

Sharing the Load as you Steward the Land

Field walking with clippers and a garbage bag to collect seed heads from Tansy

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One way to help tackle challenges that come up on properties with any amount of acreage is to share the load with your neighbors if you can. Sometimes managing a piece of land can become overwhelming if you think you have to do it all on your own with limited funds. From repairing fence lines, to pulling weeds, to making it through a healthy calving season, there are many opportunities for neighbors to help each other out and tackle those endless jobs. My neighbor and I try to help each other out by trading services with each other. They may need their cows bred, but don't want to have a bull on their property. I may need help pulling tansy from my pastures. Making arrangements to swap services helps everyone in the long run and saves everyone money. For instance, in return for feeding my neighbors cows while they are being bred by my bull, they helped me hand pull a light to medium infestation of Tansy Ragwort from 73 acres of pasture. Another option, have work parties where family members gather to help with a project, and then you feed them dinner.



Bagging Tansy



Tansy Seed Heads