
 Farm Bill Program Participant

 Contract Number

Purpose: To encourage producers to implement a planned rotational grazing system to improve or maintain: the desired composition and vigor of plant communities, quantity and quality of forage, and riparian watershed functions. A properly managed and implemented grazing system can improve rangeland health, similarity index and rangeland trend. The grazing system must be maintained for the life of the contract. This practice includes three payments over a three year period, one payment per year. Initial deferment of pasture following any brush management or vegetative establishment is considered a part of the practice and will not be eligible for payment.

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with a current forage inventory that will result in forage animal balance.
- Will prepare Rangeland Health and Rangeland Similarity Index.
- Give the producer a complete assessment of their current management system and what changes would have to be made to comply with the NRCS Prescribed Grazing Standard.
- Assist in the design of a planned grazing system.
- Assist the producer in determining where to locate monitoring points and grazing cages.



II. Participant will:

- Balance livestock with available forage based on a current forage inventory. (This may require a reduction in livestock numbers.)
- Develop and implement when necessary a drought management plan.
- Construct and maintain grazing cages on key grazing sites for monitoring forage production and determining utilization of forage.
- Certification of the practice will be done between the end of the growing season and December 31st.
- Provide written documentation on number of animal units, dates when herd(s) were moved, and pastures which were grazed or deferred.

I understand the requirements of the practice, and my questions concerning the practice have been answered. I further understand that a failure to adhere to the above requirements may jeopardize any and all payments.

 Participant Signature

 Date