

Lake County Extension

PASTURE LEASE GUIDE

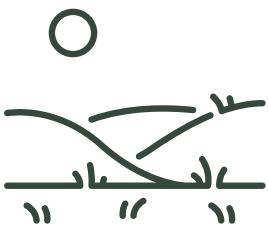
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Going rate for pasture? It is not that simple!

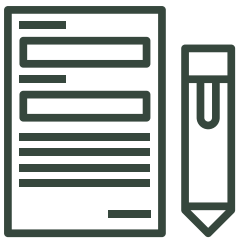


How are lease rates determined?

- Forage availability and quality.
- Services included (irrigation, fence repair, etc).
- Stocking rate.
- Lease period.

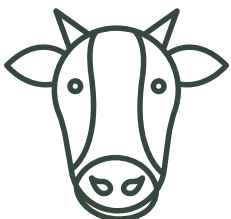
Key parts of a written lease:

- Names and contact info for both parties.
- Legal Description of of land.
- Stocking rate, type of livestock, and allowed dates.
- Lease period and payment terms,
- Responsibilities (fencing, water, maintenance, etc)
- Insurance and liability details.
- How and when rent is paid.
- And more if necessary!



Common ways to structure lease:

- Price per acre.
- Price per animal unit (AUM).
- Per head / per pair.
- Share of gain.



Resources:

1. MSU Pasture Lease Calculator.
2. Grazing Leases Montguide.
3. Animal Unit Month (AUM) Lease Rates MontGuide.
4. Beef Cattle Share Leases Montguide.
5. Lake County Extension Agents.

Access these resources by visiting our website, emailing us, or stopping by the office!