Farm Update

We are off to a good 2020 start on the Farm. Our herd size is now at 64 head, with the arrival of 27 Spring calves. Our breeding synchronization and artificial insemination efforts have had the intended effect. All but two of our cows have calved, and all the calves are healthy. We expect to ultimately operate with a twice annual (Spring and Fall) calving sequence.



The annual rye grass we sowed last Fall has come up in abundance, and allowed us to move more quickly to grazing vs feeding stored hay, as planned. We expect to continue this successful practice. We have completed all segments of the USDA rotational grazing and watering projects for the Lower Farm, and are now co-developing the plan for the main-campus area pastures. We introduced temporary flexible poly wire electric fencing to sub-divide our pastures, and improve grazing results. We are also collaborating with the USDA on a plan which, if approved, will significantly improve the condition of the wetlands area behind the Mission Dorm. We're anxious to get this plan nailed down so that we can define fencing boundaries for the pastures in this area.

On your next visit, be sure to ask us for a tour of the Lower Farm. We'd like to show off the great work completed due to this successful collaboration with the USDA.