

Keeping Grazing Ruminants Healthy



Plant related problems

Bloat

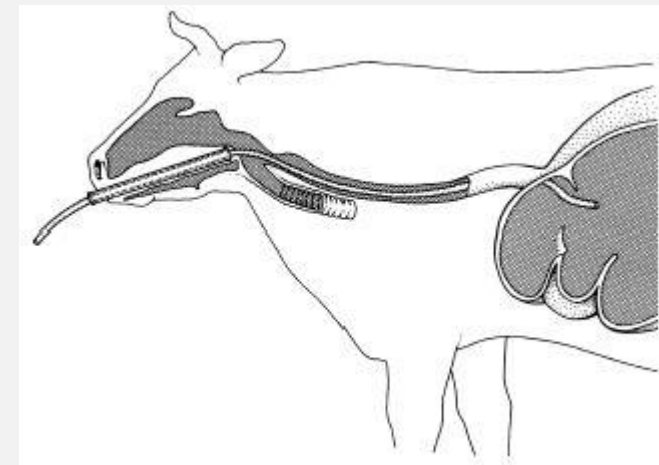
Nitrate poisoning

Prussic acid/cyanide

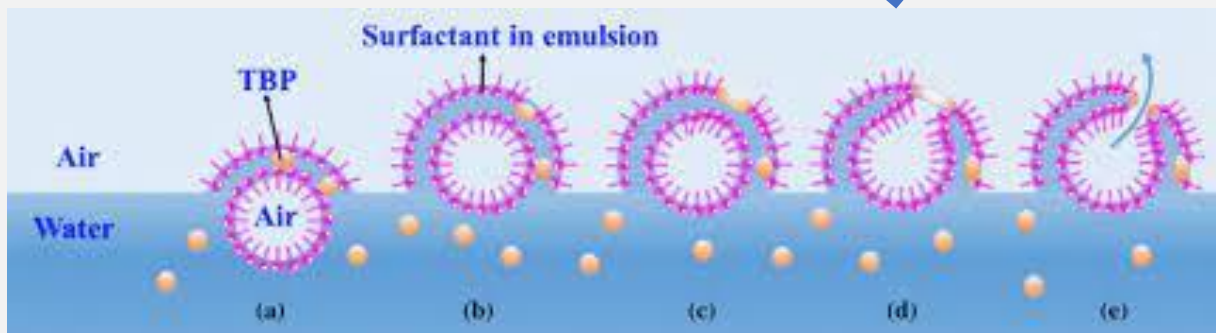
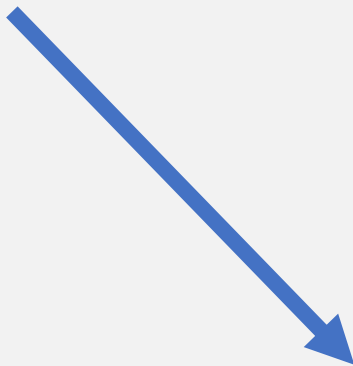
Grass tetany



