Critical Feed Use Haying and Grazing on CRP

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service — Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 12F-CRP (June 2008)

Landuser: _____ OPID: _____ County: _____ Date: _____

CRP Contract No./Revision No. : _____ Tract No. _____ Field No(s). _____

Option Selected (circle): HAYING GRAZING

General Requirements: Critical Feed Use Haying or Grazing may not begin prior to July 16th.

- Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be contacted to designate area(s) prior to any haying or grazing of CRP land.
- Critical Feed Use Haying/Grazing is only approved for: *CP-1, CP-2, CP-4B/D, CP-10, and CP-18B/C.*
- Haying and Grazing cannot be used on the same acreage and cannot be used in conjunction with Emergency provisions.
- Areas within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent waterbody are ineligible for Critical Feed Use Haying/Grazing.
- Critical Feed Use Haying/Grazing is generally not a substitute for required management practices (tillage/interseeding, prescribed burning, or non-selective herbicide treatment). However, Critical Feed Use Haying/Grazing may be useful to remove excessive residue prior to conducting a management practice.
- It may be possible to use high intensity–short duration grazing as a management practice (height can be modified). (See Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 20A – CRP Management Practice Requirements for guidance.)
- CRP cover that will be sprayed with a non-selective herbicide this fall for enhancing grass/forb cover must have haying completed or livestock removed in time to allow for adequate re-growth in order to get an adequate kill.

CRITICAL FEED USE HAYING: Haying is only allowed after seeded grass/forb/legume seedings are established.

- Haying is limited to a maximum of 50% of a field and only one cutting is permitted with a minimum stubble height of 4".
- Haying must be completed prior to November 10th (prior to August 15th *preferred* for warm-season stands and prior to September 1st *preferred* for cool-season stands).

Date of haying: _____ **(Attach a map of acres to be hayed.)**

CRITICAL FEED USE GRAZING: Grazing is only allowed after seeded grass/forb/legume seedings are established.

- Grazing is limited to one of the options listed below. **Check the option selected.**

☐ Option A – requires that grazing occur at no more than 75% of the stocking rate determined by NRCS.

☐ Option B – requires that ≥ 25% of the eligible acres not be grazed and remainder grazed at up to 100% stocking rate.

- Livestock will be removed when the minimum grazing height listed below is reached.
  (If adequate regrowth occurs prior to September 1st, grazing may be reinitiated - provided that at least 30 consecutive days of rest has occurred since the previous grazing period.)
- Grazing can be rotated among different paddocks within the contract provided all other requirements are met (i.e. height).
- All livestock must be removed from CRP fields by November 10th.
- **Attach a map of acres to be grazed and appropriate details (type of livestock, stocking rate, duration, etc.).**

Minimum Grass Heights for Grazing * - (applicable species and option shall be highlighted)

Key Forage Species (Cool-season grasses)	Grazing Height Option A	Grazing Height Option B	Regrowth Height **	Key Forage Species (Warm-season grasses)	Grazing Height Option A	Grazing Height Option B	Regrowth Height **
Cool-Season Mix	6"	4"	8"	Tall Warm-Season Mix	8"	6"	10"
Intermediate wheatgrass	6"	4"	8"	Medium Warm-Season Mix	5"	3"	7"
Crested wheatgrass	5"	3"	7"	Switchgrass	8"	6"	10"
Tall wheatgrass	6"	4"	8"	Big/sand bluestem	8"	6"	10"
Smooth bromegrass	6"	4"	8"	Indiangrass	8"	6"	10"
Reed canarygrass	6"	4"	8"	Little bluestem	5"	3"	7"
Orchardgrass	6"	4"	8"	Sideoats grama	5"	3"	7"
Western wheatgrass	5"	3"	7"	Sand lovegrass	5"	3"	7"
Green needlegrass	5"	3"	7"	Buffalograss/Blue grama	3"	2"	4"
Other:				Other:			

* - Minimum Grazing Height is the average height of grass species when leaves are lifted to vertical position.

** - Regrowth Height Required is the average height of grass required prior to September 1st if grazing is reinitiated.

I (We) concur in the haying/grazing provisions outlined in Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 12F-CRP.

COOPERATOR (Producer):		Date:	
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NRCS Representative:		Date:	
FSA County Committee:		Date:	
NRD Representative:		Date:	