



Mentor Profile:

Simon Martin



Simon is a third generation dairy farmer from Nunton Farm near Salisbury in Wiltshire

He studied at Seale-Hayne College for a degree in Agriculture and also spent time in New Zealand working on farms, where he developed a passion for simple grazing based systems in livestock farming.

After returning to the family farm in the mid-eighties, Simon started to put his knowledge of grazing into practice.

Simon was inspired by Paul Bird a New Zealand consultant and as a result he has been involved in discussion groups ever since.

In 2000, Simon expanded from two old dairy units of 120 cows each, moving onto a green site, starting with 250 cows. Now they milk 800 cows through a 70 point rotary parlour, grazing for most of the year.

Simon became a grazing mentor in 2010 and has enjoyed helping other farmers to improve their grazing and develop profitable businesses.

“We put down tracks, started rotational grazing improved grazing techniques”, Simon explains. The reliance on silage was also reduced and the length of time grazing was extended.



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