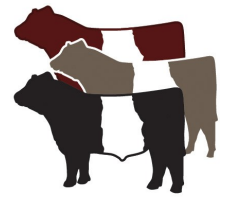
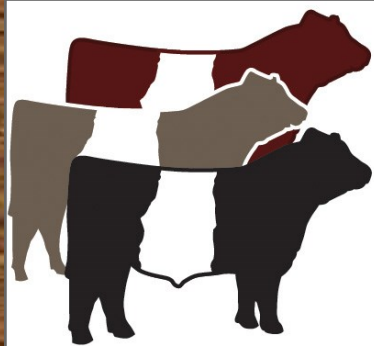


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## BELTED GALLOWAY SOCIETY



President Michelle Ogle

The Belted Galloway Society is saying farewell to a symbol that has represented our breed for decades—our Beltie logo. We checked our documents and we believe Beltie has been with us for 60+ years. During Beltie's tenure, our cow has been present at every annual meeting and national show. Beltie has appeared on thousands of printed materials and Council has agreed—it is now time to take Beltie's halter off and send our tired old logo out to pasture. Our new logo is more modern in design and represents the three color patterns of the Belted Galloway. We will make it available on [beltie.org](http://beltie.org) for everyone to use for breed promotion.

Last month, we published an article that looked back at the Society for the two decades. Our breed has realized an expansive growth throughout the United States in just 20 years. That growth would not have been possible without the dedication of our membership, the people who have served on Council, and especially our regional breed

associations. But we can do more! It definitely is all about promotion and the marketing of our breed.

Every year the Society publishes the *Belted Galloway Journal*, our magazine, which is dedicated solely to the Belted Galloway breed. The *Journal* features stories about our youth and our breeders, and it recaps the previous year's news and achievements. The *Journal* also serves as an archive for the breed.

The magazine is distributed and shipped to venues to promote and market Belted Galloway cattle – beef expos, fairs, field days, exhibitions, and national shows. Most of the editorials within the magazine are penned by volunteers or donated by other publications! We absolutely depend upon the revenue that is generated through advertising to support the design, print and distribution of the magazine. The vast majority of our breeders are folks who raise Belted Galloway cattle on family farms for their own meat consumption or direct market beef on a small-scale level. And—we have breeders who raise Belted Galloway cattle for the pure enjoyment and beauty they add to any landscape. Vic Eggleston mails a *Journal* to every farm that joins our organization or expresses an interest in the breed. These newbies need to know about YOU, your farm, and where they can locate cattle. Most importantly, your advertisement is a networking opportunity for you!

Rates and information appear on page three. Give Connections a call. Please tell them Michelle sent you!



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## Calendar Reminders

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### Spring Council Meeting

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### Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association Field Day

May 30, 2015. Red Barn Farms, Bargersville, IN. Contact Doug Abney (317) 422-8137 or redbarnfarms.dsa@live.com.

### Southwest Belted Galloway Show & Sale

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### Belties Unlimited Show

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## IN MEMORIAM

### George M. Adams 1941-2015

George Adams passed away March 27, 2015, in Malakoff, Texas, at the age of 73. George was born November 11, 1941, in Beaumont, Texas, to Isaac Adams and Stella Elizabeth Livingston Adams.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Adams, three children, four step children, multiple grandchildren, and one sister. He was preceded in death by his son, Nathan Adams, and both of his parents.

George earned a Master of Science on June 1, 1966, and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry on May 29, 1964, at North Texas State University. He went on to serve in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps beginning August 2, 1966. His unit conducted experimental diving tests and their effects on the human body. George later earned a law degree on May 20, 1979 from Southern Methodist University and became a lawyer. George worked in the Quarter Horse industry and he was a lifetime member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

After moving to his farm in Palestine, Texas, and after the experimentation of owning other breeds, the Belted Galloway emerged as the winner. George loved the cows and calves on Aavolon Farm, attending shows to meet with others in the breed, and being a part of the Ol' Geezers Show Team. One of his greatest loves was announcing at shows and watching youngsters as they led their animals through the ring.

