

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grazer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Easement No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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             |

### PURPOSE

To improve wildlife habitat by promoting vegetative health and vigor.

To achieve wildlife objectives through reducing thatch, controlling weedy species, and improving plant community and structural diversity.

### REQUIREMENTS

Participants must request authority for grazing of easement acreage from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 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.

Grazing may start **August 1**. All livestock will be removed from the easement by September 30, or once minimum grazing heights are present, whichever occurs first.

### 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 year 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.

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).



### CONSERVATION PLAN MAP

A conservation plan map shall identify:

- all fields where Managed Grazing will occur, and
- the easement boundary.

**TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS CALCULATION**

| Animal Type *    | Animal Units (AU)* |
|------------------|--------------------|
|                  |                    |
|                  |                    |
|                  |                    |
|                  |                    |
|                  |                    |
| <b>Total AU:</b> |                    |

*\*See Table 1*

**GRAZING PLAN**

Field Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Field Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Maximum AU per Field: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum Stocking AU/ac x Field Acres)

Date Grazing to Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Grazing End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Field Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Maximum AU per Field: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum Stocking AU/ac x Field Acres)

Date Grazing to Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Grazing End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Field Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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