



The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) is a map that shows the location and intensity of drought across the country. The data is updated each Tuesday and released on

As the drought becomes more advanced, forage species begin to go dormant. Drought alone rarely kills forage species, but overgrazing forages during this stressful stage can cause persistence problems. Poor persistence leads to weed encroachment and soil erosion, which can be costly to the producer in the future.

Therefore, it is important to restrict access to the entire pasture. This will limit damage from overgrazing to specific areas instead of your entire pasture. Renovate these "sacrifice areas" following the drought. Allow only limited access to the rest of your pasture for brief periods. Carefully examine the costs associated with feeding hay and supplements.

Develop a ration based on available feeds and forage supplies, and provide just enough to maintain moder-

ate body conditions (ex: maintain body condition scores for cattle around five).

Dry females have their lowest nutritional needs in early to mid pregnancy. Early weaning is a strategy used to maintain brood animals on poor quality forage with little or no supplemental feed, allowing the producer to stretch available feed. You should view forage and supplements as investments, especially during a drought.

Producers should invest only in animals that are likely to generate a return and should focus on those animals that will provide the highest returns. Carrying open, old, or unproductive

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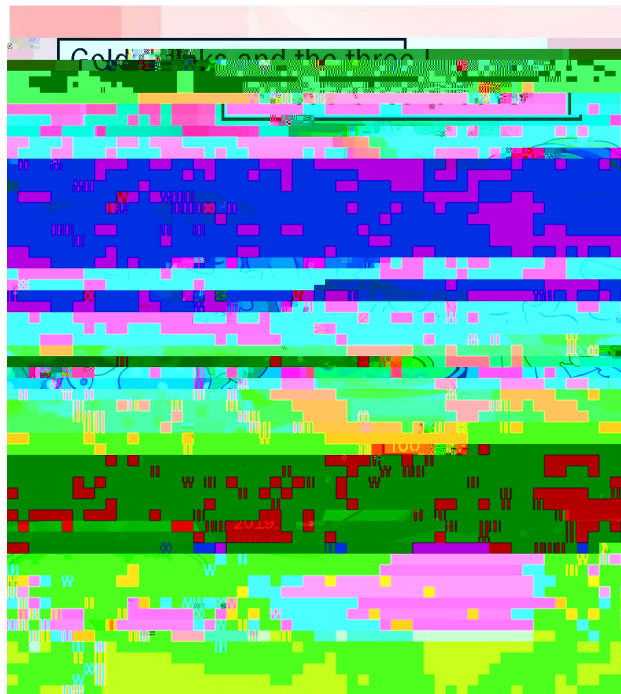


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