

**PRACTICE CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**  
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Wisconsin

**Prescribed Grazing Plan (528)**

**Program Participant Information**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Item #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: T. \_\_\_\_ R. \_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_

**Contractor Information (If installed by someone other than participant)**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

- Resource Inventory present in case file:
  - Livestock numbers by size and age class are included and accurate.
  - Forage Species Inventory completed and accurate.
  - Forage Suitability map(s) and description(s) included and accurate.
  - Soil Maps
  
- Forage Production Estimate is present and accurately reflects the site(s) soil and forage conditions.
  
- Paddock Maps documenting primary management units are present and include:
  - Location of existing and planned fences (labeled by type).
  - Location of existing and planned facilitating practices.
  - Location of critical and sensitive areas requiring protection.
  
- Planned pasture improvements needed to address identified resource concerns and achieve forage production targets are addressed by the plan.
  
- Contingency plan present and adequately addresses
  - Excess forage harvest strategies during high production periods.
  - Supplemental feeding during low production periods.
  - Sacrifice/winter feeding paddocks are identified in the plan and rotated.
  
- Paddock rest/rotation strategy is identified in the plan based on projected forage production rates. Number of paddocks identified in the plan \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Appropriate paddock management targets are identified in the plan including:
  - Post grazing height (stubble) targets are identified.
  - Proposed stocking rates are identified.
  - Projected length of grazing (occupation) period is identified.

- Appropriate monitoring plan has been developed for the plan.
- Designs for facilitating practices have been provided to the client (as necessary).
- Operation and maintenance plan provided to the client for facilitating practices.
- A post grazing season evaluation shall be provided documenting:
  - Pasture usage by management unit for the season (timing/duration of grazing).
  - Assessment of actual forage balance (factoring in weather) and recommended management changes to address forage surplus or deficit.
  - Evaluation of pasture stand quality.
  - Recommended operational changes such as changing grazing period duration, changing paddock size, changing animal numbers/stocking rates and adjustments to facilitating practice type and location.

I certify that the Prescribed Grazing Plan (528) has been implemented in accordance with the criteria of the practice standard, was implemented according to the grazing plan and meets the documentation requirements of this checklist.

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Client Certification of Practice Completion

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Practice Approval Rational:

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Approved By Certified Conservation Planner or TSP

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Date