

Operation and Maintenance

Operation. Prescribed grazing will be applied on a continuing basis throughout the occupation period of all planned grazing units.

Adjustments will be made as needed to ensure that the goals and objectives of the prescribed grazing strategy are met.

Maintenance. Monitoring will include an annual walkover for visual evaluation documented by a pasture condition score sheet to insure that objectives are being met. Based on the evaluation, any necessary changes must be written into an updated prescribed grazing plan to meet objectives.

Move livestock to a feedlot or designated sacrifice area in times of drought or very wet soil conditions to protect the integrity of the pasture sod.

Renovate and/or re-seed pastures if the stand is undesirable or unable to meet system needs.

Soil test all pastures and hay fields (minimum every 3 years) and maintain adequate nutrient and pH levels based on soil test results to achieve expected forage productivity and persistence.

All facilitating and accelerating practices (e.g. *Fence* (382), *Pest Management* (595), *Brush Management* (314), *Pasture Planting* (512) (etc.) that are needed to affect adequate grazing and/or browsing distribution as planned by this practice standard will be maintained in good working order and operated as intended.

Additional Operation and Maintenance requirements specific to this plan:

Producer _____ Farm # _____ Tract # _____

Field Office _____ Contract # _____

Producer's Purpose

- Improve or maintain desired species composition and vigor of plant communities.
- Improve or maintain quantity and quality of forage for grazing and browsing animals' health and productivity.
- Improve or maintain surface and/or subsurface water quality and quantity.
- Improve or maintain riparian and watershed function.
- Reduce accelerated soil erosion, and maintain or improve soil condition.
- Improve or maintain the quantity and quality of food and/or cover available for wildlife.
- Manage fine fuel loads to achieve desired conditions.

Practice Specifications

- A brief description of the benchmark forage/livestock system is included in the grazing plan: Yes No
- Existing resource concerns identified in grazing plan: Yes No
- Opportunities for resource enhancement listed in grazing plan: Yes No
- Producers goals outlined in grazing plan: Yes No
- Completed PCS sheet included in grazing plan: Yes No
- Benchmark forage and livestock information:

Total grazeable acres: _____
 # of existing paddocks: _____
 # of herds managed separately in system: _____
 Overall stocking rate: _____ acres/au

Estimated average grazing period and efficiency:
 Continuous: Heavy Lax
 Rotational: 1-4 day 5-14 days 15-21 days

Forage-livestock balance:

Forage D.M. produced _____ tons/ac
 Forage D.M. required _____ tons/ac
 Amount of extra hay or feed needed to meet herd requirement _____ D.M. tons

***PLEASE NOTE: Planner may use this job sheet for Practice Specifications or attach a copy of the printout from the Pasture Planning Tool (Section IV EFOTG)**

- Final forage and livestock information:

Total Grazeable Acres: _____
 # of existing paddocks: _____
 # of herds managed separately in system: _____
 Overall stocking rate: _____ acres/au

Estimated average grazing period and efficiency:

Continuous: Heavy Lax
 Rotational: 1-4 day 5-14 days 15-21 days

Forage-livestock balance:

Forage D.M. produced _____ tons/ac
 Forage D.M. required _____ tons/ac
 Amount of extra hay or feed needed to meet herd requirement _____ D.M. tons

- Grazing guidelines outlined in grazing plan (includes minimum grazing heights and suggested rest periods based on forage species) : Yes No
- Contingency included in grazing plan: Yes No
- Updated grazing plan map included with grazing plan: Yes No
 (Including farm, tract, and field #'s, grazing unit layout, acres, fencing, water system, and sacrifice area)
- Soil sample results and fertilizer/lime recommendations for complete pasture system within the last 3 years is included in the grazing plan: Yes No
- Soils map (with pasture system outline), pasture productivity rating by mapping unit, and basic soil description included as supplemental plan information: Yes No

Planner Certification

This Prescribed Grazing plan meets the requirements of NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 528.

Signature

Title

Date

Certification of Practice Completion

This Prescribed Grazing Plan has been completed and maintained according to NRCS plans and specifications. (Indicate in Practice Specifications if there were any changes to the planned practice and acreage.)

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If needed, an aerial view or a side view of the practice can be shown below. Other relevant information, complementary practices and measures, and additional specifications may be included.

Scale 1"= _____ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2" by 1/2")

Additional Specifications and Notes:

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