Rotating Your Animals & Veggies: Tips for Managing Fertility, Disease & Pests

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Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT) is a national nonprofit organization that advocates for the safe and humane production of meat, milk, and eggs.

FACT’s Fund-a-Farmer Project awards grants and facilitates peer-to-peer farmer education to increase the number of animals that are raised humanely in this country.
Our Presenter

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Rotating your animals and veggies
What animals work for you?

• Annual?
• Space limitations?
• Markets?
• Commitments...
• Personality
• Risk?
Lay out and planning.
Rotating and systems
Sure fencing

Check often

Clear boundaries
Clean boundaries
Create clear rules of handling

• Clothing that deals with animals
• Tools that go to animals. Yard carts, shovels, boots, gloves etc.
• Consider only certain people to handle basic animal chores.
• Make a list of all contacting items with animals and create handling rules.
Let animals do the work
Fertility and other considerations

• What crops are you following?
  - Pest loving?
  - Disease prone?
  - Fertility loving?

• What crops will proceed?
  - Specific fertility needs?
  - Weed pressures?

Always soil test to see where you heading.
Enjoy the benefits
Reduced tillage
Please type your questions!