



**Tennessee Job Sheet
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
Managed Haying and Grazing
Conservation Practices No. 528 and 511**



**MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING
IN THE CONSERVATION RESERVE
PROGRAM (CRP)**

General Provisions

Managed haying or grazing is restricted to the following practices on which the established cover is at least one (1) year old:

- CP1 – Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
- CP2 – Permanent Native Grasses
- CP4B/CP4D – Permanent Wildlife Habitat (herbaceous portion only)
- CP10 – Vegetative Cover Grass (already established)

Managed haying or grazing requires written pre-approval by the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee and a written conservation plan or plan modification that clearly schedules the years planned.

Managed haying or grazing is limited to one (1) calendar year out of every three (3) years.

The same acre CANNOT be scheduled for both haying and grazing.

Any acre hayed or grazed under EMERGENCY PROVISIONS is considered hayed or grazed under the MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING PROVISION in terms of the three-year cycle of allowance.

Managed haying or grazing is NOT ALLOWED within 120 feet of any stream or water body.

Managed haying or grazing is ONLY ALLOWED during designated periods of Tables 1 and 2.

Managed haying is limited to only one (1) cutting in the approved year.

Cool Season Grasses

Cool season grasses (fescue, orchardgrass) shall be hayed or grazed no lower than an average height of three (3) inches. No more than 20 percent of the stand may be grazed lower than three inches as a result of spot grazing. Any areas resulting in the loss of adequate vegetative cover due to haying or grazing shall be re-established by the landowner with no additional cost share, either through reseeding and/or supplemental lime and fertilizer.



Native Warm Season Grasses

Native warm season grasses (Big bluestem, Indiangrass, etc.) shall be hayed or grazed no lower than an average height of six (6) inches. No more than 20 percent of the stand may be grazed lower than six inches as a result of spot grazing. Any areas resulting in the loss of adequate vegetative cover due to haying or grazing shall be re-established by the landowner with no additional cost share, either through reseeding or verification of the adequacy of natural regeneration.

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TABLE 1. Designated periods for MANAGED HAYING. No extension of dates is allowed.

GRASS	HAYING DATE	FIELD(S)	ACRES	YEAR SCHEDULED
Cool Season Grasses (Fescue, Orchardgrass)	July 2 – Sept. 30			
Native Warm Season Grasses (Big Bluestem, Indiangrass, etc.)	July 2 – Aug. 31			

TABLE 2. Designated periods for MANAGED GRAZING. No extension of dates is allowed.

GRASS	GRAZING DATE	FIELD(S)	ACRES	YEAR SCHEDULED
Cool Season Grasses (Fescue, Orchardgrass)	Feb. 1 – March 31 AND/OR Aug. 1 – Sept. 30			
Native Warm Season Grasses (Big Bluestem, Indiangrass, etc.)	March 1 – March 31 AND/OR July 2 – Aug. 31			

If the above tables are used as a planning tool for developing or modifying the CRP contract, in addition to filling in field numbers, acres, and scheduled year, enter the following client information in the blanks below.

LANDOWNER (PRODUCER) _____

TRACT NO. _____

CRP CONTRACT NO. _____

Date _____

NRCS DISTRICT _____
CONSERVATIONIST

Date _____

COC Approval _____

Date _____

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