

A herd of brown and white cattle is grazing in a field. The foreground features a prominent brown cow with a white face and a yellow ear tag. The background shows a line of trees and rolling mountains under a cloudy sky.

Profitable Grazing

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Getting Started

- ◉ Find a mentor
- ◉ Attend every pasture walk and grazing conference you can
- ◉ Have confidence in yourself
- ◉ Surround yourself with positive people
- ◉ Learn from your mistakes and move on
- ◉ Avoid owning equipment
- ◉ Remember “whether you think you can or think you can’t, you are right” Henry Ford



Fencing



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- ◉ Temporary vs Permanent
- ◉ Finding a system that works for you
- ◉ Flexibility
- ◉ Make it Simple
- ◉ Build it to last

Gates





Water









Stockers



Replacement Heifers





Cows

Custom Grazing



Herd Health





Cattle Management

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- ◉ Have a short breeding season
- ◉ Cull vigorously
- ◉ Only use bulls that improve your cowherd
- ◉ Make your cows work for you
- ◉ Have a goal and work towards it



Making Culls More Profitable

Winter Grazing







Planning for Drought

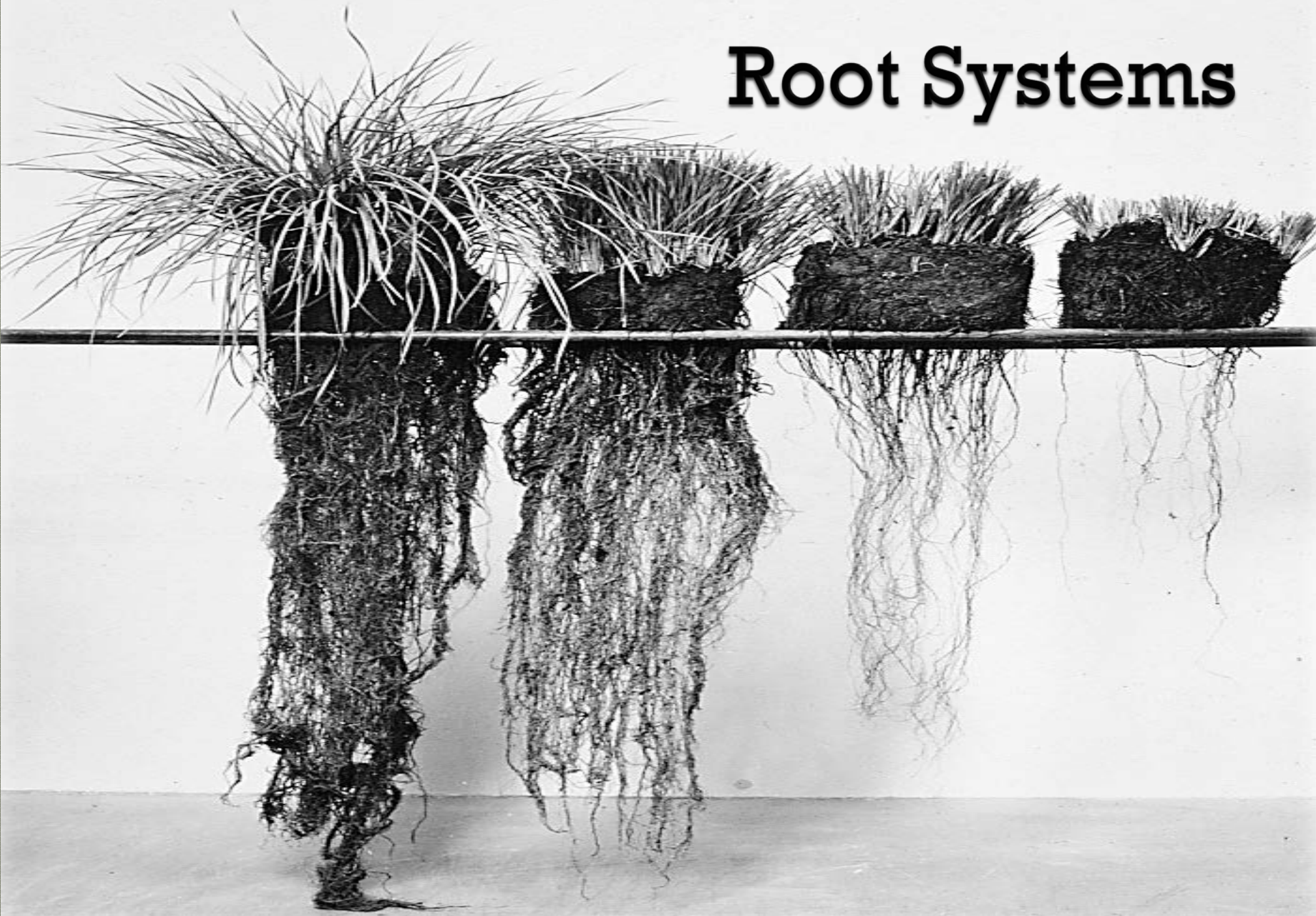
- ◉ Have a plan in place
- ◉ Have someone to hold you accountable
- ◉ Keep a list of potential culls
- ◉ Look at Rainfall
- ◉ Estimate Forage Bank
- ◉ Have a date to cull cows by if need be
- ◉ Early wean if necessary
- ◉ Leave as much residual as possible
- ◉ LET THE PLANT RECOVER



Keep Your Soil Healthy

- Build your soil with grazing management
- Strive for diversity
- The effects of animal impact
- Avoid using chemicals

Root Systems











Have Fun