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Conservation Practice Standard Overview

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Prescribed grazing involves managing the harvest of vegetation with grazing and/or browsing animals.

Practice Information

In grazing, the animal type, animal number, grazing distribution, length of grazing and/or browsing periods, and timing of use is managed to provide grazed plants sufficient recovery time to meet planned objectives.

Adjusting the intensity, frequency, timing, and duration of grazing and/or browsing impacts plant communities and the associated resources, including animals. Managing for weed and pest control or drought management may be the focus of the grazing plan.

Monitoring the land resource on a regular basis insures that objectives are being met or changed to meet objectives on the land.

Common Associated Practices

Prescribed Grazing (528) is commonly applied with conservation practices, such as Brush Management (314), Pasture Planting (512) or Range Planting (550), and Fence (382).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.