Phase 2 of Farm Recovery Plan in Partnership with USDA

In September, we signed the contracts to extend the USDA-funded rotational grazing infrastructure into our pastures located near our main campus. We have previously completed all elements of this program (excluding the remaining installation of two feeding pads) on our Lower Farm pastures between June 2018 and January 2020.

The scope of this new contract work includes boundary and cross fence installation, creation of watering locations at the appropriate points, and seeding, fertilizing and soil conditioning, where this is required. The contrast between our Lower Farm and Main Campus pastures is now quite dramatic, with the Lower Farm property beginning to blossom. We are committed to making the transition to improved grazing management processes in order to increase cow-calf production outcomes as measured by dollars of profit per acre. We have a long way to go, but progress to-date has been quite encouraging. We also have reason to believe that we can be successful, as a local farmer's operation we recently toured, who implemented these practices about 6 years earlier than us, has proven to be quite successful, with greatly improved productivity and profitability.

If you would like to help us along on this journey, you can do so in any of the following ways:

Select one of our 2021 Work Camp projects that involves funding and installation of a fence section. The funding we receive from the USDA never completely covers our costs. We pre-install the fence posts in preparation for your team's arrival, and are using predominantly high tensile fence systems, which are safe and easy to install. watch this video to better understand the work. https://youtu.be/ruLFLh5jnJ4



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