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Precision Agriculture: Leveraging Remote Sensing and Virtual Fencing for Enhancing

**Sustainable Ranching Practices** 

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## Abstract:

Sustainable ranching is becoming an increasingly vital task to a world facing growing environmental challenges and constraints. The integration of remote sensing technologies and virtual fencing systems will be deployed to develop and practice regenerative agriculture. Combining these technologies allows ranchers to reduce environmental impacts, improve animal welfare and cut costs through optimization. Remote sensing allows for precise monitoring of vegetation, soil conditions, and overall land utilization. This paradigm shift in data collection allows for informed decision-making in land management, rotational grazing, and weather preparedness. Virtual fencing technologies enable ranchers to manage livestock movement without expensive physical barriers. GPS tracking and geofencing create virtual boundaries to reduce overgrazing and allows for the non-invasive hands-free rotation of grazers. The combination of remote sensing using drones and virtual fencing offer exciting new tools for producers to utilize in the development of sustainable ranching practices. This allows ranchers to measure and adjust their practices in real time, with less stress on the animals or the land they depend on. By leveraging these technologies, ranchers can contribute to reduced environmental degradation and better resource conservation and management while still maintaining a profitable operation.