Management Intensive Grazing
Words of Wisdom and Other Ruminations

Management Intensive Grazing is a management tool, and as with most tools requires work.

Any increases in production or decreases in inputs must be offset by an increase in management. Replace horsepower with brainpower.

Management Intensive Grazing will work on any type of operation but will not work for all types of operators.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes. MIG is a learning process. Knowledge comes with experience, experience comes with practice, practice comes with mistakes.

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. The paddocks ahead of you should always be of higher quality than the one you are leaving.

Fast growth, fast moves; slow growth, slow moves.

The higher level of performance you want the faster you will need to move.

Quality of pasture is not all that influences animal performance; Quantity of available pasture is just as important. Remember bite size affects intake.

To manage grasslands effectively we need to understand the soil-water-air-plant-animal interrelationships. We can manage this complex ecosystem for profitability and environmental sustainability only if we understand the reaction the manipulation of one will have on the whole ecosystem.

The most profitable forage management system will match livestock nutritional needs to forage availability and harvest for optimum quality and maximum utilization.