

Course Name: Prescribed Grazing - Module	
Course Coordinator: State Grazing Specialist/State Economist	Course Number: MI0045

Overview: This course emphasizes the process of presenting the alternative of prescribed grazing in the conservation planning process. This includes the understanding of conservation practice standard 528A Prescribed Grazing, a Conservation Sheet on Initial Stocking Rates, and the detailed components of a Prescribed Grazing Plan as part of a conservation plan. It also emphasizes the human considerations as well as "SWAPA" in economic information needed when presenting the prescribed grazing alternative.

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to prepare the participant to be able to independently apply the prescribed grazing standard and write a prescribed grazing plan for customers who choose this alternative.

Prerequisites:

- Basic Conservation Assistance course, Economics of Conservation
Have some exposure to livestock farms. Forage and Plant ID courses would be helpful but not required.

Duration: 5 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours estimated OJT with first grazing plan review with: supervisor, watershed grazing specialist, experienced conservation planner in grazing systems, or state grassland/forage specialist.

Target Audience: NRCS and conservation partnership employees providing conservation planning and grazing planning assistance to customers.

Expected Outcomes: The participant at the end of the course and reviewing their first grazing plan with the appropriate experienced NRCS employee will be at the proficiency level 4 - Apply Independently - can perform planning a grazing system independently unless special problems are encountered.

Resources needed: Classroom with table and chairs for a maximum of 20 participants. Overhead projector, flip chart or dry erase board with appropriate markers, laptop computer with CD drive and computer projector.

Outline for:

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- I. Providing Technical Assistance on Prescribed Grazing**
 - A. Understanding the Prescribed Grazing Standard**
 - B. How to Use the Prescribed Grazing Worksheet with Example**
 - C. How to do a Prescribed Grazing Plan**

- II. Economics of Grazing Systems**
 - A. Perception barriers to implementing Prescribed Grazing**
 - B. Economic factors of Prescribed Grazing Systems**
 - C. Example partial budget of a proposed Prescribed Grazing System**