



United States Department of Agriculture
 Natural Resources Conservation Service

CSP Job Sheet G-8

GRAZING MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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LOWER BIG BLUE AND LOWER LITTLE BLUE WATERSHEDS IN NEBRASKA

Name: _____

Reduce wintertime confinement of animals to four months or less

Payment = \$1.00 for each acre used for wintertime confinement which meets the desired non-prolonged confinement 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.

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	<i>Example</i> Rangeland	12/1 - 2/15	140	2005

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Operation and Maintenance: Grazing land forage balances and grazing unit use periods should be planned annually to allow for winter livestock use in a manner that will reduce extended livestock confinement periods and subsequent soil and plant effects.

Documentation Required: Signed certification that winter livestock confinement periods do not exceed four months and 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 explained in the narrative in the field(s) listed in the table above.

Name: _____ Date: _____