



United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

# CSP Job Sheet G-3

## GRAZING MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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### NEBRASKA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Increase the number of management units to decrease occupational periods

Payment = \$1.00 for each acre receiving decreased periods of livestock occupation by increasing the number of management units.

Change the current grazing system to allow for an increased rest period to occur in pastures in an effort to improve plant health and vigor. The grazing plan should identify one or more key plant species that serve as indicators of management effectiveness so that appropriate rest periods can be prescribed. The grazing plan should document the planned length of grazing periods in pastures and length of time between grazing periods for an overall reduction in total grazing activity per pasture. The increased length in rest periods should be at least 10% longer than currently planned.

**Documentation Required:** Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of the grazing system design. An example is provided to assist you.

Management Units	Acres	Key Plant Species	Days Grazed	Grazing Season Days Rested in 2005	Grazing Season Days Rested in 2004	% Increase in Rest Period
Field 9	Example	Big Bluestem	28	165	105	53

Management Units	Acres	Key Plant Species	Days Grazed	Grazing Season Days Rested in 2005	Grazing Season Days Rested in 2004	% Increase in Rest Period

#### Operation and Maintenance:

**Operation:** Livestock grazing plans should accommodate increased rest of grazing units, particularly during the active growing season of desirable rangeland and pasture species. Planned grazing use should not exceed 60% of annual production. Additional practices and inputs such as cross fences and water facility development may be required to facilitate adequate rest periods.

**Maintenance:** Grazing unit rotation of livestock should be accomplished annually, alternating the planned rotation sequence of grazing units each subsequent year, or specifically providing growing-season rest periods based on individual pasture condition.

**Documentation Required:** Signed certification that a grazing schedule allowing planned periods of rest greater than 10% of that historically provided is being followed and grazing records documenting the per-cent increase in rest period.

**Certification:**

I certify that I have applied the grazing management system as explained in the narrative in the field(s) and listed in the table above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_