Join us in June!

The **Saskatchewan Forage Council Annual General Meeting** will be held in conjunction with the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence summer field day, on **Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

The AGM will begin immediately following the afternoon tours; 4:00 p.m. (tentative). Open to SFC members and guests; you must be a member in good standing to vote or hold office.

The 2019 Forage Innovation Award will be presented at this meeting.

#### **Forages in the Field Workshop: *Where reclamation and agronomy meet***

**Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Kisbey,  
Saskatchewan**

This specialized course is designed for reclamation and environmentalist assessment practitioners. The workshops will be led by some of the province's most experienced ecologists and botanists, including Jeff Thorpe and Heather Peat Hamm. Space is limited to 30 participants, to ensure maximum one-on-one instruction. Register today by contacting [office@saskforage.ca](mailto:office@saskforage.ca).

[View the poster here](#)

### Forage Industry Innovation Award

#### ***Nominations now open!***

The Forage Industry Innovation Award was developed by the Saskatchewan Forage Council in 2008 to acknowledge exemplary innovation, leadership, service and stewardship in Saskatchewan's forage industry by producers, land managers, agency

staff and researchers.

This award is presented annually at the SFC annual meeting which will be held on June 18, 2019. If you are aware of someone who should be nominated for this award, please fill out the nomination form and email it to the SFC [office@saskforage.ca](mailto:office@saskforage.ca). Deadline for nominations is June 4, 2019.



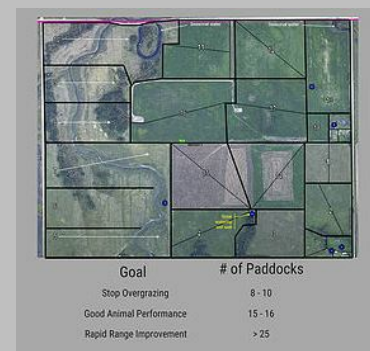
[View a description of the award and eligibility information on the website](#)

*Image: Terry Kowalchuk, Provincial Forage Specialist and Dr. Bill Biligetu (right), the recipient of the 2018 Forage Industry Innovation Award*

## Here's What Reducing Pasture Recovery Periods Can Cost You

By: Kathy Voth  
ON Pasture, July 2018

We all know that giving our pastures enough time to recover before grazing them again is critical to our success. But what may be news is how big the impact of just a few days less of recovery can turn into a problem that costs us forage and money.



Dave Pratt, CEO of Ranch Management Consultants, specializes in helping ranchers look at their operations so they can make more profitable choices. In this video he talks about the cost of not giving forage enough time to recover, and how you might slide into a vicious cycle by paying attention when your cows say, “MOOOOVE US!”

In this case, his example is a rancher moving one herd among 15-16 paddocks. That’s more than enough paddocks to stop overgrazing, just the right number to have good animal performance, but not quite what you’d want if your goal is rapid range improvement. The rancher’s plan was to give each paddock 90 days rest. But that’s not what was actually happening.

[Read more](#)

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## Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission announces Forage Seed Research Plot Tour and BBQ

The Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission (SFSDC), Northeast Agriculture Research Foundation and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Melfort will be hosting a tour at the AAFC Research Farm, near Melfort SK on **July 25, 2019**.

Plan to attend the BBQ at 12:15, followed by plot tours of current research projects.

[View the poster here](#)

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## Featured Video

### **Soil Health Study: Grazing Management and Infiltration**

posted by USDA NRCS South Dakota

When the rain comes, will your soil be ready? Management of grasslands is paramount to the health of our soil and water resources.

[View on YouTube](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### **Back to the Field: Diversity in the Landscape**

May 28-29, 2019

Val Marie, SK

[View the poster here](#)

### **Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association 106th AGM and Convention**

June 9-11, 2019

Moose Jaw, SK

[Learn more on the website](#)

### **Under One Roof: LFCE Summer Field Day for Producers**

June 18, 2019

near Clavet, SK

[Learn more at Eventbrite](#)

### **Saskatchewan Forage Council Annual General Meeting**

in conjunction with the LFCE Summer Field Day

June 18, 2019

### **Forages in the Field Workshop**

June 19, 2019

Kisbey, SK

[View the poster here](#)

### **Canada's Farm Progress Show**

June 19-21, 2019

Regina, SK

[Visit the website](#)

### **Wheatland Conservation Area Field Day**

July 18, 2019

Swift Current, SK

[Visit the Agri-ARM website](#)

### **Ag in Motion**

July 16-18, 2019

Saskatoon, SK

[Visit the website](#)

### **SFSDC Forage Seed Research Plot Tour and BBQ**

July 25, 2019

Melfort, SK

[View the poster here for more info](#)

**Saskatchewan Pasture Tour 2019**

August 8, 2019

Saskatoon area, SK

[View the announcement poster here](#)

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