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## **GREATER PRODUCTIVITY. GOOD MOVE. *THE TIMING IS RIGHT TO ENHANCE YOUR STAND.***

Spring green-up is now occurring in most parts of the Midwest. Mild temperatures usher in the expectation of lush forage stands recovering fully from winter, or perhaps more likely, the reality that re-seeding decisions will need to be made. It's no secret that many, if not most, livestock and dairy producers are looking for ways to augment or enhance their existing forage stands and subsequent hay supplies.

To date, most areas of the Midwest appear to be in better condition than a year ago. However, many new perennial seedings last spring or fall established in less than ideal environments, leading many producers to recognize some level of improvement will be essential in the coming weeks. There's no better time than now to check fields and look for areas of thinning – usually in open, windswept sections of fields or where plants were exposed to excess water in poorly drained areas.

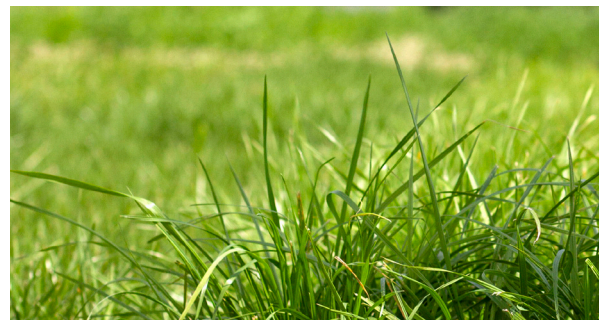
Undoubtedly, entire fields could benefit from some level of upgrading. It's crucial for producers to make plans today to ensure they have the seed, labor and equipment ready when our normally tight planting windows present the opportunity to maximize forage yield and quality potential.

Poor Alfalfa Stand - Illinois ►



If a spring planting is needed, select forage options based on the livestock being fed and the type of forage required. A few products to spotlight:

- FORAGE FIRST 9615** ([bit.ly/2QMkgX6](https://bit.ly/2QMkgX6)) & **RED CARPET® XL RED CLOVER** ([bit.ly/341pjbP](https://bit.ly/341pjbP)) – 3-year red clovers that increase overall forage yields while improving protein and quality. Integrating red clover is a very economical way to boost production in grass pastures and hay fields.
  
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When hay or haylage is short, consider planting alfalfa or other perennial options now, so the same scenario can be avoided a year or two from today. Inter-seeding into damaged stands is one way to extend fields and supply a quicker turnaround for feed. Yet if a stand is to the point where only one cutting is planned before termination, consider how many weeks this could delay an alternative crop from being planted in that same field and maximized later in the year.



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