



FEED COST COW-Q-LATOR

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A Microsoft Excel spreadsheet (on flash drive) designed to assist livestock operators in three important tasks:

- Estimate the true feeding costs of CP, energy (TDN), and dry matter (DM) for any feed
- Compare the feeding value of various sources of feeds
- Estimate the needed quantity of feed and true cost of feeding a specific group of livestock



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Feed is the most significant cost of livestock production (40-60%)





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CORNSTALK GRAZING CALCULATOR

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CORN STALK GRAZING CALCULATOR

There are a number of ways this tool can be used:

- To estimate acres needed, using the number and size of the animals, the length of time in days animals will be grazed on the corn stalks, and the corn yield.
- To estimate the number of animals given their size, number of available acres, number of days you expect to graze, and the corn yield.
- To estimate the number of days to graze, given size and number of animals, available acres, and corn yield per acre.

CORN STALK GRAZING CALCULATOR

- To establish cost per animal daily and over the whole grazing period.
- To estimate total cost for all animals.
- To estimate nutrient cost.
- Custer County rental rate for cornstalks: \$.53/day;
\$14.50/acre

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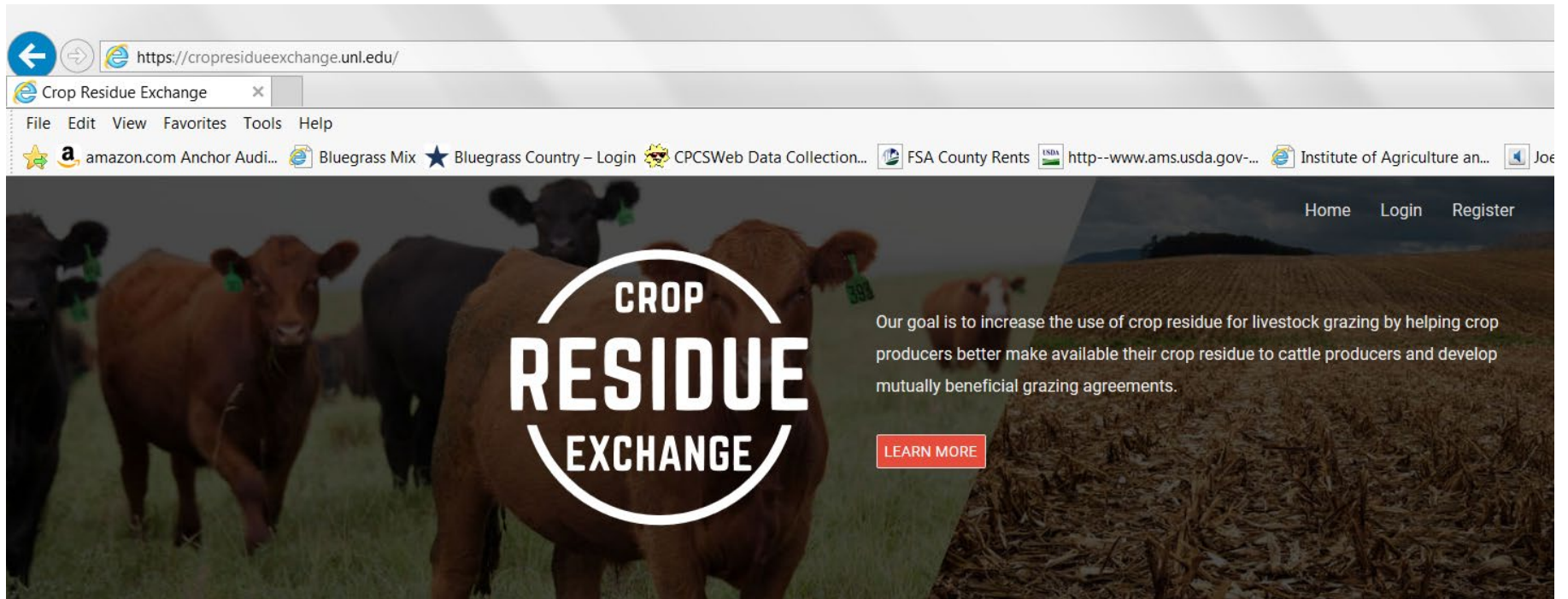
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https://croppresidueexchange.unl.edu/



Crop Producers

List crop residue available for potential grazing arrangements.

[LIST RESIDUE](#)

Livestock Producers

Search crop residue listings available for potential grazing arrangements.

[FIND RESIDUE](#)





Search Residue Listings

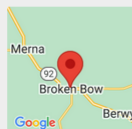
Search by City and State, Zip Code, or [Use GPS](#)

Max Distance From You (Miles)

Custer County, NE, USA

200

SEARCH





Residue Listing Search Results

Filter and Sort

Residue Type: Date Available: Sort By:

Showing 1 of 1 results - [Start a New Search](#)
[Save this search](#) to view it again later or be notified when new matching listings are created.

78
miles
BOONE COUNTY, NE

Available: 11/15/2023 - 3/15/2024
Corn, 1,000.0 acres, Fenced, Water Onsite, Care Provided, \$1.25 per head per day
3 AUMs Available

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What to do with High Nitrate Forage?



Given the drought conditions in some locations this

year, many producers may be asking themselves how to handle the annual forages they have standing in the field that may not have grown as much as would be expected under normal conditions. These drought stressed forages can be high in nitrates and may be potentially toxic to cattle. [Continue reading...](#)

Making Soybeans as Hay or Silage



Some parts of the state are not getting the moisture for their soybean crop so the

decision to salvage them for hay or silage may have to be made. Soybean hay or silage can have feed values very similar to alfalfa; but it is very important to put it up properly. The first thing is not to get in a big hurry because August rains could make a crop. Harvest soybean forage when leaves start to turn yellow; just before they drop off. It's especially important to harvest before a freeze to prevent rapid leaf loss. [Continue reading...](#)

Feeding Elevated Levels of Corn Silage to Reduce Liver Abscesses



Liver abscesses are the main culprit for liver

condemnation in finishing cattle. Feeding high-grain diets with little roughage can make the rumen environment more acidic and

Test, Don't Guess - sampling and testing hay



Fall is here and the weather reminds us of the changing





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