



## **ANM25 - Montana Supplement**

### **Stockpiling of Forages to Extend the Grazing Season – (Animal Enhancement Activity)**

#### **Montana Clarification**

On pastureland (lands that have been broken and reseeded to other grasses and/or grass/legume mixes), pasture forage is deferred from grazing **during the growing season (except for a portion of the growing season for irrigated pastures)** and flash grazed in strips or rotation later. The intent is to extend the grazing season and not use as much hay.

This enhancement is for pastureland that will not be grazed during the growing season. A prescribed grazing plan **following NRCS 528 Prescribed Grazing Standards and Specifications needs to be applied on the entire operation.**

#### **Montana Specifications:**

- **Grazing of stockpiled forages can occur between October 15<sup>th</sup> through April 1st of the next year.**
- **Dryland pastures that will be stockpiled and grazed after October 14<sup>th</sup> need to be deferred through October 14<sup>th</sup> of the same year.**
- **Irrigated pastures that will be stockpiled and grazed after October 14<sup>th</sup> need to be deferred from August 1<sup>st</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup> of the same year.**

The national enhancement specifies that livestock must be rotated into a new stockpiled paddock every 1-3 days. Due to the sizes of operations in Montana, Montana will allow paddocks of sufficient size to be grazed 5-7 days – not to exceed 7 days.

For intensive grazing using electric fences, utilization rates will be calculated to use 50% of current year growth in spring or 65% for fall or winter.

Stockpiled acreage may be fertilized for the specific pastures/plant communities.

#### **Incompatible Enhancements**

Some enhancements are not compatible with other enhancements. If you have a question, contact your local NRCS office.

#### **Eligible Land**

Pasture

#### **Applicable Amount**

Acres of pasture land

#### **Documentation Requirements**

1. **A copy of the operation's prescribed grazing plan following NRCS 528 Standards and Specifications.**
2. Specified stockpiled acres designated on a map and in the prescribed grazing plan
3. Photographs showing stockpiled forage for each such pasture

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