

Idaho's private woodlands usually contain various topography and soils covered by a mix of placement of providing many opportunities to evolved successful landowners into Jacks-of-trades.

Unfortunately, many landowners clear timbe high-grade (take the best and leave the rest) stands in an effort to increase pasture. This r timber production and can be a disadvantag livestock operations, according to research by Martin Vaura at Oregon State University,

Weight gains for livestock on forest pasture exceed those of open grasslands because:

- Prolonged spring run-off provides more a moisture.
- Forage reaches maturity more slowly.
- Grasses are protected from sun and frost
- Different types of forage provide a longe season.

Forests also protect cattle from weather, acc Floyd Gephart, retired University of Idaho B County Extension Agent. Cattle protected b breaks gained 35 lbs. more than unprotected during a mild winter and lost 10.5 lbs. less du severe winters.

Another advantage to managing forests for both grazing and timber is the additional income from sustained timber and forage production. A carefully planned harvest schedule that leaves the best, well-spaced trees can provide rapid, sustainable forage and a profitable timber enterprise. You may need professional assistance to develop the best management plan for your specific situation and gain the benefit of successful woodland grazing.

Woodland Owners, CIS #675. Contact the local office of the Idaho Department of Lands for on-the-ground advice.

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