

Benefits of Keeping Trees and/or Planting Trees on Farms

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Economic Benefits

Reduced Feed and Energy Costs

Natural Shade: Trees provide shade, reducing heat stress on livestock and leading to lower feed requirements.

Wind Protection: Trees shield animals from harsh winds, helping them conserve energy and stay healthier.

Enhanced Pasture Productivity

Higher Forage Yields: Healthier soil and better moisture retention support more productive pastures, lowering reliance on supplemental feed.

Extended Grazing Season: Trees support moisture retention, extending the grazing season and reducing feed costs.

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Environmental Benefits

Soil Health and Erosion Control

Erosion Reduction: Tree roots stabilize soil, preventing erosion and keeping pastures fertile.

Improved Water Retention: Tree cover improves moisture in soil, reduces runoff, and conserves water resources.

Nutrient-Rich Soil: Healthier soil from tree cover supports stronger, more resilient pastures.


Biodiversity and Ecosystem Balance


Natural Pest Control: By attracting predator species, trees help maintain balanced pest levels, reducing the need for chemicals.

Habitat for Wildlife: Trees provide homes for birds, pollinators, and beneficial insects, enhancing the farm's ecosystem.

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Get Started: Plant Trees, Grow Your Farm!

 Take Small Steps: Start by planting trees in strategic areas for shade, soil health, or windbreaks.

 Explore Programs: Look into grants or programs that offer support to help you get started