



GRAZING MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

April 2006

NEBRASKA

Name: _____

Producer has facilitating practices in place (cross fence and water development) and allows sufficient growing-season rest on pastures in a rotation, AND has developed riparian/wetland pastures with proper management. Utilizes at least 6 other enhancements.

Payment = \$_____ / Acre / Year for all grazing land acres where producers have all facilitating practices in place, adequate growing-season rest, and have developed riparian/wetland pastures.

This enhancement is designed for CSP participants with a very high level of grazing management and essential conservation practices already in place. A prescribed grazing system has already been developed and is in place.

Upland Grazing Required Elements:

- If this enhancement is selected, no other grazing land enhancements and H4, H5, or H6 may be selected for individual payment on grazing land acres receiving G-17,
- Cross fences and water developments have been previously constructed to facilitate the rotational grazing management that ensures growing-season rest/recovery of key species,
- Water developments fully facilitate the livestock grazing system and their placement results in even livestock distribution
- Rangeland grazing units (mostly warm-season grasses) receive an average of 35 continuous days or greater growing-season rest through a prescribed grazing system that rotates livestock herds between paddocks or grazing units
- Pasture grazing units (mostly cool-season grasses) receive an average of 20 continuous days or greater growing-season rest through a prescribed grazing system that rotates livestock herds between paddocks or grazing units,
- Riparian areas are managed separately from other grazing lands and receive appropriate livestock use
- Permanent grasslands that are hayed are eligible for this enhancement if grazing lands are included in the operation that meet upland and riparian grazing requirements
- Six other enhancements are utilized on all applicable grazing lands eligible for G17 (refer to enhancements listed on the following page).

Riparian Grazing Required Elements:

- All grazing areas containing riparian or large wetland complexes are fenced into separate grazing units from other grazing lands and managed as riparian pastures
- Riparian area management must include one of the following:
 - No use by livestock
 - Light early grazing that ensures post-grazing plant re-growth (No or Limited grazing after June 1)

- Bank degradation is minimized, utilization is less than 50% (No or Limited grazing after August 15)
- Short-term light grazing is practiced during any season and livestock utilization levels ensure adequate stream bank protection (21 days of grazing or less)
- For all riparian grazing management systems it is recommended that non-riparian water sources be developed to better manage stream-bank integrity
- Grazing utilization is less than 50% during any season of use

Maintenance:

- Maintain the prescribed grazing system ensuring appropriate growing-season rest is maintained on non-riparian units and riparian pastures receive riparian grazing management as described in the requirements above.

Documentation Required:

Use the following table to document grazing land fields where cross fences and water developments have been constructed to facilitate a prescribed grazing system that ensures appropriate growing-season rest on grazing land units. Group fields where applicable. An example is provided to assist you.

Grazing Land Units	Average or planned number of days of growing-season rest in each pasture or paddock	Riparian grazing management type	End of season riparian area utilization	Acres in Management Units	Year(s)
T2455 R1, R2, R3, T3456 P1, P2, and R1	Example 38	Short-term light grazing in the spring	30%	550	2006

Grazing Lands Units	Average or planned number of days of growing-season rest in each pasture or paddock	Riparian grazing management type	End of season riparian area utilization	Acres in Management Units	Year(s)

Select at least 6 of the following Enhancements:

Complete and attach all job sheets for enhancements selected

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| <input type="checkbox"/> G1 Manage invasive species along drainages | <input type="checkbox"/> G12 Inter-seed legumes into pasture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G2 Modify prescribed burn to manipulate plant species | <input type="checkbox"/> G13 Manage native hay lands species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G4 Rotate salt, mineral, and supplements | <input type="checkbox"/> G14 Spot spray weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G5 Manage access to riparian areas* | <input type="checkbox"/> G15 Quantify changes in plant species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G8 Reduce wintertime livestock confinement | <input type="checkbox"/> H4 Burn prescription to create mosaic habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G10 Grazing deferment to improve burn | <input type="checkbox"/> H5 Deferred grazing for nesting habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G11 Utilize decision support tools for grazing plan | <input type="checkbox"/> H6 Light grazing to create vegetative structure |

*G5 Automatically eligible if enrollment qualifies for enhancement G17

Additional Documentation Required:

Provided plan maps that clearly indicate the location of livestock water developments and cross and riparian fences. Signed certification that all grazing lands have facilitating practices in place, are managed to ensure pastures receive appropriate periods of grazing rest during the growing season, and riparian areas receive proper livestock grazing management. Completed job sheets for 6 selected enhancements.

Certification:

I certify that all grazing lands have facilitating practices such as cross fences and water developments in place, are managed to ensure grazing units receive appropriate rest/recovery periods during the growing season, and riparian areas receive proper livestock grazing management as described in the narrative in the field(s) listed in the table above.

Name: _____ Date: _____