

CRP Owner: _____
 Grazer: _____
 This plan is for CRP-1 No.: _____
 Farm Number: _____
 Tract Number: _____
 Field Number(s): _____
 Total Acreage: _____
 Total to be Grazed: _____



PURPOSE

To provide grazing for a limited time period on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields for livestock producers in need of forage.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants must request authority for grazing of CRP acreage from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) each year prior to grazing and follow this plan. Participants may not graze and hay the same acreage in the same year. Grazing cannot occur until 12 months after the vegetation is considered fully established. Producers can graze or hay the same CRP acreage only once every 3 years.

Grazing may start **August 2**. All livestock will be removed from CRP fields by September 30, or once minimum grazing heights are present, whichever occurs first.

Livestock will not be permitted to graze CRP ground that is within 120 feet of any stream or other permanent waterbody or ineligible practices (see FSA for list).

ELIGIBLE CRP PRACTICES

- CP1: Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
- CP2: Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
- CP4B: Permanent Wildlife Habitat – Corridors
- CP4D: Permanent Wildlife Habitat
- CP10: Vegetative Cover – Grass – Already Established

STOCKING RATE

Use the following tables to determine stocking rates.

**Table 1
Animal Unit Guide**

1000 pound cow + up to 3 month old calf	1.00 AU
Bull, mature	1.35 AU
Cow, yearling	0.60 AU
Sheep, mature	0.20 AU
Lamb, 1 yr old	0.15 AU
Goat, mature	0.15 AU
Bison, mature	1.00 AU

If livestock are grazed for less than the full 60 days allowed, it may be possible to increase the numbers grazed. The following table provides guidance for increasing livestock numbers based on shorter grazing periods.

**Table 2
Stocking Rates**

Grazing Period	Maximum AU / Acre
60 days	1.25
45 days	1.70
30 days	2.50
15 days	5.00
7 days	10.00
3 days	25.00
1 day	75.00

In no case will the forage be grazed lower than a minimum height of three (3) inches for cool season grasses (orchard, bluegrass, smooth brome) and to a minimum of six (6) inches for warm season grasses (big bluestem, little bluestem, indiangrass, switchgrass, and any combination).

If the cover fails as a result of grazing, the producer must re-establish the CRP cover at their own expense.

CONSERVATION PLAN MAP

A conservation plan map shall identify:

- all fields where Managed Grazing will occur, and
- areas within 120 feet of streams or other permanent water bodies where livestock are not permitted to graze.

TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS CALCULATION

Animal Type *	Animal Units (AU)*
Total AU:	

**See Table 1*

GRAZING PLAN

CRP Field Number(s): _____ Total CRP Field Acres: _____

Planned Grazing Period: _____ days. Planned Stocking Rate AU/ac (See Table 2): _____

Maximum AU per Field: _____ (Maximum Stocking AU/ac x CRP Acres)

Date Grazing to Start: _____ Grazing End Date: _____

CRP Field Number(s): _____ Total CRP Field Acres: _____

Planned Grazing Period: _____ days. Planned Stocking Rate AU/ac (See Table 2): _____

Maximum AU per Field: _____ (Maximum Stocking AU/ac x CRP Acres)

Date Grazing to Start: _____ Grazing End Date: _____

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