

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2012 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:
Practice Standard 472 – Access Control

Supplemental Criteria

1. Payment is authorized for Access Control (472) on eligible land, not to exceed 3 payments. The Access Control, Pollinator Management and Prescribed Grazing may NOT be used on the same acres.
2. Payment is only authorized on land where access is being excluded. Management of the excluded area may include forage removal practices as described in a management plan for the area.
3. For Access Control – Animal Exclusion:
 - a. Payment is only authorized in riparian areas where the current condition shows environmental damage caused by existing livestock and the exclusion directly results in environmental benefits to perennial and intermittent streams and lakes.
 - b. Payment is only authorized when **livestock are present** on land adjacent to the portion eligible for Access Control (472). Land that is part of a prescribed grazing plan is eligible for Access Control (472). The Access Control payment is for the land within the prescribed grazing plan actually being excluded.
 - c. Payment is based on the length of fence required to exclude livestock from sensitive areas.

Scenarios

Animal exclusion from sensitive areas

Excluding animals from an area in order to address identified resource concerns. This is for facilitating exclusion of animals to protect or enhance natural resource values. Control will be by electric fencing. Any need for permanent fencing will be planned and installed using the Fence practice (382). Clearing of brush and trees is not necessary. Resource concerns include Wildlife Habitat degradation, Undesirable plant productivity and health, and/or Excessive sediment in surface waters.