

**Michigan Supplemental Enhancement Activity**

**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM25 – Stockpiling of forages to extend the grazing season**

Acres Needed = Number of Animal Units= Number of Head \* (average body weight/ 1000)

= \_\_\_\_\_ acres

Delineate stock piled acres on conservation plan map.

**Perennial Pastures and  
Hay Fields**

Season of Use	Defer Grazing By	Additional Management Needed
Fall (late September- October)	60-90 days before end of the fall growing season, before first freeze.  No earlier than late July. No later than late August.	Fertilizer grass pastures with Nitrogen after last grazing or haying, following soil test recommendations. Apply Potassium for legume and grass/legume mixed stands according to soil test after last cutting.  Allocate forage to supply 1-3 days grazing needs.  Feed hay/other forage when snow cover is 6 inches or more.
Winter (November- February)	60-90 days before end of the fall growing season, before first expected frost.  UP- August 15- September 1  Northern MI- September 15*  Southern MI- September 15*  *depending on growing conditions, may extend to September 30 with adequate moisture and warm temperatures.	Fertilize grass or grass-legume pastures or hayfields with Nitrogen and Potassium as needed by soil test, in August.  Allocate Forage to supply 1-3 days grazing needs.  Feed hay/other forage when snow cover is 6 inches or more, snow has ice crust, or ice is ¼ inch thick or more.

Winter  
(November- February)

Grazing after killing frost does not require minimum grazed stubble heights.

Use sacrifice areas or dry lots to prevent damage to vegetation crowns in wet conditions.

Spring  
(March- April)

UP- August 15- September 1

Northern MI- September 15\*

Southern MI- September 15\*

\*depending on growing conditions, may extend to September 30 with adequate moisture and warm temperatures.

Fertilize grass or grass-legume pastures or hayfields with Nitrogen and Potassium as needed by soil test, in August.

Allocate Forage to supply 1-3 days grazing needs.

Feed hay/other forage when snow cover is 6 inches or more, snow has ice crust, or ice is 1/4 inch thick or more.

Observe and record grazing stubble heights. At spring green up, utilize forage not to exceed 1/2 of average height. Refer to Grazing Technote 3 Designing a Grazing System.

Grazing Plan created on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Grazing Plan updated for stockpiling on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Photographs documenting how stockpiled forage acres were managed submitted on this date:

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Signature of Owner/Operator

Date

NRCS Signature

Date