

# CRP Emergency Grazing/Haying Plan

Landowner \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I choose to utilize no more than 50% of the eligible CRP acreage in each field or contiguous field for **haying**. (One hay harvest only) (Forage Harvest Management 511)

\_\_\_ I choose to **graze** 75% of the eligible CRP acres in each field or contiguous field at 100% of the recommended Natural Resources Conservation Service stocking rate.  
(Prescribed Grazing 528)

\_\_\_ I choose to **graze** 100% of the eligible CRP acres in each field or contiguous field at 75% of the recommended Natural Resources Conservation Service stocking rate.  
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**According to FSA regulations, land within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent water body is ineligible and therefore cannot be used for Emergency Grazing/Haying.**

The following minimum stubble heights need to be maintained during the grazing period. If the stubble heights fall below these levels, grazing animals need to be removed or reduced to allow the forages to recover.

Introduced cool season grass and legumes	3 – 4 inches
Native grasses	6 – 8 inches

The CRP participant is responsible for re-establishing, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating in any of these activities.

**Assuming stocking rates are based on a cow with calf for a total of 1,500 lbs. and 2.5 tons of available forage/acre**

To convert for stockers or other grazing animals, divide 1,500 lbs. (cow and calf weight) by the weight of the grazing animal. For example:

*1,500 lbs. ÷ 700 lb. stocker = 2 stockers. So, 2 - 700 lb. stockers, could be grazed instead of one cow with calf.*

The quality of the forage may not be adequate to meet the nutritional needs of the grazing animals. Supplemental feeding may be necessary for the animals to maintain body condition. The producer needs to monitor the body condition of the grazing animal.

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Use the following information as a guide to determine the stocking rate for the amount of time the producer intends to graze the eligible acres:

100% stocking rate

75% stocking rate

Graze 30 days	1 acre per cow/calf pair	2 acres per cow/calf pair
Graze 60 days	2 acres per cow/calf pair	3 acres per cow/calf pair
Graze 90 days	3 acres per cow/calf pair	4 acres per cow/calf pair

**Recommended stocking rate for grazing period August 2 – September 30, 2012**

***Planned 100% Stocking Rate***

Field #	Eligible Acres	÷ Acres (from above)	= Cow/Calf Pairs at 100% Stocking Rate
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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***Planned 75% Stocking Rate***

Field #	Eligible Acres	÷ Acres (from above)	= Cow/Calf Pairs at 75% Stocking Rate
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Haying must be completed by August 31, 2012**  
***Planned Acres for Hay***

Field #	Eligible Acres
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(Plan map is attached.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Operator (optional)                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner    Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Conservationist                      Date

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SWCD Commissioner (optional)                      Date