



**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM25 – Stockpiling of forages to extend the grazing season**

**State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)  
 Additional State Criteria**

1. Livestock are excluded from forages on specified acres during the growing season (April 1 – October 1). The “stockpiled” forages are grazed at a later time using strip grazing to allow animals to utilize the forage within a strip for a specified period of time.
2. Fertilization in accordance with UNL Extension guidelines and soils test.
3. Forage plants will be grazed no lower than average stubble heights as set by NRCS standards and specifications.
4. Forage plants will be rested after the period of grazing until adequate plant growth (height) has been achieved; as set by NRCS standards and specifications.
5. The intensity and frequency will allow for the recommended residual forage heights for common pasture species in Nebraska based on Nebraska Prescribed Grazing Specifications ([528S](#)), Table 3.
6. Extended grazing season, depending on depth of and arrival of heavy snowfall, may be from October 15 until December 30, and could possibly extend toward mid-January with low snowfall years.

**Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)  
 ADDITIONAL STATE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Complete the Table below:

1	2	3	4	5	6
Tract	Pasture	Total Acres	Planned Stockpiled Acres	Applied Stockpiled Acres	Year of Stockpiling
<i>Ex. 100</i>	<i>R1-4</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>Approx. 80</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>R1-2012, R2-2013, R3-2014, R4-2015, R1-2016</i>

Ex. = example. NRCS completes column 1, 2 3 & 4 (Tract, Field and Acres Planned, etc ). Operator completes remaining columns.



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Measurements of key forage plant heights (before and after grazing)

**Example Data Collection Form For Key Forage Plant Heights Before and After Grazing**

Pasture	Key Forage Plant	Livestock In Date	Key Forage Plant Height Before	Livestock Out Date	Key Forage Plant Height After

**I certify that the following information meets specifications and have been provided to NRCS:**

1. Map with total grazing management system clearly identified and showing areas to be stockpiled – by year (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
2. A copy of the operation’s prescribed grazing plan.
3. Specified stockpiled acres designated on a map and in the prescribed grazing plan.
4. Photographs showing stockpiled forage for each such pasture.
5. Post-grazing photographs for each pasture following livestock occupation.
6. Post-grazing average plant stubble heights are adequate.
7. Forage plants were rested until adequate new growth height was achieved.

**Certified by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



<sup>1/</sup> **Table 3. Recommendations for Beginning and Ending Grazing (Heights and Dates) for Nebraska Pastures**

Species	Begin Grazing		End Grazing	
	<sup>2/</sup> Minimum Height of Vegetative Growth (inches)	Approximate Date*	<sup>2/</sup> Minimum Residual Height (inches)	<sup>2/</sup> Minimum Residual Height Before Killing Frost (inches)
Alfalfa, Alsike & red clover	6	May 15	3	6
Big & Sand bluestem	10	June 1	6	10
Birdsfoot trefoil	6	June 1	3	6
Cicer milkvetch	8	May 20	5	8
Creeping foxtail	6	May 1	3	6
Crested wheatgrass	4	April 20	3	6
Eastern gamagrass	18-20	June 1	8	10
Indiangrass	10	June 1	4	10
Intermediate wheatgrass	6	May 1	5	8
Meadow brome	6	May 1	5	6
Orchardgrass	6	May 1	5	8
Pubescent wheatgrass	6	May 1	5	6
Reed canarygrass	8	May 1	4	8
Russian wildrye	6	May 1	3	4
Smooth brome	6	May 1	4	7
Switchgrass	10	June 1	6	10
Tall fescue	6	May 1	3	6
Tall wheatgrass	7	May 1	4	8
Timothy	6	June 1	4	5
Western wheatgrass	6	May 1	3	6

<sup>1/</sup> Height is the average height when **leaves** are lifted in a vertical position. <sup>2/</sup> In Vegetative Zone I, the Panhandle of Nebraska, all heights listed in Table 3 should be adjusted downward by 25% for all species.