

CRP Owner: _____
 Grazer: _____
 This plan is for CRP-1 No.: _____
 Farm Number: _____
 Tract Number: _____
 Field Number(s): _____
 Total Acreage: _____
 Total to be Grazed: _____

ELIGIBLE CRP PRACTICES

- CP1: Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
- CP2: Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
- CP4B: Permanent Wildlife Habitat - Corridors
- CP4D: Permanent Wildlife Habitat
- CP10: Vegetative Cover - Grass - Already Established

Use the following tables to determine stocking rates.

PURPOSE

To provide grazing for a limited time period on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields for livestock producers in need of forage, which follows Wisconsin NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (WI CPS) Prescribed Grazing (528).



TABLE 1: ANIMAL UNIT GUIDE

1000 pound cow + up to 3 month old calf	1.00 AU
Bull, mature	1.35 AU
Cow, yearling	0.60 AU
Sheep, mature	0.20 AU
Lamb, 1 year old	0.15 AU
Goat, mature	0.15 AU
Bison, mature	1.00 AU

If livestock are grazed for less than the full 60 days allowed, it may be possible to increase the numbers grazed. The following table provides guidance for increasing livestock numbers based on shorter grazing periods.

In no case will the forage be grazed lower than a

TABLE 2: STOCKING RATES

Grazing Period	Maximum AU/Acre
60 days	1.25
45 days	1.70
30 days	2.50
15 days	5.00
7 days	10.00
3 days	25.00
1 day	75.00

minimum height of four (4) inches for cool season grasses (orchard, bluegrass, smooth brome) and to a minimum of seven (7) inches for warm season grasses (big bluestem, little bluestem, indiagrass, switchgrass, and any combination).

If the cover fails as a result of grazing, the producer must re-establish the CRP cover at their own expense.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants must request authority for grazing of CRP acreage from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) each year prior to grazing and follow this plan. Participants may not graze and hay the same acreage in the same year. Grazing cannot occur until 12 months after the vegetation is considered fully established. Producers can graze or hay the same CRP acreage only once every 3 years.

Grazing may start August 2nd. All livestock will be removed from CRP fields by September 30th, or once minimum grazing heights are present, whichever occurs first.

Livestock will not be permitted to graze on CRP ground that is within 120 feet of any stream or other permanent water body or ineligible practices (see FSA for list).



TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS CALCULATION

Animal Type*	Animal Units (AU)*
Total AU:	

*See Table 1

GRAZING PLAN

CRP Field Number(s): _____ Total CRP Field Acres: _____

Planned Grazing Period: _____ days. Planned Stocking Rate AU/ac. (see Table 2): _____

Maximum AU per Field: _____ (*maximum stocking AU/ac. x CRP acres*)

Date grazing to start: _____ Grazing end date: _____

CRP Field Number(s): _____ Total CRP Field Acres: _____

Planned Grazing Period: _____ days. Planned Stocking Rate AU/ac. (see Table 2): _____

Maximum AU per Field: _____ (*maximum stocking AU/ac. x CRP acres*)

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SITE CONDITION

Species present or originally planned: _____

The conservation plan map shall include:

- » All fields where managed grazing will occur
 - » Location of all fencing
 - » Soil types (part of CRP plan)
 - » Sensitive areas to be protected
 - » Areas within 120 feet of streams or other permanent water bodies where livestock are not permitted to graze
 - » Waterers (off site)
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This CRP grazing plan meets the basic criteria of Wisconsin NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Prescribed Grazing (528) as outlined by the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide. The balance sheet assumes the cover is of marginal value and will be monitored daily to assure minimum crop height will be maintained. This practice balance sheet takes into account that this grazing period is no longer than 60 days during the less productive portion of the year.

By signing below, it is agreed that these items will be followed:

- » Livestock may graze until the forage supply reaches a minimum average height
- » Records of grazing dates and quantity of animal units are available
- » Job sheet will be followed
- » Photos will be submitted to assure cover has not been grazed below 4 inches for introduced species, and 7 inches for native species

Landowner/Producer Date

Certified Planner Date

