

Herd Health

Herd health is also a consideration during drought. Drought may force animals to consume plants that are normally avoided and poisonous. Restricting access or removing the poisonous plants may be necessary. Prussic acid and nitrate concentrations in plants will rise with drought stress. Their effects can become epidemic if not managed properly. The bottom line is that operators must be careful to avoid catastrophic results caused by overlooking basic relationships between plants and animals.

Droughts are times which test management skills. Using common sense and a sharp pencil will reduce losses to the situation. Try to remain flexible and look for relief through imagination and knowledge.