Drafts solicited. Annual Forages During Drought

Drought-resistant Annual Forages are recommended to mitigate the effects of climate change. Annual forages such as forage barley, forage oats and foxtail millet have had good performance during drought years and are highly responsive to moisture stress. Forage barley and forage oats have performed well in drier conditions than spring triticale in a study near Wishek, N.D., in 2020. Forage oats are better scavengers for moisture-stressed periods in forages to reduce your risk of a dry year. The use of drought-resistant Annual Forages will need more research and production to be more effective in Minnesota. The Historical Summary of the Mountrail County Land Use and Resource Plan also points to the potential for new forage crops to provide supplemental feed during drought conditions.