



FORAGE HARVEST MANAGEMENT

CRP Managed Forage Harvest

CRP Managed Forage Harvest (511) Plan - Job Sheet

PURPOSE

To allow haying for a limited time period on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields for livestock producers in need of forage for feed due to drought conditions.

Participants must request authority for managed forage harvesting of CRP acreage from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) prior to harvesting and follow this plan. Participants may not graze and hay the same acreage.

This plan is limited to the following period:
8/2/2012 to **9/15/2012** .

This plan is for: **CP1**
CRP #: **123**
Farm Number: **1234**
Tract Number: **1000**
Field Number(s): **1,4,5**
Total Acreage: **120**



Producer: **John Brown**
CRP Owner: **John Brown**

MANAGEMENT

Cut forage at a height that will promote the vigor and health of the desired species. Cutting heights will provide adequate residual leaf area; adequate numbers of tillers or buds; insulation from extreme heat or cold; and/or unsevered stem bases that store food reserves needed full, vigorous recovery. Overwintering heights will be based on the NRCS Forage Harvest Standard (511).

Harvest at a height of no less than: **3** inches

The forage species in this system being managed includes: **Cool-Season Grasses**

There are no maximum acreage restrictions for the managed harvest of CRP. It would be beneficial to wildlife to leave blocks or corridors in the field.

It would be advantageous for wildlife to leave a block or corridor of at least **50** feet wide.

Harvest hay/haylage at the ideal moisture range for the type of storage being utilized. For optimum forage quality, rake, ted or invert swaths carefully and with some moisture if possible to reduce leaf loss. Bale at optimum moisture levels to preserve forage quality and quantity. Approximate percent moisture should be as follows:
-Bale field cured dry hay at 10-20% moisture
-Rake hay at 30-40% moisture if possible
-Haylage at 45-60% moisture

Ensiling grasses and legumes as haylage requires 45 to 60 percent moisture. Haylage is the most sensitive of the ensiled forages to moisture variation. ***Just a few percentage points up or down can ruin your forage stored in this manner.*** Low-moisture haylage often becomes too dry for good harvesting and storage.

All harvesting will be completed by September 15th and removed from the CRP field by September 25th.

I have reviewed this Conservation Plan modification and agree to follow the specifications.

Signature: _____
(Producer)

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(District Conservationist)

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(FSA Representative)

Date: _____

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