

Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM61 – Hosting a grazing related field day



Enhancement Description

This enhancement requires a producer to host a grazing field day. Grazing field days provide an opportunity for producers, state, and federal employees to visually learn grazing principles from others to help encourage, plan, and implement effective grazing management. Assistance from state/federal employees or other agriculture organizations is encouraged.

Land Use Applicability

Cropland, Pastureland, Rangeland, Forestland

Benefits

Technical knowledge of a peer’s accomplishments will be disseminated to other producers to increase grazing lands conservation awareness. Producers are more receptive to information when they see practices implemented and hear success/challenges from others, specifically producers. With the gain in technical knowledge, beneficial ideas will be applied across others operations and the landscape.

Conditions Where Enhancement Applies

This enhancement applies to crop, pasture, range, or forest land use acres.

Criteria

1. Participant must host a grazing field day on their farm.
2. An overview of the grazing operation and the unique conservation activities implemented must be provided to the attendees.
3. Staff from the Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or the local Conservation Districts can be incorporated, if desired.

Adoption Requirements

The enhancement is considered adopted when the participant has hosted a grazing workshop on their farm.

Documentation Requirements

1. Copy of an agenda or flyer that documents the participants name or location for the field day.
2. A brief written paragraph documenting the approximate attendance and summary of the event.



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