



## **Plant Enhancement Activity—KS-PLT02 Monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management**

### **Kansas Criteria for National Plant Enhancement Activity—PLT02**

Note: Items listed below follow the national format for this particular enhancement.

#### Criteria:

1. Key grazing areas will be selected using criteria outlined in Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 528, Prescribed Grazing.
2. As described in national guidance.
3. Monitoring technique guidance and information—use one or more of the following techniques.
  - a. Rangeland apparent trend—National Range and Pasture Handbook (NRPH), Exhibit 4-6
  - b. Plant productivity determinations—refer to Kansas ecological site descriptions found in the Kansas electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) or Web Soil Survey (WSS) for expected forage productivity by soil or site
  - c. Measurements of key forage plant heights—refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 528, Prescribed Grazing, for before and after grazing heights
  - d. Locally applicable methods such as those described in the “Monitoring Manual for Grassland, Shrubland and Savanna Ecosystems” found at [http://usda-ars.nmsu.edu/monit\\_assess/monitoring.php](http://usda-ars.nmsu.edu/monit_assess/monitoring.php)

#### Documentation Requirements:

1. Producer shall have a written grazing plan which meets the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) eligibility requirements. This document can be in the form of a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) prescribed grazing plan (i.e., Forms KS-ECS-528A, Livestock Forage Balance Data Form, and KS-ECS-528B, Grazing Management Plan, or the Excel version of the Kansas Prescribed Grazing Plan).
2. As described in national guidance.
3. As described in national guidance.
4. Form KS-ECS-414, Proper Grazing Use, and the NRPH Exhibit 4-6 may be used to document monitoring data collected.
5. As described in national guidance.