

We'd Eat It! Training Packages

Tools for Training Your Cows to Eat Weeds

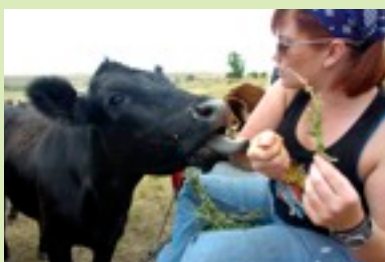


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The Team



Kathy Voth, founder, developed the process for training cows to eat weeds. She's trained cows in Montana, Colorado and California to eat a wide variety of weeds. Her background in animal behavior is key to her success in adapting training to meet human and animal needs.



Leah Ashley is a recent graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in psychology and an emphasis in animal behavior. She assists with trainings and workshops.

We include additional team members for specific projects.

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Turn Your Cows Into Weed Managers

Every year farmers and ranchers spend billions on controlling pasture and rangeland weeds. Yet, in spite of new herbicides and application techniques weeds continue to spread at a rate of about 14% per year.

What to do? Well, if you can't beat 'em, EAT 'EM! It turns out weeds are often as nutritious as alfalfa and available early spring to late fall.

Quit spending your time and money on herbicides and spray equipment.

Invest in your livestock and land!

We want you and your herd to be successful weed managers.

So, here are some training packages to get you started as quickly and easily as possible:

Get the Facts and a Plan

This is a one-day workshop perfect for groups of folks interested in putting together their own "We'd Eat It!" training plans. We'll go over the science and research behind the training steps and then help you create your own plan adapted for your operation. The workshop is limited to 12 farms/ranches (and 2 people per farm/ranch) so that you can get the individual assistance you need. Each operation gets:

- Finished plan for training cows to eat weeds so you can hit the ground running
- DVD - Turning Cows Into Weed Managers
- Planning Workbook

You provide a meeting room and we'll bring the training materials.

Workshop Cost: \$4,990
 Includes Travel and Lodging

A Hand Up

You'd like to train your cows, but it would help if you had a little backup from us to answer questions and make sure you're on the right track. You get:

- Four hours of phone consultations while you're training
- An evaluation of, and recommendations on your training plan based on your Planning Workbook
- Information about your weed's biology, nutritional value, toxins
- Planning Workbook
- Information on using trained animals to teach your herd
- DVD - Turning Cows Into Weed Managers

Price: \$800

It's Easy, Efficient and Cost-Effective

The Details

Producer Responsibilities

Training feed purchase

For training 50 cows, estimate 18 bags of feed (about \$200).

We'll coordinate with you on the types of feeds to purchase based on what your animals are already familiar with.

Feeding equipment

What you'll use depends on what you have and what your animals are accustomed to. My preference is old supplement tubs, 1 per every 3 animals. We can also use troughs, or for very large herds we can feed on the ground.

Herd Selection and Separation

Your training plan will outline the numbers and ages of animals we're working with. You'll have them in their pasture or dry lot when we arrive so we can get started right away.

Weed Collecting Tools and Assistance

Sometimes we need clippers, sometimes we just pick weeds. Doing it together gives us time to talk.

Fencing materials for the trial pasture

We use small pastures to encourage animals to learn to harvest the target weed. Portable electric fencing is the best choice. We'll choose the pasture size and build the fence together.

Do you have a neighbor or group you'd like to work with?

Add \$800 per operation. We'll provide them with their own DVD, workbook, training plan and feeding protocols and then train everyone's animals at the same time.

Package prices are for training cows to eat one target weed.

Ask about training for more than one weed.

All packages can be adjusted to meet your unique needs.

Come On Over

This is for folks who are willing to begin training on their own but would like help with the trickier part of introducing the cows to the weed and making sure they're grazing it in pasture. You get:

- Five days of on-site assistance focused on when animals begin eating weeds.
- A training plan and feeding schedules prepared by us
- Information about your weed's biology, nutritional value and toxins
- Planning Workbook
- Information on using trained animals to teach your herd
- DVD - Turning Cows Into Weed Managers

See "The Details" for info on what you'll provide, and on including your neighbors in the training process.

Price: \$5,000
Plus Travel and Lodging

The Kitchen Sink

This is for folks who want their animals trained for them from start to finish. This price includes working with you and one of your neighbors. You get:

- Ten days of on-site assistance by two team members
- A training plan and feeding schedules prepared by us
- Information about your weed's biology, nutritional value, toxins
- Planning Workbook
- Information on using trained animals to teach your herd
- DVD - Turning Cows Into Weed Managers

See "The Details" for info on what you'll provide, and on including your neighbors in the training process.

Price: \$12,000
Plus Travel and Lodging

Livestock for Landscapes Project Highlights

2004-2005 - Kathy invents the training process teaching Heifers to eat **Canada thistle**, **leafy spurge** and **spotted knapweed** in Montana.

2006-2007 - Six trained animals teach 120 untrained animals to add **distaff** and **Italian thistle** to their diet. Cows decide on their own to add **bull and sow thistle**, and **coyote bush** to their diets.

2007-2008 - Cows learn to eat late-season diffuse knapweed and **dalmation toadflax** in Boulder County, Colorado. They add **Canada and musk thistle** on their own.

- Cows learn to eat **black mustard** at Vandenberg Air Force Base neighbors in the training process.

- We train 320 cows and 38 bison to eat **Canada thistle** at six ranches in 2 weeks for Madison Valley Ranchlands Group Weed Committee and the NRCS. At one ranch **we train 110 pairs** at the same time.