



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forage Harvest Management

Implementation Requirements (511)

Prepared for: _____

Prepared by: _____

Farm: _____ Tract: _____ Date: _____



DEFINITION

The timely cutting and removal of forages from the field as hay, green-chop or ensilage.

PURPOSE

The purpose of forage harvest management may be to:

- ☐ Optimize the economic yield of forage at the desired quality and quantity.
- ☐ Promote vigorous plant regrowth.
- ☐ Manage for desired species composition.
- ☐ Use forage plant biomass as a soil nutrient uptake tool.
- ☐ Control insects, diseases and weeds.
- ☐ Maintain and/or improve wildlife habitat.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Forage management operations will comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances.

Evaluate regrowth or reoccurrence of target species after sufficient time has passed to monitor the situation and gather reliable data to determine success and/or need for additional treatment.

Following initial application, some regrowth, resprouting, or reoccurrence of brush should be expected. Spot treatment of individual plants or areas needing retreatment should be done as needed.

Additional Operation and Maintenance requirements specific to this Plan:

Forage Harvest Management for Crops

Farm #	Field #	Acres	Plant Species	Number of Cuttings	Growth Stage at Harvest	Minimum height at 1 st frost killing

Forage Harvest Management for Wildlife

Farm #	Field #	Acres	Wildlife Concern	Plant Species	Minimum height at 1 st frost killing *(6 in)	Harvest Date Mid Sep – Mid Apr

*Recommend height at killing frost is 6 inches to ensure adequate cover for nesting birds.

☐ See Integrated Pest Management Plan for information about pest control.

☐ See Nutrient Management Plan for fertilization recommendations.

Refer to the conservation plan map for the location of Forage Harvest Management for Wildlife.

Certify and document installation of conservation practices according to [Title 450, General Manual \(GM\), Part 407](#), and applicable conservation practice Statement of Work (SOW) found in Section IV of the eFOTG.

PRACTICE DESIGN

(Anyone can prepare Implementation Requirements (IR), granted it is reviewed and approved by an individual with appropriate Design JAA)

IR Prepared by (Name & Title): _____ Date: _____ Project JAA Class: _____

(Individuals with appropriate Design JAA can prepare, design, and approve their own work)

Design Approved by (Name & Title): _____ Date: _____ Design JAA Level: _____

(Anyone can review the IR with the Client/Producer, granted it's been approved by an individual with appropriate Design JAA)

Implementation Requirements Reviewed with the Client/Producer on (insert date): _____.

Printed Producer Name

Producer Signature

PRACTICE CONSTRUCTION & CERTIFICATION

I. Practice Installation

(Anyone can perform Practice Installations, granted it is performed under the technical supervision of an individual with appropriate C&C JAA)

Pre-Construction/Implementation meeting completed with Client/Contractor on (insert date): _____.

Completed By (Name & Title): _____ Date: _____ C&C JAA Level: _____

Implementation TA provided by (Name & Title): _____ Date: _____

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II. On-Site Practice Inspection & Checkout

(Anyone can perform On-Site Practice Inspections & Checkouts, granted it is certified by an individual with appropriate C&C JAA)

Amount Completed: _____ (units) (Note: Take picture(s) and mark As-Built location on practice certification map)

Remarks: _____

Checkout by (Name & Title): _____ Date: _____ C&C JAA Level: _____

III. Construction/Installation Certification

(Only individuals with appropriate C&C JAA can validate and approve Construction/Installation certifications)

This practice meets NRCS standards and specifications: ☐ Yes ☐ No (If No, state reason(s) in remarks section below).

Remarks: _____

Certification by (Name & Title): _____ Date: _____ C&C JAA Level: _____