



United States Department of Agriculture
 Natural Resources Conservation Service

CSP Job Sheet G-8

GRAZING MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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NEBRASKA

Name: _____

Reduce wintertime confinement of animals to four months or less

Payment = \$ _____ / Acre / Year for each acre in management units used for wintertime livestock grazing which meets the non-prolonged confinement period of four months or less.

Prolonged confinement of animals in solitary lots, pens or pastures can impair soil quality, negatively affect plant health and vigor, and increase erosion. Grazing systems that include strategies to prolong the grazing season (such as stockpiling pasture forage, lightly utilizing forage on select grazing units during the growing season) and provide for winter grazing use and minimize wintertime confinement can reduce the negative effects of livestock confinement periods.

Required Elements:

- Grazing lands that are part of a normal grazing system utilized for grazing during the winter or dormant-season (November through March) will not exceed 4 months of livestock use in any grazing unit,
- Only pasture or rangeland fields that receive winter time grazing use where livestock are not being fed during the winter months are eligible for this enhancement,
- This enhancement does not apply to confinement areas, cropland that is grazed after harvest, or other non-rangeland or pasture areas.

Documentation Required:

Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of management units used during the core winter months. An example is provided to assist you.

Management Units	Land Use	Confinement Period	Acres Treated	Year(s)
Field 9	Example Rangeland	12/1 - 2/15	140	2005

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Additional Documentation Required:

Signed certification that winter livestock confinement periods do not exceed four months and livestock are not negatively affecting soil quality, erosion, and plant health and vigor.

Certification:

I certify that I have reduced wintertime confinement in identified management units as described in this jobsheet in the field(s) listed in the table above.

Name: _____ Date: _____