



CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY
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Grazing management for improving quantity and quality of food for wildlife

Conservation Practice 528: Prescribed Grazing

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Pasture; Range

RESOURCE CONCERN ADDRESSED: Fish & Wildlife – Inadequate Habitat

PRACTICE LIFE SPAN: 1 year

Enhancement Description

Grazing management employed will provide plant structure, density and diversity needed or the desired wildlife species of concern.

Criteria

- A written plan for matching the forage quantity and quality produced with the grazing and/or browsing demand by livestock and wildlife will be followed.
- Enhance diversity of rangeland plants to optimize delivery of nutrients to the animals by incorporating the intensity, frequency, timing and duration of grazing and/or browsing needed as determined by a planning process that includes:
 - Clear objectives
 - Resource inventory with ecological site description or reference sheet and structural improvements and existing resource conditions,
 - Grazing plan, and
 - A contingency plan.



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- Supplemental feed and/or minerals will be balanced with the forage consumption to meet the desired nutritional level for the kind and class of grazing and/or browsing livestock.
- Identify species of concern in the objectives of the prescribed grazing plan.
- Plan intensity, frequency, timing and duration of grazing and/or browsing to provide for the development and maintenance of the plant structure, density and diversity needed for the identified wildlife species.
- Evaluate wildlife habitat with the state NRCS Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG) and manage for a WHEG value of 0.75 or greater.

Documentation Requirements

- Livestock herd management records.
- Grazing intensity records for key grazing areas that accommodate the criteria above.
- WHEG evaluation before implementation and after implementation of this enhancement. Minimum score after implementation is to be 0.75 or greater.