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Seek causes and aim high, were taught at the agricultural college I attended in 1946/7 in South Africa.

This Grazinginfo eBook is to help farmers, gardeners, life-stylers, investors, home builders and others improve their life, profit and health. Healthy soils, pastures and crops, make animals healthier, happier and more productive, making farming easier, profitable and more enjoyable, using education and natural methods where possible, and to help people enjoy life. You don't have to know everything, but do have to know where to find things.

GrazingInfo's aims are to find the causes, preventions and solutions of problems.

Soil hard pans are one, which are common in soils, which LimePlus fixes.

Almost no practical research is now done, even on agricultural lime, which is the first essential in improving soils and pastures. The 'establishment' quote research done on lime application on peat, done in 1954, which was totally wrong then, and more so now. I and others have proved it wrong a hundred times. None on lime, except mine, has been done since then.

eBooks are the modern way to provide, find and compile in your computer, the information you need. Load what you require in your computer and file it in a new GrazingInfo folder you can make. This eBook is not 100% organic, but is inclined that way without the unnecessary and wrong animal suffering of some organic rules, such as antibiotics for bad mastitis.

It aims for natural, low cost, sound, ecological, proven farming methods and recommends the best ones when 100% organic ones fail, or are too costly, rather than having animals suffer or farmers lose money because of animal ill-health problems.

Some of the chapters and spreadsheets may not apply to your type of farming, but some are likely to, so scroll down looking at the headings to find the information that will help you.

<http://www.grazinginfo.com> includes my agricultural college learnings in 1947/8 and farming since then, and consulting since 1960 in many countries, with the aim of helping farmers worldwide to be more profitable and to farm ecologically and sustainably. Don't feel harassed by those two words that we hear so often now. Good controlled grazing farmers are doing what developed the prairies and grass areas around the world over millions of years before man came and wrecked some. Good farmers apply them for the benefit of their animals, farms, themselves, families and their country.

My wife, Auriel as typist, and I, started writing agricultural articles in the 1980's and have written 350 and am still doing so. Printing this Book of 250 chapters with hundreds of photos and 66 spreadsheets, would have costs a lot because farming books don't sell in big numbers, and, with colour photos, would have to sell for hundreds of dollars each, and would be out of date within a few years. I frequently update chapters. GrazingInfo shows that good farming improves all the

time, while the establishment's farming doesn't. One example is Facial Eczema, which GrazingInfo users get none even in 2016, while those following the 50 year old antiquated zinc feeding more costly and less efficient way

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I have quoted some people and, when necessary to clarify their statements, may add my information in square brackets [].

99% of new NZ members have applied excess P and K and no or very little calcium. Out of 500 new clients over 50 years, only five had optimum calcium levels and almost all, had potassium so high that grasses were hard and unpalatable, with animal health adversely affected and clovers died out from excess K.

Boron, that few know about, makes calcium more available so reduces milk fever. Maize (corn) cobs not filling to the tip and milk fever treated cows not recovering are mostly from low boron. See Elements > Minerals > Boron.

Compile notes

Chapters are updated from time to time. The dates show when. You can ask questions through suport.grazinginfo@gmail.com

I get many emails and won't know you all, so please include your full name, location and very brief farm details (dairy, beef, etc.) each time you ask questions so that we can give a more useful answer. If you would like information on a topic not yet written, please ask by emailing suport.grazinginfo@gmail.com and we'll add it as soon as possible.

Information

GrazingInfo is being read in many countries so we aim to help all, but obviously it is impossible to always give precise suggestions regarding all aspects, such as brands of fertilisers, pasture varieties, minerals, etc., for all countries.

The information applies to most grazing animals. Much refers to dairy cows, because dairy farmers in most countries have led the field in profiting from intensive controlled grazing. However, the grazing principles are the same for most animals. Most information comes from temperate pastures in New Zealand. Again, many principles are the same, as has been proved by many in North America, Europe, Africa and Japan using the information to their advantage. So, when reading, look at how to apply the information to your conditions and animals.

If you need New Zealand addresses, full names or more information, Google the New Zealand Telephone Directory www.whitepages.co.nz and/or www.yellowpages.co.nz

For farm items and manufacturers, see The New Zealand Agricultural Fieldays at - [http:// www.fieldays.co.nz/](http://www.fieldays.co.nz/) If a New Zealand location map is required go to <http://maps.yellowpages.co.nz/> and enter the street number, name and town or area. If the complete address with area code is required click on the A. To enlarge the map, double click near to the A.

Click Satellite for photos of the addresses.

New Zealand Post Codes must be used on addresses within and to NZ. If necessary they can be found at - <http://www.nzpost.co.nz/Cultures/en-NZ/OnlineTools/PostCodeFinder/>

Information applies in most countries

I first went to Japan in 1979 and did presentations at on-farm field days and evening seminars organised by Yutaka Miyawaki of Surge Miyawaki Co Ltd. In Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, that is covered in snow for months, I helped two farmers win the Emperor's most profitable dairy farmer awards - thanks to doing the right things around controlled grazing and thanks to the continuing support by Mr Miyawaki. Other Japanese farmers (Mr Masato Imai and Mr Yuji Yoshikawa) whom I helped, have written about how they've profited and expanded substantially by using our grazing and fertilising techniques. Their production costs decrease

Some New Zealanders have suggested that I am giving away NZ secrets which will be to the disadvantage of NZ, but when Northern Hemisphere farmers change from confinement to grazing their animal numbers, production and costs decrease, but they make more profit, despite producing less, so they then don't need subsidies and don't overproduce and create subsidy cause milk surpluses.

See 'Testimonials' for a few of the 100 odd appreciations. More are in Free Blogs.

Spreadsheets

The 60 farming spreadsheets can save farmers time and increase their efficiency and profits, and were free from 2016 to help farmers use them to make money instead of losing it.

Suggestions are always welcome. Before asking questions please check to see the information is not already in GrazingInfo.

