

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Wisconsin

CRP Owner: _____

Grazier: _____

This plan is for CRP-1 No.: _____

Farm Number: _____

Tract Number: _____

Field Number(s): _____

Total Acreage: _____

Total to be Grazed: _____

PURPOSE

To provide for grazing on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields for livestock producers in need of forage in **2012 only**. CRP participants may use their CRP acreage for critical feed use or may lease the privilege to any other individual.

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
- CP25: Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (in designated counties only)

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Participants must request a voluntary modification to their CRP contract from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).
- ✓ Participants will follow the requirements of the modification to their conservation plan and this job sheet to allow grazing, as prescribed on page 2 of this job sheet. The modification is only applicable for 2012.
- ✓ Remove livestock from CRP acreage as specified:
 - according to the prescribed grazing plan end date, or
 - when minimum grazing heights are present
- ✓ Cannot hay and graze the same acreage.
- ✓ At least 25% of each field will remain ungrazed as a refuge area for wildlife or the participant may choose to graze the entire

field at no more than 75% of the stocking rate as defined in Table 2.

- ✓ In no case will the forage be grazed lower than a minimum height of three (3) inches for cool season grasses (orchard, bluegrass, smooth brome) and to a minimum of six (6) inches for warm season grasses (big bluestem, little bluestem, indiangrass, switchgrass, and any combination).
- ✓ If the cover fails as a result of grazing, the CRP owner must re-establish the CRP cover at their own expense.
- ✓ Livestock will not be permitted to graze:
 - any CRP cover not listed as eligible for Emergency Grazing.
 - any CRP cover within 120 feet of any stream or other permanent water body.
- ✓ Cannot graze the acreage until approved.
- ✓ Emergency grazing is not allowed after September 30.

STOCKING RATE CALCULATIONS

Use the following tables to determine stocking rates.

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

The following table provides guidance for calculating livestock stocking rates by length of grazing period.

Table 2

Grazing Period	Stocking Rate	
	100% AU / Acre	75% AU / Acre
60 days	1.25	0.95
45 days	1.70	1.25
30 days	2.50	1.90
15 days	5.00	3.75
7 days	10.00	7.50
3 days	25.00	18.75
1 day	75.00	56.25

CONSERVATION PLAN MAP

A conservation plan map shall identify:

- all fields where Emergency Grazing will occur,
- areas within 120 feet of streams or other permanent water bodies where livestock are not permitted to graze, and
- the portion of each field identified by the participant (25% or more) to be excluded from grazing when the 100% stocking rate from Table 2 has been used to develop the grazing plan.



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 (100% or 75%) 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 (100% or 75%) 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 (100% or 75%) AU/ac (See Table 2): _____

Maximum AU per Field: _____ (Maximum Stocking AU/ac x CRP Acres)

Date Grazing to Start: _____ Grazing End Date: _____

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