George served as the first president of the Texas Belted Galloway Association which is now known as the Southwest Belted Galloway Association. He was currently serving on the Society's Long Range Planning Committee.

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- Belted Galloway cattle are the best suited beef breed for a growing population of individuals who are interested in living a rural lifestyle and raising tender and nutritious beef.
- Belties are a beef breed that is ideal for small acreage beef production because of their moderate size plus their utilization of grasses more efficiently.
- Belted Galloway cattle are a BEAUTIFUL breed.

*The Belted Galloway Society* is committed to:


- Promote the Belted Galloway breed of cattle.
- Preserve the purity of the breed.
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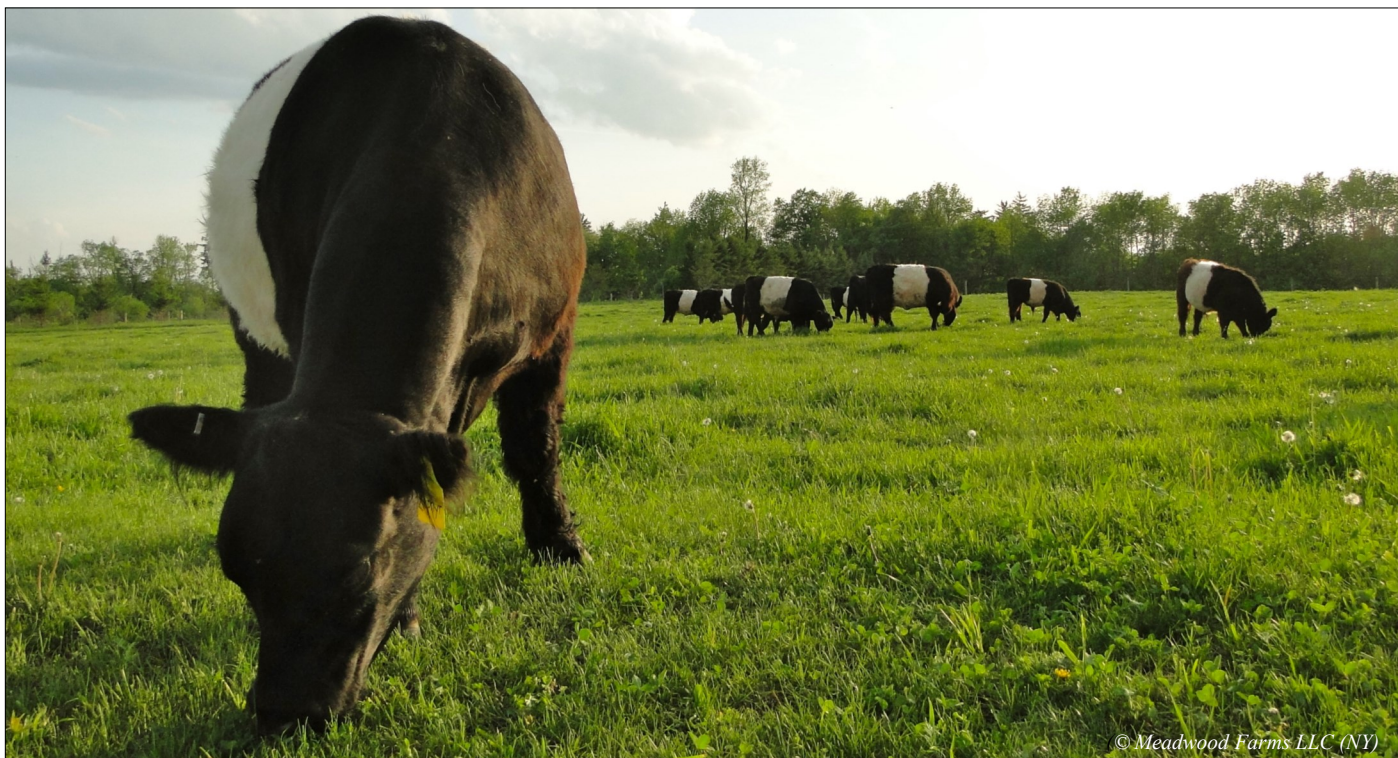
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## How Cows Eat Grass Exploring Cow Digestion

