



# MANAGED OR ROUTINE GRAZING CRP Job Sheet

Ohio - Natural Resources Conservation Service

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## Description

In order for CRP fields established to herbaceous cover to continue to meet the practice purposes, management of the cover may be needed during the life of the contract. Managed grazing is a permitted use that may be used to achieve this objective in some cases. Participants requesting permission to carry out managed harvesting on CRP must harvest the vegetation according to a plan which:

- Maintains the vegetative cover
- Minimizes soil erosion
- Protects water quality
- Protects wildlife habitat

This practice may be used on CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, and CP10.

This job sheet is a modification to the conservation plan originally developed for establishment, maintenance and management of your CRP fields. Managed grazing may be used in conjunction with other management activities in some cases. If other management activities are also planned for this area, separate job sheets for those actions will be provided.

## Managed Grazing Requirements

In addition to the technical specifications for carrying out managed grazing found on the following pages of this job sheet, there are also CRP program requirements that must be followed. If you have questions about the requirements, you should contact the county office of the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Before carrying out managed harvesting, you must request permission from FSA by completing a **Request to Participate in Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage** (form CRP-117).

You must comply with the **Terms and Conditions for Haying (Including for Biomass) and Routine Grazing of CRP Acreage**.

You must report your acreage actually grazed to FSA after harvesting is completed (form CRP-118).

Managed grazing is permitted no more frequently than once out of every three years.

You may not harvest and graze the same acreage.

## Technical Specifications

The following are specifications for Managed Grazing on CRP acreage:

- Grazing must be done in a way that meets the practice purpose and achieves the identified objective including wildlife needs.
- Acreage is eligible 12 months after the cover is fully established. Typically this would be two years after planting introduced grasses and three years after planting native grasses.
- A "CRP Grazing Management Plan" based on NRCS practice standard 528-Prescribed Grazing will be prepared. It is the landowner's responsibility to follow the grazing plan.
- Managed grazing operations may be performed between July 16 and September 30. Livestock shall be removed from the field no later than September 30.
- Managed grazing shall not be performed in the following areas:
  - Areas where grazing will potentially cause a negative impact on existing cover or wildlife habitat.
  - Areas planted to trees and/or shrubs.
  - Within 120 feet of a stream or permanent water body.

I understand and concur with this Managed Grazing Plan and will graze the CRP acreage according to this plan.

Participant

Date

This Job Sheet is considered an addendum to the Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO). No modification of the CPO will be necessary.

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Date