

**ADVANTAGES
DISADVANTAGES
OF
MANAGEMENT
INTENSIVE GRAZING**

The Top Ten Reasons for Choosing MIG

10. Gets you out of the house and saves on the Physical Fitness bill.
9. Keeps your neighbors wondering what on earth you are doing.
8. Highest forage production and use per acre.
7. Weeds and brush usually controlled by nature.
6. Even distribution of manure.

5. Increase in animal health, content, and handling ease.
4. Provides consistent high quality forage.
3. Forces you to observe cattle and grass more often.
2. Lengthens grazing period, and reduces winter feeding.

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON :
1. Larger Profits

DISADVANTAGES:

Initial costs may be higher due to fencing materials and water development.

Water systems may be more complicated.

Requires more monitoring and decision making.

**ADVANTAGES
OF CONTRACT GRAZING:**

**WHY WE CHOSE IT
FOR OUR FARM**

LESS FINANCIAL RISK

Did not have the money to purchase enough livestock.

Contract grazing allows us to build up our land and grass with much lower inputs.

The main product we supply is MANAGEMENT.

The more gain we put on the cattle the more money we make.

MATCH LIVESTOCK WITH FORAGE RESOURCES

Livestock numbers can be flexible with this system..

Graze each group from 90 - 120 days.

Can run 120-160 head during spring flush,
Then can drop to 60-80 head in late summer and fall.

Type of livestock can also match the quality of forage.

If quality is poor, livestock with lower nutritional needs,
such as dry cows, can be grazed.

As pasture quality and quantity improve, animals with
higher nutritional needs such as stockers and dairy cattle
can be grazed

ALLOWS FOR LONGER LEARNING CURVE WITH LESS RISKS

1. How to grow grass.
2. How to manage grass.
3. How to handle cattle with little stress.

ALLOWS FOR TIME OFF