



**KANSAS SUPPLEMENT TO CONSERVATION  
ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

**CONSERVATION  
STEWARDSHIP  
PROGRAM**

**E5280- Clipping mature forages to set back vegetative growth for improved forage quality**

**Conservation Practice 528: Prescribed Grazing**

**Additional Criteria for Kansas**

- In addition to the criteria specified in National Enhancement E5280, the following apply in Kansas:
  - Utilize Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 528, Prescribed Grazing, Practice Specification, for grazing plan guidance, requirements, and documentation.
  - Limit the use of substitute feed to the dormant season of the desired forage. A substitute feed is one that is delivered to the field and replaces the majority of daily dry matter requirements of the grazing animal. The Forage-Animal balance developed for the growing season will be based solely on forage grown and available within the field(s) in the grazing plan.
  - Place supplement and substitute feed at least 100 feet from surface water and identified sensitive areas.
  - Clipping heights will follow residual forage height requirements found in Forage Grazing Height Table located in Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 528, Prescribed Grazing, Practice Specification.
    - Clip no lower than the Minimum Grazing Height during the growing season when at least 45 days of regrowth can occur after clipping.
    - Clip no lower than the Regrowth Before Frost Height during the growing season when less than 45 days of regrowth can occur after clipping.
    - Clip no lower than the Minimum Grazing Height during dormancy, just prior to spring green-up.
  - Forage clippings will be distributed evenly during the clipping/cutting process.



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- Excessive material will not be baled and/or removed from the site unless NRCS pre-approves the need for removal to promote lower plant canopy growth based on current site conditions.

### **Additional Documentation Requirements for Kansas**

- In addition to the documentation requirements specified in National Enhancement E5280, the following apply in Kansas:
  - Use Form KS-ECS-528 for grazing plan documentation.
  - Include a measurement reference (yard stick or grazing stick held vertically) in the photo documentation to clearly show clipping heights.