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### Cover Photo

The cover photo shows a Jersey cow drinking at a movable water tank used in rotational grazing on a dairy farm in Maine (see p. 35). A single strand electric fence divides the pasture into small paddocks, which are grazed consecutively for one to two days. In the background is a recently mowed section of pasture. Photograph by Susan Gage, School of Nutrition, Tufts University, Medford, MA.