Managed Haying and Managed Grazing on CRP – Original Provisions

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service — Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 12D-CRP (June 2004)

Landuser: _____ OPID: _____ County: _____ Date: _____

CRP Contract No./Revision No. : _____ Tract No. _____ Field No(s). _____

Option Selected (circle): MANAGED HAYING MANAGED GRAZING

General Requirements: Managed Haying or Managed Grazing may not begin prior to July 16th.

- Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be contacted to designate area(s) prior to any haying or grazing of CRP land.
- Managed Haying/Managed Grazing is only approved for: *CP-1, CP-2, CP-4B/D, CP-10, and CP-18B/C.*
- Managed Haying or Managed Grazing authorization is limited to once out of every three years (inclusive of emergency haying and/or grazing operations) on any eligible CP practice, once cover is fully established.
- All acres can be hayed or grazed in a single year or a portion of the acres can be harvested each year.
- Areas within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent waterbody are ineligible for managed haying/grazing.
- Managed Haying and Managed Grazing is generally not a substitute for required management practices (tillage/interseeding, prescribed burning, or non-selective herbicide treatment). However, Managed Haying or Managed Grazing may be useful to remove excessive residue prior to conducting a management practice.
- It may be possible to use Managed Grazing (high intensity – short duration) as a management practice. (See Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 20A – CRP Management Practice Requirements for guidance.)
- CRP cover that will be sprayed with a non-selective herbicide this fall for enhancing grass/forb cover must have haying completed or livestock removed in time to allow for adequate re-growth in order to get an adequate kill.

MANAGED HAYING: Haying will only be allowed after recently seeded grass/forb/legume seedings are established.

- Haying must be completed prior to September 1st (prior to August 15th *preferred* for warm-season stands)
- Only one cutting is permitted with a minimum stubble height of 5". (A minimum stubble height of 4" is allowed if less than 50% of the field (or contiguous fields) are hayed during the year to encourage "rotational" haying.)
- Hay bales/stacks must be removed from the CRP field by October 15th.

Date of haying: _____ **(Attach a map of acres to be hayed.)**

MANAGED GRAZING: Grazing will only be allowed after recently seeded grass/forb/legume seedings are established.

- Livestock will be removed when the minimum grazing height listed below is reached.
  (If adequate regrowth occurs prior to September 1st, grazing may be reinitiated - provided that at least 20 consecutive days of rest has occurred since the previous grazing period.)
- If less than 50% of the CRP field (or contiguous fields) is grazed during the year, the minimum grazing height can be reduced by 1" for all species listed. (This is to encourage "rotational" managed grazing in each field.)
- All livestock must be removed from CRP fields by September 30th.
- **Attach a map of acres to be grazed and appropriate details (type of livestock, stocking rate, duration, etc.).**

Minimum Grass Heights for Grazing - (applicable species shall be highlighted)

Key Forage Species (Cool-season grasses)	*Minimum Grazing Height	**Regrowth Height Required	Key Forage Species (Warm-season grasses)	*Minimum Grazing Height	**Regrowth Height Required
Cool-Season Mix	6"	8"	Tall Warm-Season Mix	8"	10"
Intermediate/Pubescent wheatgrass	6"	8"	Medium Warm-Season Mix	5"	7"
Crested wheatgrass	5"	7"	Switchgrass	8"	10"
Tall wheatgrass	6"	8"	Big/sand bluestem	8"	10"
Smooth bromegrass	6"	8"	Indiangrass	8"	10"
Reed canarygrass	6"	8"	Little bluestem	5"	7"
Orchardgrass	6"	8"	Sideoats grama	5"	7"
Western wheatgrass	5"	7"	Sand lovegrass	5"	7"
Green needlegrass	5"	7"	Buffalograss/Blue grama	3"	4"
Other:			Other:		

* - Minimum Grazing Height is the average height of grass species when leaves are lifted to vertical position.
** - Regrowth Height Required is the average height of grass required prior to September 1st if grazing is reinitiated.

I (We) concur in the haying/grazing provisions outlined in Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 12D-CRP.

COOPERATOR (Producer):		Date:	
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NRCS Representative:		Date:	
FSA County Committee:		Date:	
NRD Representative:		Date:	