**Editors Note.** Many Belted Galloway breeders direct market their beef in niche markets. Last month we featured small-scale direct marketing, meat bundling, and sample responses to customer questions. We know that Belted Galloway cattle are exceptional foragers, that they thrive when they are managed properly through whole herd health practices and a well-managed grazing system, and that they convert grass to meat. This article is a basic educational resource for producers, discussing how cows eat grass, digest and utilize grass. We have italicized beneficial information to help our small scale meat producers create a marketing statement to aid in direct marketing beef.

By Adam I. Orr, Ph.D., PAS

### Digestion

Digestion is the process our bodies use to break down and absorb nutrients stored within food, but the ability to digest food is not the same for all animals. *Cows have a very different digestive system than our own, and this allows them to thrive on a menu predominantly made up of grass.*

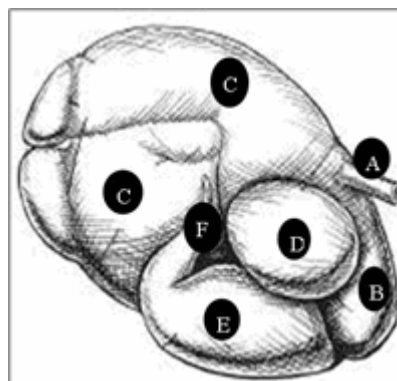
Let's explore how cows are able to eat grass. The key to this ability lies in the stomach. After we chew and swallow our food, the stomach serves as a holding tank where digestion begins and food starts being separated into individual nutrients. Next, food passes into the small intestine where the breakdown continues and where the body absorbs nutrients. This basic digestive process is also true of cows, but there are a few extra steps along the way.

### Eating

*Cows are unique in that they have fewer teeth than other animals.* In the front of the mouth, teeth (known as incisors) are only located on the bottom jaw. In place of the top incisors, there is a hard leathery pad (known as the dental pad). In addition, cattle have a relatively immobile upper lip (compared to goats and sheep). *Because of this unique oral anatomy, a cow uses its tongue to grasp a clump of grass and then bite it off. Teeth in the back of the mouth (known as molars) are located on the top and bottom jaws. Plant materials*

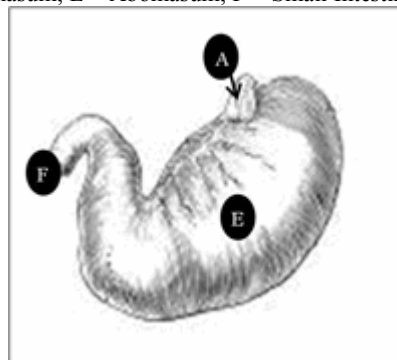
*sometimes contain tough stems, but because a cow chews food in a side-to-side motion, the molars shred the grass into small pieces that are more easily digested.*

### The Stomach



**Diagram 1.** Stomach of the Cow

A = Esophagus; B = Reticulum; C = Rumen; D = Omasum; E = Abomasum; F = Small Intestine Begins



**Diagram 2.** Stomach of the Dog

A = Esophagus; E = Stomach Body; F = Small Intestine Begins



**Figure 1. The Reticulum.**

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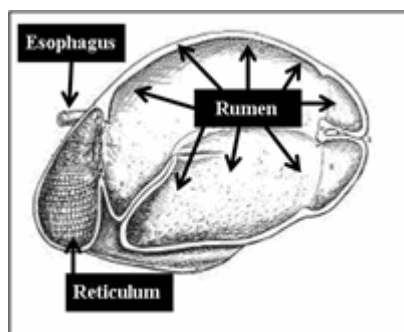
**Figure 2. Rumen Papillae.**

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**Figure 3. The Omasum.**

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**Diagram 3. The Reticulo-rumen.**

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On the right, a cow's stomach is shown in Diagrams 1 and 3, and a dog's stomach is shown in Diagram 2. Use the letters that label the stomach parts in Diagrams 1 and 2 to identify the similarities and differences between the two stomachs. Notice that the letters do more than identify the structures; they also map the path that food travels on its digestive journey. The dog's stomach is a lot like our own. See how many more structures there are in the cow's stomach? In the cow, rather than having a single pouch, there are four interconnected pouches, each with a unique function.

