Emtman Brothers Farms
Valleyford, WA

RANDY EMTMAN, PARTNER
Amanda
Seeded 6/6/13
4 lbs/acre

Photo 8/8/13
Grazing on 65 acres of Amanda Seeded 6/6/2013

• 19 head of bulls beginning 7/22/13 for 34 days
• 37 pairs (cow/calf) and 46 yearlings beginning 9/16/13 for 9 days
• 31 pairs and 18 cows beginning 10/21/13 to 11/21/13 for 30 days
• Value of grazing = $80 - $90 per acre
Cow/Calf Pairs 9/6/13
2014 HyClass 125 RR
50 Cows and 45 Yearlings on 65 acres
2014 Roundup Ready Alfalfa
Seeded in a mixture of Canola, Triticale, and Oats
Observations:

2013 Canola winter killed 99.9%

Fields with additional pasture areas give cattle needed fiber for diet.

Lost two animals to nitrate poisoning this summer due to layout of fields for grazing.

Maybe possible to place water at one end of pasture and seed grain between it and the canola?

Cover crops are popular but, when added to rotation they need to be destroyed to plant the subsequent crop. This method returns a value in the form of forage during the “cover crop” phase and then produces a crop to harvest the following year with the potential for twice the yield of spring canola.

Half the seeding, half the fertilizer, half the harvesting and twice the crop?
Observations - continued

- Cattle and horses like the alfalfa/triticale/oat/canola hay. When grazing cattle take a little time to develop a taste for the canola upon initial introduction.
Ideas

Planting a mix of winter canola and forage grain for haying would allow more acreage to be planted to winter canola in late spring since our cattle can only graze a limited number of acres.
Volunteer Roundup Ready Canola 2013
Grazing? Cover Crop?
Volunteer 2013
Wildlife
Thank you.  

Questions?