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One reason farmers put off renovating worn out pasture and hay fields is the perceived loss of production. Over the years, we have developed a **renovation strategy that actually increases** forage production while reestablishing a productive pasture or hay stand.





After grazing or mechanically harvesting the spring growth, the old stand should be sprayed or tilled under towards the end of May to get

rid of perennial broadleaf weeds, compaction and other undesirable conditions. It is a good idea to take a soil test ahead of time so that manure, lime and other major corrections can be made before planting a summer annual, like <a href="Cow Candy II BMR sorghum-sudan">Cow Candy II BMR sorghum-sudan</a>, <a href="Silo Candy BMR forage sorghum">Silo Candy BMR forage sorghum</a>, or <a href="Dessie's Teff">Dessie's Teff</a>. The summer annual has the potential to produce 5-9 tons of dry matter that can be grazed or mechanically harvested as baleage or sileage.

## Your Pasture Renovation Strategy can actually increase your Forage Production.

We recommend using our **Manure + Bio-Enhanced Summer Annual Fertility Program** to cost-efficiently increase yield and quality in these products. As an example, download the **Organic** or the **Conventional** program below. These

programs can be custom made for you, a service we highly recommend as you can expect improved productivity when your pasture renovation program is **custom made for your specific application**.

On the case of **Cow Candy** or **Teff**, the new seeding can be no-tilled into the summer annual between cuttings, usually in August, assuming appropriate field moisture conditions. A successful stand can also be achieved by planting after the summer annual is removed, as long as there is at least a month of moderate moisture and moderate temperature after seeding in the fall. We've also had success establishing new hay stands at the same time as planting Teff in June.

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It is important to give the new seeding adequate time to establish before winter. The new seeding should be ready to be fully productive for the following season. In summary, by using our **Systematic Renovation strategy**, producers can renovate worn out, less productive pasture and hay fields without losing production.

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