

Proper Grazing Use

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Legal \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Grazing Unit or System	Acres	Species of Grazing Animal	Season of Use	Key Plant(s) for Judging Proper Grazing Use	Planned Minimum Percent of Key Species at End of Grazing Period or Pounds Per Acre	Actual Percent or Pounds Remaining				
						20__	20__	20__	20__	20__

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Representative or Technical Service Provider (TSP)**

Layout by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Designed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Producer's Statement**  
 The design and O&M of this practice has been discussed with me and I concur with both. **No changes are allowed without the approval of the NRCS Representative or TSP.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Individual Certifying Application					
Dates of Application Certification					

Note: Key plant(s) shall be monitored or measured at identified key grazing areas. Key grazing areas shall be identified on the conservation plan map.

**Definitions**

**Grazing Unit or System:** Enter in this column the name of the pasture or field used by the producer or the number from the conservation plan map.

**Acres:** Enter in this column the acreage of the grazing unit.

**Species of Grazing Animal:** Enter in this column the species and class of livestock being grazed. For example, dry cows, cow-calves, ewes and lambs, yearling cattle, 2-year steers, yearling sheep, goats, deer, horses, elk, etc.

**Season of Use:** Enter in this column the season (fall, winter, spring, or summer) or the months (Sep-Oct, May-Jul, etc) that unit will be grazed.

**Key Plant(s) for Judging Proper Grazing Use:** Enter in this column the species by common name on which you and the producer decide proper grazing use will be judged. There may be occasion when you will select two species. In this case, enter the name of both species.

**Minimum Percent of Key Species at End of Grazing Period or Pounds Per Acre:** Enter in this column the percent by weight of the current years growth of the key species that should be left ungrazed at the end of the grazing season. Where specifications call for a certain number of pounds of forage to be left ungrazed per acre of the key species, the specified pounds per acre should be entered in this column.

**Actual Percent or Pounds Remaining:** Enter in this column by calendar year the percent by weight or pounds remaining of the selected key species in the grazing unit. This measurement should be based on the key species, on the key grazing area, at or near the end of the grazing call for use in percent of current years growth, enter percentage of growth ungrazed. If use is specified in amount of forage to be left ungrazed in pounds per acre, enter pounds per acre left ungrazed.