

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATIONS**

**PRESCRIBED GRAZING**

**(Acre)  
CODE 528**

**PASTURE AND HAYLAND**

Irrigate immediately after harvesting if needed.

Amounts of water applied at each irrigation will be adjusted to match the designed use rate. (See Conservation Practice Job Sheet 449 for Irrigation Water Management)

If possible, rotate grazing so that units which have been fully utilized during one grazing period have the opportunity for regrowth before they are grazed again.

Mowing and baling excess forage for use during low production periods should be explored. This may result in leaving bales in the field or hauling and stacking.

Dormant period grazing will be limited so plants are not grazed closer than the height shown in Table 1 and 2 under "For Erosion Control and Maintenance" column.

Grazing should be discontinued about four weeks prior to fall or winter dormancy to allow plant food to be stored in the roots.

Do not graze when soil is saturated. Grazing wet soils is not particularly damaging unless the animals are sinking in above hoof deep.

Clipping of rank vegetative growth and scattering droppings will be performed only when the excessive growth and droppings contribute to poor forage utilization.

Chiseling can be used as needed to break up compacted soil layers and improve water penetration.

Conservation practice general specifications are reviewed periodically, and updated if needed. To obtain the current version, contact the natural resources conservation Service.