

Developing bulls on stockpiled forage

FORAGE MANAGEMENT Rather than hauling hay to the bulls he is developing on his Missouri ranch, Jared Wareham moves the fence. The 98 bulls in the pasture shown in this photo (taken in mid-December) get a new 4-foot strip of grass twice-daily during the winter. Wareham says the forage, which is primarily fescue but contains some legumes, is a minimum of 10- to 12-inches high. "Therefore," he says, "it would take a significant snowfall to force us to feed hay. If the grass is still showing after a large snowfall, cattle will generally dig through the snow and graze. Ice and layers of it are more likely to force our hand and cause the hay feeding to begin." At the time the photo was taken, Wareham says he had about 60 acres of grass remaining in the pasture — enough to last all winter at the bulls' projected rate of consumption. The bulls are scheduled for sale next spring through Flying H Genetics, www.flyinghgenetics.com.



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