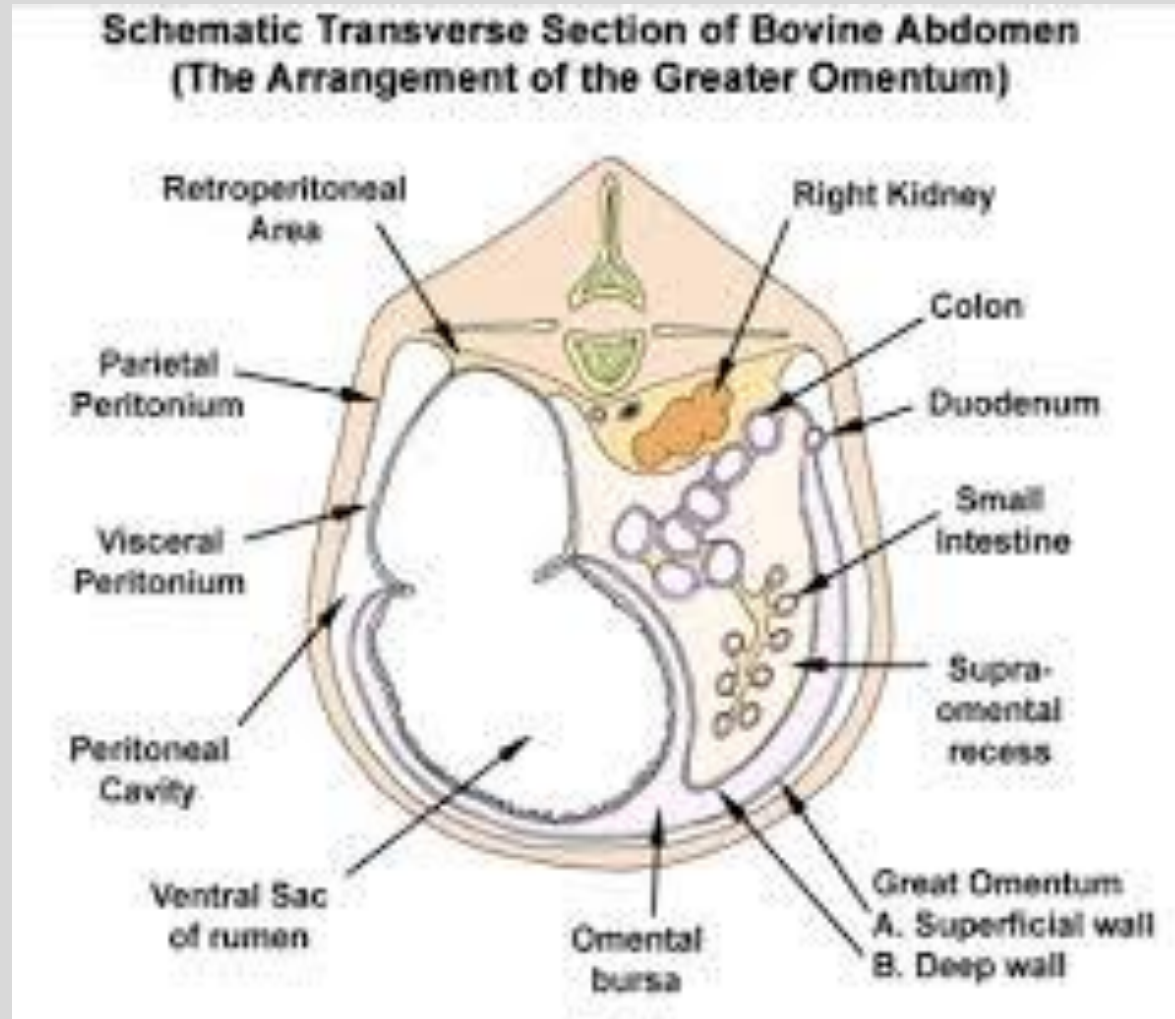


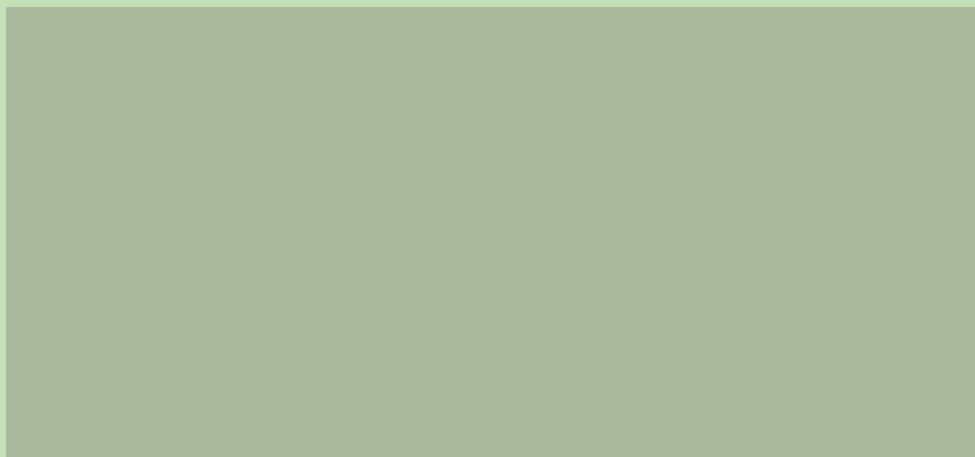


Oil
Butter



No Needles or Knives!!!







