

Dear Farming Friends,

Most of you will have been pleased when the rain finally came and paddocks started to turn green. Temperatures are still higher than what is usual for this time of the year. This guarantees good growth. However, most farmers had to feed out part of their winter feed to keep their herds going. Controlled feeding is, therefore, of utmost importance to feed the animals as long as ever possible with the grass that is growing in the paddocks.

Strip Grazing – Break Feeding

Strip grazing helps you to economise your feed. It allows more intensive farming, lengthening out your "rotation" so you get more days out of your paddocks. It actually mimics the annual movement of large herd animals in nature.



How is it done? You move your fence forward daily at a calculated rate (10 – 18 stock units per ha, one sheep = one stock unit, one cow = 6 stock units). In ideal conditions 10 ha allow 25 head of cattle on a 50-day rotation. If you are working on a 50-day rotation you have to divide your 10 ha into 50 breaks = 0.2 ha. Depending on the quality of grass available you may supplement the feed with hay.

To improve regrowth you can also back fence which means you are moving both wires – the back and the front one – at the same time to stop cattle moving back into the grazed area. This, however, means that you will have to organise your breaks in such a way that animals have access to water at all times (temporary trough or break feed around the trough).

*The easiest way to achieve this is by using temporary electric fencing i.e. pigtails or tread-ins and poly tape or poly wire. Electrify them with our **Solar Stripgrazer**, which is powered by a built-in battery that is continuously charged by the built-in solar panel. In other words the unit is self-contained and the battery lasts between 3 and 5 years. Make your life easier, use modern technology!*



Red Snap'r Solar Stripgrazer LIS3
\$ 238.20 inc. GST



View from behind,
mounted on a Waratah

If you are powering your break-feeding fence from your mains energiser, via your normal electric fencing system, it is recommended that you make sure that it is working well. One way to test your fence is with the "Fence Doctor" which tells you the status of your fences (shorts etc.). This fault finder is anyway a wonderful tool as it saves you a lot of time when you are looking for a fault. Its direction indicators lead you to the fault.



\$ 179.60 inc. GST

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Happy Farming!



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