



2018 Ontario Mapleseed Pasture Award

The Beef Farmers of Ontario are pleased to partner with Mapleseed and the Ontario Forage Council in sponsoring the 2018 Ontario Mapleseed Beef Pasture Award. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize individual producers who are doing an outstanding job of pasture management. The Mapleseed Pasture Award is also a way of encouraging producers to implement pasture management strategies that maximize production per acre.

Mapleseed contributes a cash award of \$500 to the winner, \$250 to cover their accommodation plus a 25kg bag of their choice of a Mapleseed Forage Mix. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Beef Farmers of Ontario in Toronto, which will take place in February 2017.

To submit a nomination for this award, complete the attached application. We encourage all applicants to include pictures and or diagrams.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2017.

Send completed applications c/o Ontario Forage Council, Box 463, Markdale, ON, N0C 1H0



Name of Nominating Group or individual (if applicable).

Farm Name:

Name: _____ Phone #:

Address:

_____ County: _____ Township: _____ Lot: _____

Concession: _____

Soil

Type(s):

Livestock Type: _____ Number of Head:

Calving date(s) if applicable: _____

Pasture Acres Owned: _____ Rented:

_____ Pasture Classification:

TYPE	# ACRES
Improved tillable	_____
Unimproved tillable	_____
Improved Roughland	_____
Unimproved Roughland	_____

Management of Regular Pasture (land used just for pasture):

- ☐ Strip Grazed: # _____ acres - How often moved? _____
- ☐ Rotationally Grazed: # _____ acres - # of fields/paddocks? _____
- ☐ Continuous Grazed: # _____ acres
(access to same pasture all season)
- ☐ Unimproved Pasture: # _____ acres

**** Please Use Separate Paper to Answer Questions 1-8 ****

1. How is pasture utilized in your operation?

2. Describe your pasture management program (species, overseeding, re-seeding, fertilizing, grazing management, watering facilities, recording system, etc.) How does this management work towards a philosophy of “best use” of available resources?

3. How do you capitalize on strengths and minimize weaknesses of your pasture?

4. What are the unique features of your pasture system (riparian areas, rough terrain)? How are these features an advantage for you (or how do you turn them to your advantage?)

5. How long is your pasture season? How do you extend your spring and fall seasons?

6. List your five top Pasture Management Practices to best utilize your resources.

7. If you could change one thing about your operation, what would it be?

8. What research would you like to see done in pasture management?

I understand that I may be contacted by the media, asked to host farm tours or to speak about pasture management at my convenience as a result of this competition. Pictures and/or production information submitted with the application may be used for news articles and extension purposes.

Signature of Applicant: _____

ANIMAL UNITS PER ACRE

Complete the following tables and formula to determine the animal units per acre.

TABLE I - TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS

Record the number of each type of livestock under "Number Pastured." Multiply by Animal Unit Equivalent Number to get number of animal units in terms of 1,000 pound cattle. One (1.00) animal unit is equivalent to 1,000 pounds of live weight. This figure may be adjusted up or down for the various breeds by adding or subtracting .10 animal units for every 100 pounds over or under 1,000 pounds live weight. For example: a 1,400 pound Charolais cow = 1.40 animal units while a 900 pound cow = .90 animal units.

Type of Livestock Carried	October 1 st , 2016 to October 1 st , 2017		
	Number Pastured	Animal Unit Equivalent	Animal Units
Cows and heifers bred and/or with calf at side		1.00	
Other cattle 1 - 2 year		.75	
Other cattle under 1 year		.50	

TABLE II - TOTAL ACRES PASTURED

Record the acres of each type of pasture used from October 1st, 2016 to October 1st, 2017.

Types of Pasture Used	Number of Acres	Number of Days	Number of animal units
Regular pasture (field used only for pasture in that year)	_____	_____	_____
1. Continuous grazing (access all year)	_____	_____	_____
2. Rotational grazing (# paddocks _____)	_____	_____	_____
3. Strip grazing	_____	_____	_____