Nitrate Toxicity and Prussic Acid

Nitrate Toxicity



- Early spring growth of winter annual forages and pure stands of ryegrass.
- Drought-stressed summer annuals following onset of rain.

Prussic Acid / Cyanide

Sorghum

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Sudan grass

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Millet

Teff

Corn for grazing

Hard rules:

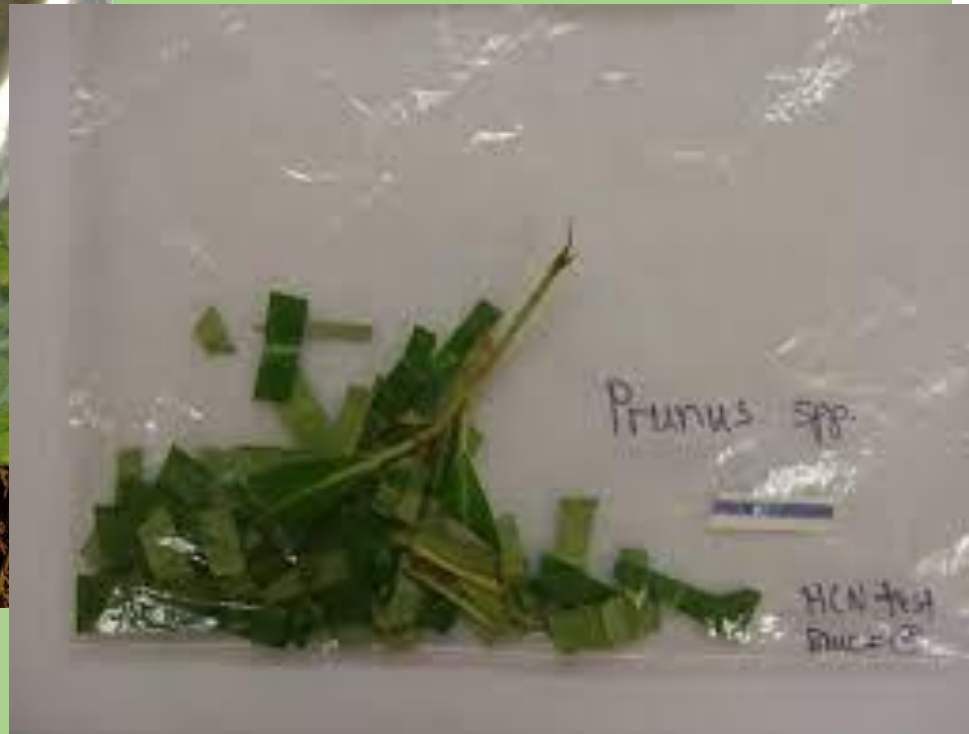
- Don't graze under 18" tall
- Don't graze after frost
- No continuous grazing



Cherry trees

Prussic acid testing

- Quick field test with cyanide test strips.
- If in doubt, harvest mechanically.



Grass tetany



Mineral nutrition

- 1st choice is force fed minerals.
- 2nd choice is free choice using salt to drive intake.
- Free choice = one source of mineral that can be consumed as needed and driven by NaCl intake.
- Minerals are needed by the rumen microbes, too.
- Mineral deficiencies will affect rumen fermentation.



Animal Genetics







Dealing with local veterinarians:

- You need a diagnosis: physical exams, postmortem exams, and lab submissions.

