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**Spectral Sensing for Forage Quality Determination** **of Cool Season, Grass Pastures During the Grazing Season**

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