

Producer Self-Certification Guidance Sheet

Forage Harvest Management (511)

The following guidance is provided to assist producers with self-certifying practice completion.

- The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) planner or Technical Service Provider (TSP) shall design the practice according to conservation practice standards and specifications and shall document on page 1 of Form KS-ECS-23, Vegetative Management, the stage of maturity for harvest, harvest interval, minimum cutting height, and re-growth by first frost. The same NRCS planner or TSP certifies design by signing under “Technical Service Provider.”
- Form KS-ECS-23 shall be reviewed with and concurred by the producer. Producer signs under “Producer’s Statement” that they have reviewed the practice design and agree to the requirements of the practice.
- Form KS-ECS-23 and Producer Self-Certification Guidance Sheet shall be provided to the producer.
- Once the practice is applied, the producer completes items 4 and 5 on page 2 of Form KS-ECS-23.
- Producer shall provide in item 4 a narrative description of applied management practice. The description shall include the minimum cutting height of the plant species as well as the re-growth height achieved before the first frost.
- Producer shall provide in item 5 the number of acres where forage harvest management has been applied and the date of completion.
- Producer shall sign and date under the statement “This practice has been applied as designed.”
- Form KS-ECS-23 shall be returned to the NRCS field office. No additional supporting documentation would be required from the producer.