PINK EYE







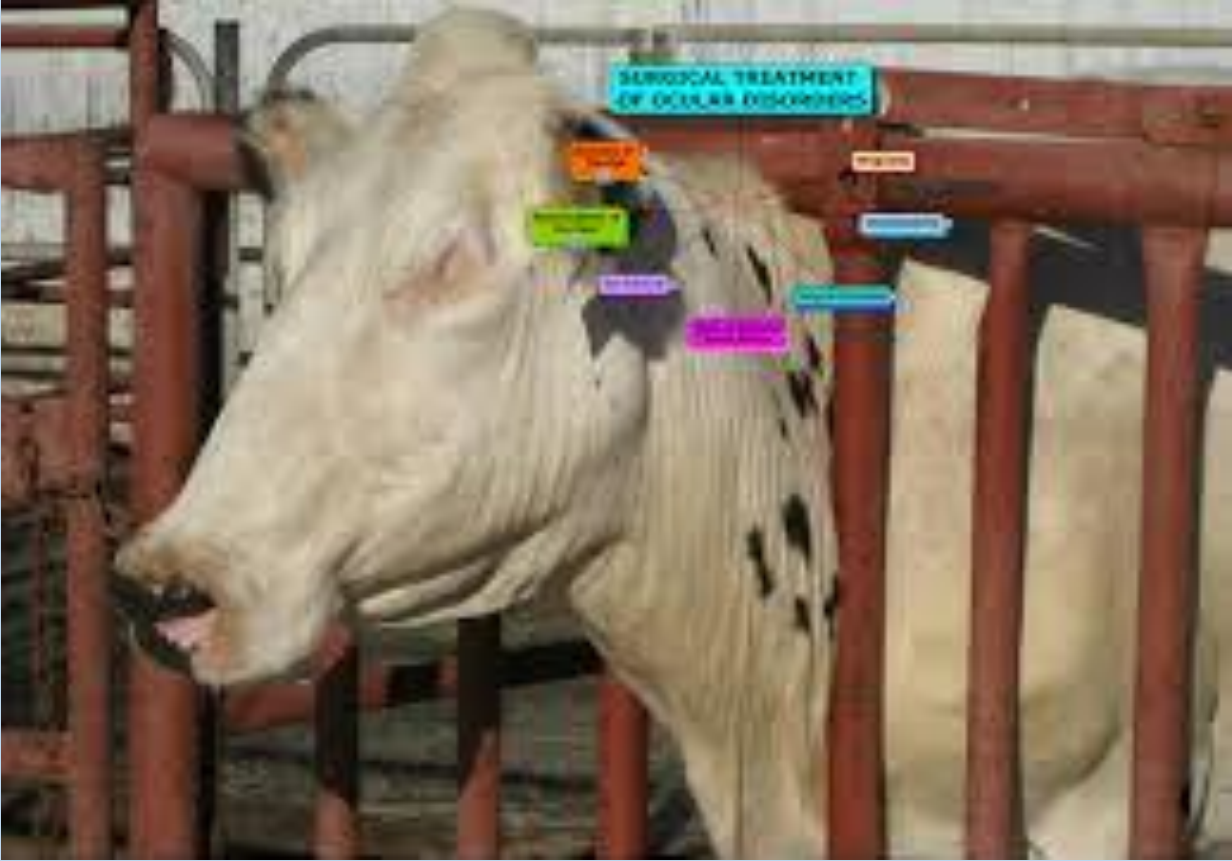














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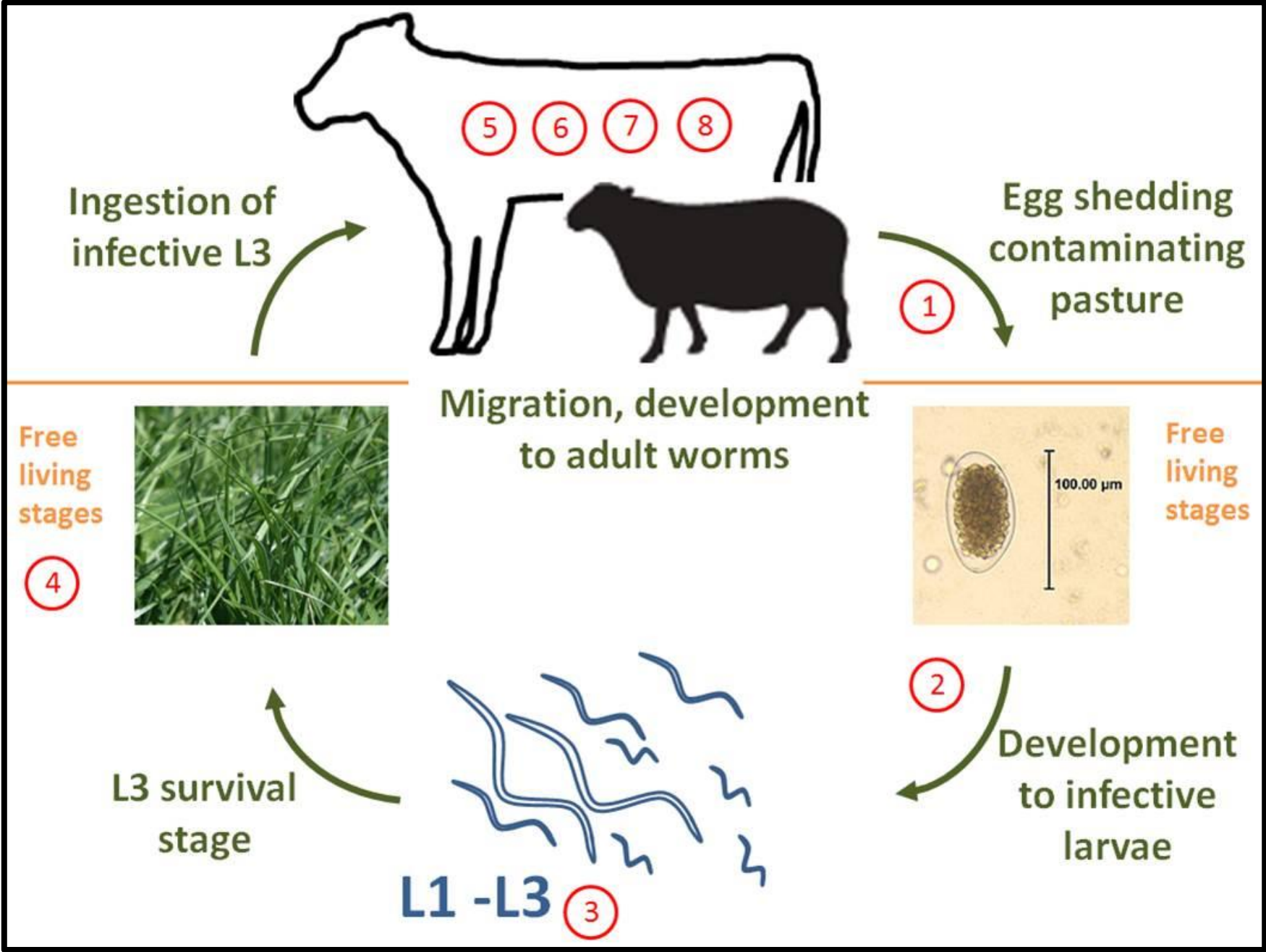
A herd of cows of various colors (black, white, and brown) are grazing in a lush green field. The cows are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others further back. The field is filled with tall grass and small white flowers.

Internal parasites - gastrointestinal nematodes/ “worms”

