



Cooperative Extension Program

YEAR-ROUND PASTURE & GRAZING CALENDAR (Alabama)

January 1. Check cool-season forages and begin grazing if ready & not started earlier. 2. Improve fence and facilities.	February 1. Begin grazing cool-season pastures if ready & not started earlier. 2. Apply N fertilizer (50% dose) to cool-season pastures (after the 1st or 2nd grazing).	March 1. Prepare land (Week 1)†. 2. Order warm-season forage seeds & inoculums (specific bacteria for legumes). 3. Apply P and K fertilizers (1-2 weeks before scheduled planting).	April 1. Plant warm-season forages (Week 1-3). 2. Take the animals off the planted field until the forages are ready for grazing (for 2-5 months)‡.
May 1. Prepare for cool-season pasture improvement: Test soil, control weeds, apply lime. 2. Apply N fertilizer (50% dose) if warm-season forages are well germinated.	June 1. Monitor warm-season pastures and control weeds. 2. Repair/improve fence and facilities. 3. Begin grazing warm-season pastures if ready.	July 1. Begin grazing warm-season pastures (if ready & not started earlier). 2. Order cool-season forage seeds and inoculums. 3. Apply N fertilizer (50% dose) to warm-season pastures.	August 1. Begin grazing warm-season pastures (if ready & not started earlier). 2. Prepare land for planting cool-season forages (Week 1-2)†.
September 1. Apply P & K fertilizers. 2. Plant cool-season forages (Week 2-3). 3. Take animals off the planted field (for 2-5 months)‡. 4. Begin stockpiling (Week 2).	October 1. Stop grazing warm-season forages (Week 1) to allow these forages store some food before dormancy. 2. Apply N fertilizer (50% dose) if the cool-season forages germinated well.	November 1. Apply N fertilizer (50% dose) if the cool-season forages germinated well and not applied earlier. 2. Begin grazing stockpiled forages after the killing frost (strip-grazing).	December 1. Prepare for warm-season pasture improvement: Test soil, apply lime. 2. Monitor the cool-season pastures & begin grazing if ready (Week 3-4).

†If prepared seedbed is required for establishing the selected forage species. ‡Depends on weather conditions & forage species.

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