

# Strategies for Successful Outwintering

*...For Greater Ease and Benefits!*

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# Angus Glen Farms, LLC

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## Overview

- *~ 350 acre grazing operation (150 leased acres)*
  - *Animal Welfare Approved (AWA) Certified*
  - *Started with sheep and goats in 2002*
  - *Started with cattle in 2004 with 2 cows/calf pairs*
- ... today, ~ 120 cows*



# ***Keys to Outwintering Success...***

## ***Extended Grazing Season***





# ***Keys to Outwintering Success...***

## ***Rotational Bale Grazing***



# ***Keys to Outwintering Success...***

***“Living Barns”***













# Reasons Why We Outwinter

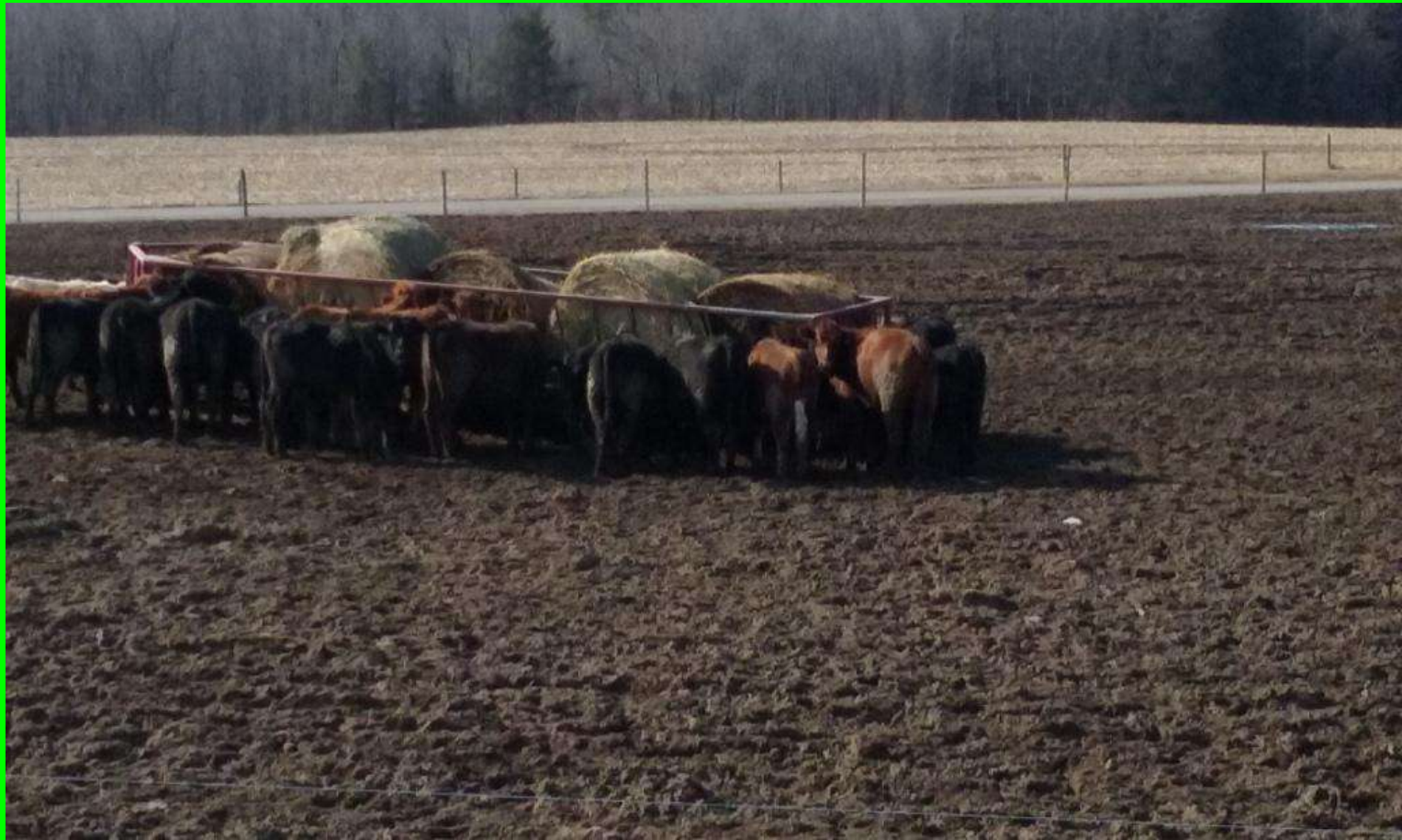
## *1) Protect water quality*





# Reasons Why We Outwinter

2) *Animal comfort and welfare*  
*... and public perception!*



# Reasons Why We Outwinter

## 3) *Save time and \$*





# Reasons Why We Outwinter

***4) Improve Soil Health (= Pasture Health = Animal Health = Our Health)***













# Reasons Why We Outwinter

## *5) Reclaim and Improve Land*













# ***Some Things We've Learned Along the Way...***

***Start stockpiling early, and have a backup plan***



***Some Things We've Learned Along the Way...***

***Don't rely on open water sources or snow***













# *Some Things We've Learned Along the Way...*

*Spread the impact to protect the resources!*

- *Trees*
- *Soils*
- *Water*





# *Some Things We've Learned Along the Way...*



*Recognize the inherent differences between species*



# ***Some Things We've Learned Along the Way...***

***Graze off fall stockpile before setting out hay***





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