- Parasites are part of normal microbiome!
- They make us better graziers!
- There is no option other than good grazing. *Pasture management is parasite management.*

90% of larvae live in bottom 4" of pasture.

Larvae population declines 90% after 40-45 days



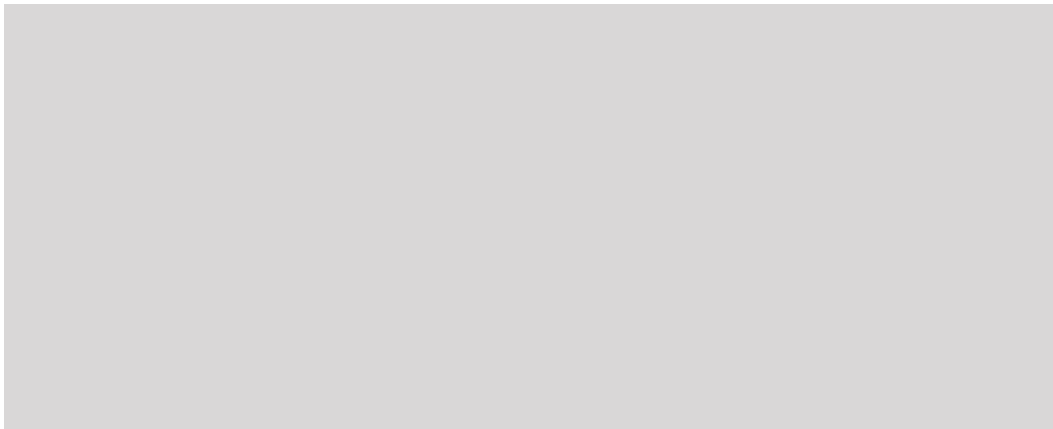
3 – 10 days for eggs to hatch and become infective larvae





Coccidiosis







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