



United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Pasture Condition Score (PCS)**

Sheet and rill, wind, streambank or shoreline erosion resource concerns

**Attach Photos**

General Information	
Client: _____	Farm #: _____
Field Office: _____	Tract #: _____
County: _____	Field # and acreage: _____

Circle the resource concern that applies.

	Pasture Unit Description									
<b>Erosion</b> (Always rate sheet and rill; others only if present) Sheet and rill, and gully, streambank, shoreline, or wind erosion is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span>5</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> <span>Very severe</span> <span>Severe</span> <span>Moderate</span> <span>Slight</span> <span>No visible</span> </div>										

Indicator	----- 1	----- 2	-----Score----- 3	----- 4	----- 5
<b>Erosion</b> Sheet and rill	Sheet and rill erosion is active throughout pasture; rills 3-8 inches deep at close intervals and/or grazing terraces are close-spaced with some slope slippage.	Most sheet and rill erosion confined to steepest terrain of unit; well defined rills 0.5-3 inches deep at close intervals and/or grazing terraces present.	Most sheet and rill erosion confined to heavy use areas, especially in loafing areas and water sites; rills 0.5-3 inches deep. Debris fans at down-slope edge.	No current formation of rills; some evidence of past rill formation, but are grassed. Scattered debris dams of litter present occasionally.	No evidence of current or past formation of sheet flow or rills.
Streambank or shoreline	Banks mostly bare and sloughing. No native streambank or shoreline vegetation remaining.	Banks are heavily grazed and trampled all over. Many are actively eroding laterally. Little native streambank or shoreline vegetation. Bank sloughing common.	Banks are close grazed, but few are unstable. Some native streambank or shoreline vegetation remaining. Livestock enter only at specific points, but use heavy. Remote alternative water site present.	Banks are grazed but stable. Mix of pasture plants and native water's edge species. Muddy livestock stream crossing(s) or pond entrance(s) not used heavily. Alternative water sites present.	Banks ungrazed or grazed infrequently. Abundant streambank or shore loving vegetation. Gravelly or constructed stable livestock stream crossing(s) or watering ramp(s). Or, alternative water sources present and close-by.
Wind	Blowouts or dunes forming or present.	Soil swept from the established pasture being rated causing plant death by burial or abrasion.	Soil swept from adjacent fields or pasture during seedbed prep. and seedling growth to cause pasture plant death by burial or abrasion.	Some vegetative debris windrowed. Some dust deposition from offsite source. Minor wind damage to foliage.	No visible signs of windblown soil or trash. No wind related leaf damage.