

Water Quality Enhancement Activity – WQL03 - Rotation of Supplement and Feeding Areas



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The proper location and regular movement of livestock concentration areas such as feeding areas and mineral blocks in a manner that will improve livestock distribution, reduce localized areas of disturbances and reduce impacts on water bodies.

Land Use Applicability

This enhancement is applicable on pastureland, rangeland, and forest land.

Benefits

The benefits of proper location and rotation of supplement and feeding areas are:

- Minimize impact around water sources and facilities
- Aid in livestock distribution and utilization of forage
- Reduce compaction of the soil and excess trampling of vegetation
- Reduce high concentrations of nutrients around water sources
- Improve animal health (concentrated areas of parasites etc.)

Criteria for Rotation of Supplementation and Feeding Areas

1. Move all supplement (such as salt and mineral) locations between grazing periods and/or on an annual basis.
2. Locate supplement at least ¼ mile (1,320 ft) from surface water and watering facilities. In those situations where pasture size limits supplement placement or multiple water sources preclude meeting the minimum distance requirement, move supplement areas more frequently to prevent nutrient buildup and to maintain good ground cover.
3. Move all feeding locations (including creep feeders) every 30 days.

Documentation Requirements for Rotation of Supplementation and Feeding Areas

- A map showing the planned locations of supplement and feeding areas in each pasture and a schedule for moving these locations.



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The intent of this enhancement activity is to manage supplements so that areas of concentrated livestock use are rotated in a manner that will promote improved livestock distribution and reduce localized areas of disturbance.

Participant Acknowledgement Statement:

I agree to apply this enhancement under the terms and conditions of my CSP contract and understand the requirements of the activity.

Documentation Required:

Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the previous and new locations of salt, mineral, and supplemental feeding areas.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Tract	Field	Acres Planned and name of pasture or management unit	Acres Applied and name of pasture or management unit	Description of existing location(s) of supplement and feeding area(s) in each pasture	Dates Applied [movement recorded for all supplement (salt/mineral) and feeding locations(s) (including creep feeders)]
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Ex. = example. NRCS completes column 1, 2 & 3 (Tract, Field and Acres Planned). Operator completes remaining columns.

I certify that I have moved salt, mineral, and supplemental feeding areas as described in this jobsheet in the field(s) listed in the table above; and the rotation of supplement and feeding areas meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Copies of dated receipts for equipment or services purchased.
2. A map showing the planned locations of supplement and feeding areas in each pasture and a schedule for moving these locations.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____