*When a cow first takes a bite of grass, it is chewed very little before it is swallowed. This is a characteristic feature of the digestion in cows. Cows are known as ruminants because the largest pouch of the stomach is called the rumen. Imagine a large 55-gallon trash can. In a mature cow, the rumen is about the same size! Its large size allows cows to consume large amounts of grass. After filling up on grass, cows find a place to lie down to more thoroughly chew their food. "But they have already eaten," you might be thinking. This is true, but cows are able to voluntarily un-swallow their food. This process of swallowing, un-swallowing, re-chewing, and re-swallowing is called rumination, or more commonly, chewing the cud. Rumination enables cows to chew grass more completely, which improves digestion.*

The reticulum is directly involved in rumination. The reticulum is made of muscle, and by contracting, it forces food into the cow's esophagus which carries the food back to the mouth. The reticulum (Diagram 1—letter B) is sometimes called the "honeycomb" because of its distinct honeycomb-like appearance. See Figure 1 for a close-up look.

With a simple stomach, the dog, and even man, cannot digest many plant materials. *A cow's rumen is different because it functions like a large food processor. In fact, millions of tiny organisms (mainly bacteria) naturally live in the rumen and help the cow by breaking down plant parts that cannot be digested otherwise. These tiny or-*

*ganisms then release nutrients into the rumen. Some nutrients are absorbed right away; others have to travel to the small intestine before being absorbed. To help the cow's body capture and absorb all these nutrients, the inside of the rumen is covered by small finger-like structures (called papillae). In Figure 2, notice that the rumen wall resembles a shag carpet or the imitation wool on the inside of a winter coat. The papillae give the rumen wall this texture.*

There is little separation between the first two sections of a cow's stomach, the reticulum and the rumen (Diagram 3), so food and water pass back and forth easily. The next pouch in the stomach is the omasum (Diagram 1-letter D). This pouch acts like a giant filter to keep plant particles inside the rumen while allowing water to pass freely. By keeping grass pieces and other feed inside the rumen, bacteria have more time to break them down, providing even more nutrients for the cow. Figure 3 shows the multiple layers of the omasum.

After the grass pieces and other feed are broken down to a small enough size, they eventually pass through the omasum and enter the abomasum (Diagram 1-letter E). The prefix Ab means from, off, or away from. The abomasum, then, is located just beyond the omasum. Refer back to Diagrams 1 and 2 and notice that the center of the dog's stomach and the abomasum of the cow's stomach are both labeled with the letter E. This illustrates a similarity in function. You see, the abomasum has the same basic function as the stomach of the dog, man, or other mammal, which is the production of acids, buffers, and enzymes to break down food. After passing through the abomasum, partially digested food enters the small intestine where digestion continues and nutrients are absorbed.

### The Benefits

The rumen efficiently extracts nutrients from food that other animals cannot digest. For this reason, cows can eat plant materials (such as seed coats, shells, and stems) that remain after grains are harvested for human consumption. These remaining materials are sometimes called "by-products." Feeding by-products helps farmers and businesses save money because they don't have to pay to dispose of these extra materials. They also make money by selling the by-products as animal feed.

