



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 = \$ _____ / Acre / Year for each acre in management units 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. This is most often accomplished by cross fencing undivided pastures and including them in a rotation grazing system to increase rest periods on grazing land.

Required Elements:

- Develop one or more new management units (paddocks) to increase the number of paddocks, and to allow for an increase in rest periods in an effort to improve plant health and vigor through rest,
- The grazing plan will identify one or more key plant species that serve as indicators of management effectiveness so that appropriate rest periods can be prescribed,
- The increase in rest period for each management unit will be at least 10% longer than currently planned.

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:

Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of the new 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	161	Big Bluestem	28	165	105	53

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Additional 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 percent increase in rest period.

Certification:

I certify that I have applied the grazing management system as described in this jobsheet in the field(s) listed in the table above.

Name: _____ Date: _____