
WINTER GRAZING OF STANDING CORN BY BEEF COWS

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Allowing the cows to graze corn allows the producer the opportunity to reduce cost of harvesting, storing and feeding brood cows. A rotational grazing system was utilized in which 12 rows were left standing for grazing and four were harvested. Temporary electric fencing was placed along the harvested strips and rotated every day for maximum feed efficiency for the cows.

The field grazed had a 200 bushel yield and each cow was allotted 0.001 of an acre per day. Mud created problems in grazing and moving the fences.