When oil is extracted from grains (for example, soybean oil from soybean seed and canola oil from rapeseed), or when grains are used to brew alcohol or make fuel-ethanol, plant by-products are made. Although key nutrients (like fat, sugar, and protein) are removed from the plant materials during processing, when used properly, these by-products can be fed to cows. *The complex nature of their four-compartment stomachs and their rumen bacteria allow cows to eat and thrive on plant(s) by-products that other animals cannot digest.*

The better we understand the cow's digestive system, the better we are able to formulate diets and manage our herds *for the optimal production of nutritious meat and milk that we routinely enjoy.*





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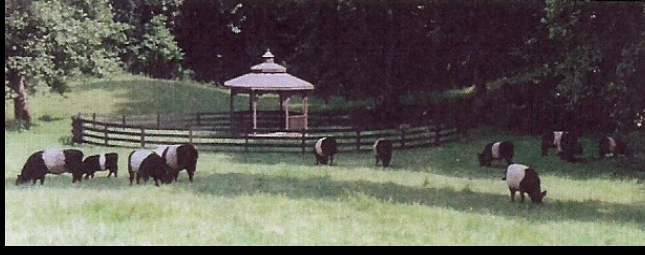
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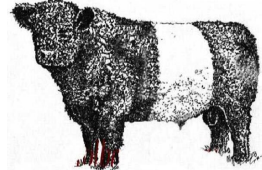


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NORTH CAROLINA. Two fancy, show-quality, registered heifers for sale by two of our top producing show cows. Oak Run High Class Lexus 37699-B, DOB 1/14/14, by Fearington Casnova, out of Ridgeview Lexus; and Oak Run Satin & Lace 37764-D, DOB 10/13/13; by Fearington After Hours out of Sunnybrook Lacey. Michael & Nancy Hannah, Oak Run Farm, Bear Creek, NC oakrunfarm@aol.com.

MINNESOTA. Two registered bulls for sale. Spring Garden Farm Polar 38046-B and Spring Garden Farm Vortex 38047-B. Both born 3/20/14 (twins). Sire: Klover Korners Whiskey Pete 12159-B. Dam: Klover Korners Bella A33747-B,M1. Both are calm, well marked, with great conformation and beautiful coats. Please email rdbsqared@gmail.com for photos and more information. Spring Garden Farm, Rachel Benson, Cannon Falls, MN, (651)380-0161.

ILLINOIS. Two black belted weanling bull prospects, French Creek Asa 37665-B. DOB 8/2/14. French Creek Mickey 37664-B. DOB 8/14/14. Both bulls are sired by Middlebrook Oak Spock, a son of Driftwood Primetime. They are quiet, well marked and grass fed only. Susan Brunswick, French Creek, Bloomington, IL. (309)662-4808 or susanrbdvm2@frontier.com.

WISCONSIN. Registered black Beltie bull for sale: EU-VI Farms Ceaphas 37542-B. DOB 6/10/2012. Sire: Wisconsin River Lieutenant Dan 11689-B. Dam: EU-VI Farms Tawny 28996-B. Excellent disposition, nice belt and good conformation. Ceaphas will make a great herd sire. Call (715) 458-2519 or euvi-kringle@chibardun.net.

TENNESSEE. Six registered heifers for sale that are all sired by Driftwood Plantation Prince William 36039B. Indian Camp Elsa 38090B. DOB 3/16/14. Indian Camp Amanda 38093B. DOB 4/1/14. Indian Camp Brenda 38089B. DOB 6/2/14. Indian Camp Darla 38091B. DOB 4/28/14. Indian Camp Deana 38092B. DOB 5/26/14. Indian Camp Dora 38094B. DOB 4/13/14. All black with beautiful conformation and good belts. For more information, please contact Bill Rodgers, Indian Camp Farm, Kingston Springs, TN. (615) 943-8892 or whrodgers1@gmail.com.

NEW YORK. Registered black belted 2.5 year old bull. Blue Fire Omen

35106-B. Omen has a nice set of calves on the ground with more on the way. He is a moderately framed bull who is thick, deep bodied, halter broken, and has a good disposition plus an outstanding and rare pedigree. Omen is fertility tested and AI collected but the semen inventory will not sell with the bull. Sire: Thomas' Promises Macbeth 32812-B (Green Arpents, Barrett, Seefeld lines). Dam: Anderson Hill Tilly 18482-B (Tilly's dam was imported from the Boreland herd in Scotland, which includes Ridgecap, Burnside and Chamwood bloodlines. Tilly's sire has Anderson Hill, Bolebec, Aldermere, and Skycastle lines.) Contact Jenny Stroh, Blue Fire Farm, Centerville, NY (585) 689-0754. Email: heritagemilknhoney@gmail.com.

