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Water Quality Enhancement Activity – WQL03 - Rotation of Supplement and Feeding Areas

Rotation of Supplement and Feeding Areas
The proper location and regular movement of livestock concentration areas such as feeding areas and mineral blocks in a manner that will improve livestock distribution, reduce localized areas of disturbances and reduce impacts on water bodies.

Land Use Applicability
This enhancement is applicable on pastureland, rangeland, and forest land.

Benefits
The benefits of proper location and rotation of supplement and feeding areas are:

- Minimize impact around water sources and facilities
- Aid in livestock distribution and utilization of forage
- Reduce compaction of the soil and excess trampling of vegetation
- Reduce high concentrations of nutrients around water sources
- Improve animal health (concentrated areas of parasites etc.)

Criteria for Rotation of Supplementation and Feeding Areas

1. Move all supplement (such as salt and mineral) locations between grazing periods and/or on an annual basis.
2. Locate supplement at least ¼ mile (1,320 ft) from surface water and watering facilities. In those situations where pasture size limits supplement placement or multiple water sources preclude meeting the minimum distance requirement, move supplement areas more frequently to prevent nutrient buildup and to maintain good ground cover.
3. Move all feeding locations (including creep feeders) every 30 days.

Documentation Requirements for Rotation of Supplementation and Feeding Areas

- A map showing the planned locations of supplement and feeding areas in each pasture and a schedule for moving these locations.

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ENHANCEMENT

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Documentation Form

Producer Name:				
County:			**Date:**	
Tract Number(s):				
Field Number(s):				
Number of Feeding Areas:				
Document Supplement /Feeding Location Moving Schedule for each location per field below (ITEMS and DATES MOVED):				
Location 1:				
Location 2:				
Location 3:				
Location 4:				
Provide a Map of the Locations of Supplement per Field.				

Notes:

The supplied documentation accurately reflects the implementation of this enhancement.

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