

Prescribed Grazing Checklist

(based on Prescribed Grazing Standard (528A) dated 12/99)

County: _____

Producer/Owner Name, Address & Phone Number	Farm # _____ Tract # _____ Cropland Acres _____	Circle relevant program(s): USDA – EQIP; IDNR; Other _____
The following items should be considered the minimum requirements for meeting the Prescribed Grazing Standard. Use the Checklist to inform the producer of the requirements of the Standard and then to certify completion of the Practice.		Conservation planner name and field office
Complete the checklist below. Put a checkmark in Column A when the items have been reviewed with the producer. Put a checkmark in Column B to certify completion of the item.		

Prescribed Grazing Practice Checklist	A	B	Notes / Comments
1. Improve the Grazing System: a. Adequate rest periods are planned and used to maintain the forage. b. Planned forage will meet the nutritional needs of planned livestock. c. Established forage will maintain or reduce the amount of water runoff from the pasture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Appropriate Grazing Height: a. Grazing Plan specifies grazing start and stop heights and they are being followed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Enhance or Replace the Forage Sward (Stand) a. The Grazing Plan lists fields where sward will be enhanced or replaced. It explains the forage mixes, seeding rates and methods of seeding that will be used. b. The Grazing Plan outlines requirements for Operation and Maintenance of the practice. c. The O & M requirements are being followed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Improve the Watering System a. The Grazing Plan outlines planned improvements to the existing watering system. Improvements will be completed to assure adequate quantity and quality of water for present or planned livestock. b. Improvements have been made.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Ensure Appropriate Stocking Rate a. The Grazing Plan lists the appropriate stocking rate for the planned time period to optimize available forage. b. The planned stocking rate is being followed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Baseline Soil Test a. A soil test baseline will be established from a current soil test (less than three years old) or taken the first year of the contract. Follow-up soil tests will be taken every two or three years. Lime and fertilizer will be applied according to the soil test recommendations for forage management. b. Soil tests are being taken.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Improve the Fencing System a. The Grazing Plan lists planned fencing improvements needed to achieve grazing system goals. b. The fencing improvements have been made.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Grazing Plan Checklist reviewed with producer:

Planner's Initials _____ Producers Initials _____ Date _____

Practice (does) (does not) meet minimum standards & specifications.

Conservation Planner _____ Date _____