MAINE. Registered black Belted Galloways, calves, bred and open yearlings, bred cows and cow/calf pairs for sale. Also Beltie feeder cattle, both heifers and steers. Transport is available. Contact Andy LeMaistre, Mitchell Ledge Farm, Freeport, ME. Andy@MitchellLedgeFarm.com or (207) 865-9695.

OREGON. Yearling black bull for sale: Goose Wing Bradley AI, 38034-B. DOB: 4/3/14. Sire: Northfield Donald, 431-AUS. Dam: Goose Wing Xannon, 32275-B. He has excellent markings, temperament and tremendous frame depth. Registered black bull for sale: Goose Wing Antonio, 36973-B. DOB: 5/2/13. Sire: Over The Hill Nelson, 11435-B. Dam: Goose Wing Umatilla, 32125-B. Antonio has a terrific disposition. He is a proven bull with calves on the ground with lovely markings and low birth weights. Antonio would make a great addition as a herd sire with his breeding ease and calm demeanor. At 15 months he weighed 1150 lbs., had a scrotal circumference of 33 cm and a hip height of 52.5 in. We are a grass-fed operation. For more information and photos call Sally Staver, Goose Wing Ranch, Jacksonville, OR. (541) 899-1334 or sbstaver@gmail.com.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Holbrook Hill Abarth 37469-D is an upcoming two-year-old bull for sale. He is sired by renown multiple champion and blue ribbon recipient Holbrook Hill Earl Warren, out of Holbrook Hill Millicent. With a birth weight of 72 pounds and yearling weight of 960 pounds, Abarth will finish as a larger-framed bull. Deep ribbed with broad hindquarters, Abarth brings the bloodlines of Shiralee Moonshine, an Australian Grand Champion bull, together with Mochrum Kingfisher, four-time Grand Champion at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland. Abarth is an easy keeper with the traditional Holbrook Hill temperament and he is easy to work with. Any potential buyer is encouraged to show Abarth this fall. We would like to include him in our show string, if possible. Please contact Steven Silberberg, Holbrook Hill Farm, Bedford, NH at hhf18@aol.com with questions.

CONNECTICUT. From the Abbey of Regina Laudis, two registered bulls for sale: Regina Laudis Geno 37941-B. DOB 4/21/14. Sire: Holbrook Hill Sidhartha (AI) 11065-B. Dam: Regina Laudis Monica 28722-B. Nice belt, good disposition. Holbrook Hill Siddhartha (AI) 11065-B. DOB 2/14/06. Sire: Shiralee Moonshine (AI) (ET) 4771-B. Dam: Aldermere Mica (AI) 20398-B. Proven sire. Beautiful calves. Also two beautiful registered Belted Galloway heifers: Regina Laudis Tate 36718-B, DOB 6/18/13 and Regina Laudis Nico 37942-B, DOB 5/3/14. Our herd is grass fed, raised without antibiotics or growth hormones. Call or e-mail for more information: Sister Augusta Collins, the Abbey of Regina Laudis, Bethlehem, CT. (203) 266-7803 or sraugcollins@gmail.com. Photos available upon request.

IOWA. Two bred females for sale. Sutliff's Allis 36600-B. DOB 06/22/13. Bred to Driftwood Oak 13Z 36829-B. Due to calve 9/19/15. Sutliff's Stella 26710-B. DOB 05/08/06. Bred to Sutliff's Unbridled 33216-B. Due to calve 6/26/15. Pictures available upon request. Greg & Pat Hipple, Sutliff Belties, Solon, IA. (319) 430-6664 or sbelties@southslope.net.


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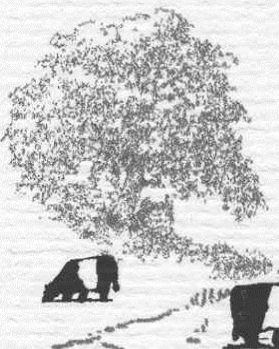
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