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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would modify the definition of "pasture" for feedlot regulatory purposes to include cropland where livestock are allowed to forage during the winter months. It would also change the qualifying period to January 1, 2010 - January 1, 2020. Under current law, an owner or resident of land where livestock were allowed to pasture anytime between 1990 and 2000 is exempt from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's feedlot and manure management rules. "Pasture" is currently defined as "areas where grass or other growing plants are used for grazing and where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetation cover is maintained during the growing season except in the immediate vicinity of temporary supplemental feeding or watering devices." (Minnesota Rules, part 7020.0300, subpart 18)

- 1 Exemptions.** Modifies the current pasture exemption to include cropland where livestock are allowed to forage during the winter. Modifies the qualifying time period from the ten-year period beginning January 1, 1990, to the ten-year period beginning January 1, 2010.