

CRP-Grasslands

Wisconsin Job Sheet CRP-188



Client Name _____ Tract _____

CRP-Grasslands Requirements

CRP-Grasslands provides both ecological and economic benefits to producers. Participant's voluntary involvement limit future development and cropping uses of the land while retaining the right and ability to conduct common grazing and haying practices. Participants must have the cover established prior to contract approval. The conservation covers allowed with this sign-up are CP87 (Permanent introduced Grasses & Legumes), CP88 (Permanent Native Grasses & Legumes, and CP42 (Pollinator Habitat).

CRP-Grasslands requires the participant to either offer existing established grass covers, or during the offer process agree to establish the cover based on a provisional offer. Accepted provisional offers will not be approved until the cover has been determined established within 1 year of the offer acceptance. Conservation Plans and CRP-1 approval are based on the establishment of the cover. Participants will receive no cost share assistance to establish or enhance CP87 or CP88 cover types, including provisional offers. Cost share assistance is offered for the establishment of CP42.

Participants may offer land considered Cropland and/or Non-Cropland, but land must be in an established grass cover with less than 5 percent tree canopy interspersed through the offered acreage. Forestland and wooded pastures are not eligible for CRP-Grasslands. Participants may not have a CRP-Grassland contract on the same land as current CSP or current EQIP grazing contracts. If the producer has or had an EQIP contract for fencing or

watering on grazing land, they may enroll the grazing area into CRP-Grasslands.

Cost Share Assistance for CP87 & CP88

Participants may receive cost share assistance for the following practices if stated within both the approved 528 Prescribed Grazing plan and Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO): Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315), Prescribed Burning (338), Fence (382), Access Control (472), Livestock Pipeline (516), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Spring Development (574), Trails and Walkways (575), Integrated Pest Management (595), and Watering Facility (614). All cost shared activities shall follow requirements within the NRCS Practice Standards.



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Wildlife Focus Plan (offer received points to implement a Wildlife Focus Plan: Yes No)

Participants who agree to implement a wildlife focus plan during the offer process shall work with NRCS to complete the **CRP-Grasslands Program – Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide**. This guide will determine the existing points participants have on their land and provide for additional planned activities to meet the requirements of the wildlife focus plan if necessary.

Pollinator Habitat (offer includes implementing Pollinator Habitat: Yes No)

A participant who agrees to the creation of CP42 (Pollinator Habitat) during the offer process must also agree to CP87 and/or CP88. CP42 is eligible for cost share assistance for the establishment and required mid-contract management activity on the CP42 acreage (see Exhibit 11). Participants can destroy existing grass cover to establish the CP42 (Pollinator Habitat). Refer to NRCS Job Sheets 130 and 135 for establishment.

This acreage is required to complete at least one required mid-contract management activity as designated on the CPO. Approved activities include Prescribed Burning (NRCS Job Sheet 389) or Burning and Interseeding (NRCS Job Sheet 388). Participant shall follow all requirements within the appropriate job sheet listed above.

Participants who establish a CP42 Pollinator Habitat shall ensure the acreage is protected from haying/grazing/seed harvesting. Fencing shall be installed and used to protect the pollinator habitat from livestock. Cost share assistance is allowed for fencing and must be a required practice within an approved NRCS 528 Prescribed Grazing Plan.

Provide information on offers that include CP87 and/or CP88

CP87 – PERMANENT INTRODUCED GRASSES AND LEGUMES	CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
Monoculture Stand	
Existing Stand of 2 or more species	
Provisional offers planting new stand of 2 to 3 species of an introduced grass species	
Existing stand (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	
Provisional offers planting (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	
CP88 – PERMANENT NATIVE GRASSES, FORBS OR LEGUMES	CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
Monoculture Stand	
Existing stand (minimum of 2 species)	
Provisional offers planting (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species	
Existing stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses	
Provisional offers planting (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses	



Provisional Offers (offer includes land to be planted under a Provisional Offer: Yes No)

Participants who agree to convert cropland to grassland acres under a provisional offer will agree to establish a planting based on the chart above. There are no required seed mixes specified within CRP Exhibit 11 for covers CP87 and CP88. The specie composition will be completed by working with NRCS to develop a mix best suited to the site for wildlife and the participants land use goals. Participants establishing a CP87 cover shall refer to NRCS Job Sheet 134 as a guide to proper establishment. Participants establishing a CP88 covers shall refer to NRCS Job Sheet 135 as a guide to ensure proper establishment.

Provisional Plan

FIELD NUMBER	ACRES	PLANNED COVER	LIST GRASSES (COMMON NAME)	LIST LEGUMES (COMMON NAME)

***Provisional cover must be deemed established within 1 year of FSA offer acceptance as verified by NRCS.**

Notes _____

Haying/Grazing Activities (offer includes land that is Grazed: Yes No / Hayed: Yes No)

Participants who actively graze lands under CRP-Grasslands shall have a NRCS 528 Prescribed Grazing plan.

Only 50% of the land enrolled can be hayed during the primary nesting season (May 15 to August 1) with the remaining 50% allowed to be grazed during that time period as long as it is specified in the participant’s approved 528 Prescribed Grazing plan. All of the offered land can be grazed during any period of the year as long as it is specified in the approved 528 Prescribed Grazing plan. All requirements stipulated in the 528 Prescribed Grazing plan must be followed regarding stocking numbers, residue, etc.

There is no restriction on which 50% of the land can be hayed/grazed during the primary nesting season from year to year. No restrictions on haying/grazing outside of the primary nesting season as long as all of the 528 Prescribed Grazing plan requirements are followed.

No mid-contract management activities are required on CP87 and CP88 covers. This is a working lands program designed to provide flexibility to the participants, common haying/grazing activities serve as ongoing management of the grassland.



CRP-Grasslands Established Cover Evaluation Worksheet

Date of Evaluation _____

Evaluator Name & Title _____

Field # _____ Acres _____ Cover Type _____	
IDENTIFIED PLANT SPECIES (COMMON NAME)	PERCENT WITHIN COVER

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Note: Provide a map documenting the location of each field in the offer.

