



## **WQL19 - Montana Supplement**

### **Transition to Organic Grazing Systems – (Water Quality Enhancement Activity)**

#### **Montana Clarification**

Environmental benefits will be operation specific. This enhancement supports a transition to an organic grazing system from a conventional system. The applicable acres are all grazed pastureland, rangeland or forest lands that are not certified organic.

#### **Montana Specifications**

All standards of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) for production, handling and labeling of organic agricultural products must be followed.

Information regarding USDA-NOP standards, application forms and processes, certification requirements and certifying agents can be found at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>

or through the Montana Department of Agriculture Organic Program:

<http://agr.mt.gov/organic/Program.asp>

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#### **Incompatible Enhancements**

This enhancement may not be contracted with the following enhancements:

For pasture: AIR04, AIR07, ANM23, ANM29

For range: AIR07, WQL13, ANM29

For forest: AIT07, SQL07, ANM30

**Eligible Land**

Pasture, range and forest land

**Applicable Acres**

Acres of pasture, range or forest used for grazing

**Example (System)**

A participant has 1,000 acres of rangeland and would like to transition all acres towards organic livestock production starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The applicable amount and the planned amount would be 1000. The Toolkit plan would appear as follows:

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>WQL19</b>	0	1000 ac	1000 ac	1000 ac	1000 ac

**Documentation Requirements**

1. Provide a written grazing plan following the “Plans and Specification” guidelines in the Prescribed Grazing standard. Include time and timing of grazing, minimum and maximum grazing heights, and date rotated in and date off of pastures/paddocks in the grazing plan, as appropriate for the landuse.
2. Provide a record of the application of inputs according to the NOP rules, e.g., type, date, rate, and amount of allowed nutrients and pesticides for forage and livestock.
3. Provide a copy of the Organic system Plan when approved by the certifying agent.

NRCS Pasture Notes, grazers notebooks, or other record keeping systems for pasture livestock operations can be used to facilitate record-keeping.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all that is required for the implementation of this CSP Enhancement Activity.

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Contract participant

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Date