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Summer Newsletter

- Storms have destroyed many of our corn and soybean fields this summer. Several clients have asked Overton Veterinary Services about options for replant crops.
- Replanting a grain crop may be nearly impossible due to herbicide carryover or the late planting date.
- If a forage crop is to be replanted, be sure to check the label of any herbicides used previously. Many herbicides have restrictions and limitations on grazing or feeding forage grown after they were applied.
- Unless glyphosate was the only herbicide used, other herbicides can injure forages. Soybean herbicides other than glyphosate pose even bigger problems for replanting forages.
- The nitrate risk will be high when using summer grasses in heavily fertilized corn fields. Be sure to test for nitrate before feeding. Ensiling the crop and cutting high on the stalk(stem) will reduce nitrate levels.
- Some clients have planted turnips for grazing with success. A turnip, radish, rye or oat blend has yielded a nice cover crop for cattle. Although using a planter or drill will give best results, flying on seed is an option. If flying application is used, strive for good seed/soil contact. Run the pivot a few times to ensure wet soil. Fly as high as possible when applying the seed. Usually late July/early August is the time to plant turnips.
- Another possible emergency forage crop is short-season corn as silage or even drilling bin-run corn for late season pasture or hay, especially if corn herbicides eliminate other possibilities.
- If you have questions after reading this newsletter, please call. References that have been of value in compiling this newsletter include:
 - Dr. Bruce Anderson (UNL) 1.402.472.6237
 - Dr. Ray Ward (Ward Laboratories) 1.800.887.7645
 - Bruce Treffer (Dawson County Extension) 1.308.324.5501
 - Arrow Seed Co. (Broken Bow) 1.308.872.6826