

GRASS FARMER

Cows are herbivores.. Just like every other grazing herd in the world, these cows are followed through their grazing fields by birds. They scratch through dung and peck parasites off herbivores (like the egret on the rhino's nose).

The birds in this field are chickens. These omnivores are a biological pasture sanitizing. As the electric fence moves down the field, placing the cows on fresh grazing land, the chickens follow behind, preparing the paddock for the next grazing cycle.

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Joel Salatin's 'Polyface Bouquet': 1. fall panicum; 2. pigweed; 3. chickory; 4. timothy; 5. fescue; 6. ryegrass; 7. orchard grass; 8. more ryegrass; 9. more pigweed; 10. narrow leaf plantain; 11. wide leaf plantain; 12. more orchard grass; 13. red clover. Everything in Joel's hands grows plentifully in this field (he picked this entire bouquet from by his feet).