



# 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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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.

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- 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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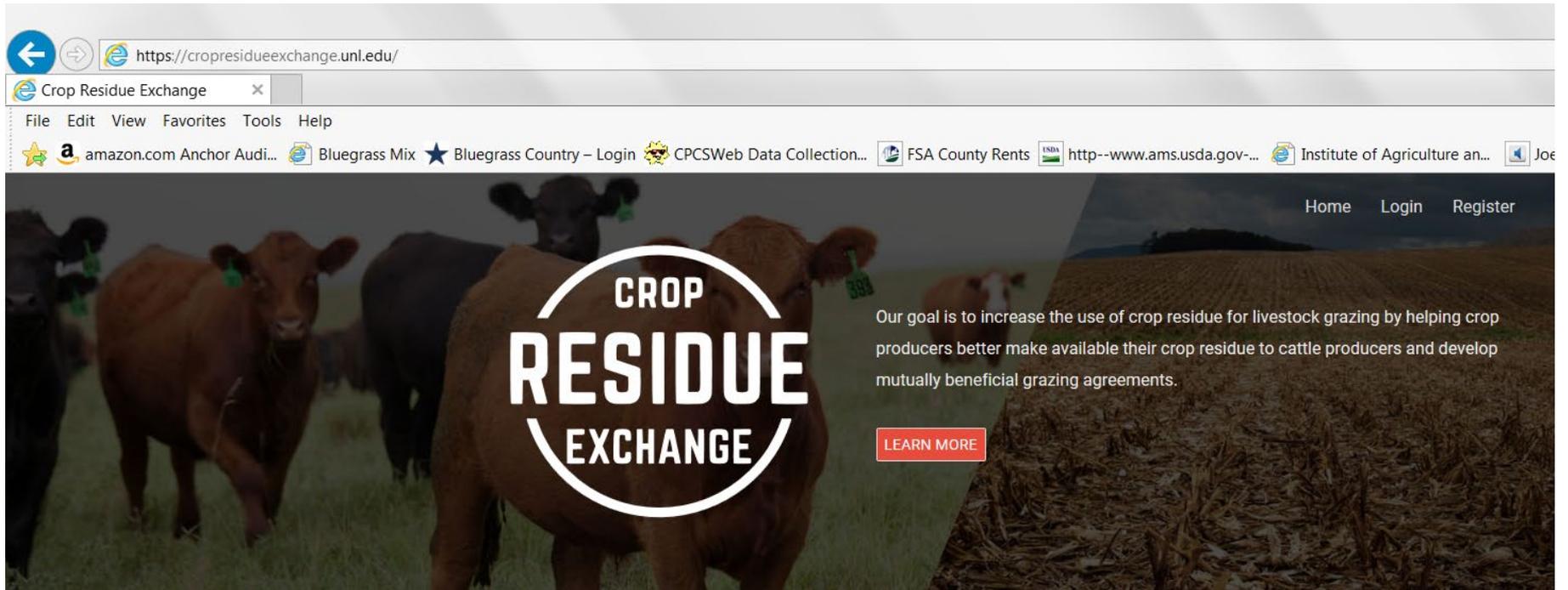
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## Crop Producers

List crop residue available for potential grazing arrangements.

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## Livestock Producers

Search crop residue listings available for potential grazing arrangements.

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## Search Residue Listings

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

Max Distance From You (Miles)





## Residue Listing Search Results

Please [Login](#) or [Create an Account](#) in order to view listing details and contact information for specific listings.

### Filter and Sort

Residue Type:  Date Available:  Sort By:

Showing 3 of 3 results - [Start a New Search](#)

**49**  
miles Available: 11/1/2021 - 3/31/2022  
SHERMAN COUNTY, NE Corn, 135.0 acres, Fenced, Water Onsite, No Care Provided, \$0.45 per head per day  
300 AUMs Available

**118**  
miles Available: 11/29/2021 - 4/1/2022  
PLATTE COUNTY, NE Corn, 85.0 acres, Unfenced, Water Onsite, No Care Provided, \$10 / acre  
236 AUMs Available

**163**  
miles Available: 11/10/2021 - 3/1/2022  
GAGE COUNTY, NE Corn, 144.9 acres, Unfenced, Water Onsite, Care Provided, \$1 per head per day  
354 AUMs Available

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## Manure Application following Silage



With silage harvest coming up quickly,

manure application will soon follow. Because silage is often the first crop to come off the field, it allows for earlier manure application and thus an earlier cleanout of pens before winter. As that manure application plan develops, include best stewardship practices for optimum rates and preferred application methods for final decisions. But, wait, what do those things mean?

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## Webinar Planned on Winter Cow Care Agreements



The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for

Agricultural Profitability will host a webinar that examines the development of winter cow care agreements at noon on Sept. 2. Given the current drought conditions in the western and north-central U.S., there has been increased interest by cattle producers to send cows to other locations, such as Nebraska, where

way to get a real understanding of the nutritive value of feed. [Continue reading...](#)

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## What Are Video Auctions and CME Futures Telling Us About Fall Feeder Cattle Prices?



The feeder cattle market has experienced a significant

amount of price variation between March and July. There has been upward price pressure from historically strong retail meat demand and meat exports to China. While there have been positive price movements for feeder cattle, most of the downward price pressure has come over the uncertainty of forage production and higher grain prices.

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