



**KANSAS SUPPLEMENT TO
CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

**CONSERVATION
STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM**

E528Q

Use of body condition scoring (BCS) for livestock on a monthly basis to keep track of herd health

Additional Criteria for Kansas

In addition to the criteria specified in National Enhancement E528Q, the following apply in Kansas:

- Utilize [Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 528](#), Prescribed Grazing, Construction Specifications, for grazing plan guidance, requirements, and allowable degree of use (utilization).
- 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 supplemental and substitute feed at least 100 feet from surface water and identified sensitive areas.
- Refer to scoring guidelines from Kansas State University (KSU) for livestock type being managed. When not available from KSU, utilize a scoring guide from a land-grant university that applies to the appropriate livestock type.
 - Utilize KSU’s publication [MF3274 “Guide to Body Condition Scoring Beef Cows and Bulls”](#) and [MF3275 “Nutritional Management of Cows by Body Condition”](#) for beef cattle.

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Additional Documentation Requirements for Kansas

In addition to the documentation requirements specified in National Enhancement E528Q, the following applies in Kansas:

- Take photos of 5% of the entire animal group for a minimum photo representation. At least one (1) photo should represent each body condition score (BCS) within the animal group. For example: Group of 100 animals with BCS score ranging from 4 to 6. Take a total of five (5) photos with at least one (1) representing those animals at a 4, one (1) for those animals representing a 5, and one (1) for those animals representing a 6.