**Indiana Supplement to**

**Conservation Enhancement Activity**

**E528133Z1**

Additional Criteria for INDIANA

* In addition to the criteria specified in the National job sheet E528133Z1 the following additional criteria apply in Indiana:
	+ A grazing plan will be followed according to the IN FOTG 528 – Prescribed Grazing Standard. The Indiana stockpiled forage job-sheet will be utilized in the plan.
	+ No mechanical forage removal on enrolled acreage reduce carbon removal off site and maintain or increase root biomass.
	+ Grazing will be deferred starting September 1st until forages are dormant. Forages will be considered dormant after 3 consecutive nights of 28 degree or less temperatures and post November 1st.
	+ A minimum of one acre of stockpiled forage per animal unit will be allocated or equivalent to a minimum of 1800 dry matter per acre. One animal unit (AU) is equivalent to 1000 pounds live weight.
	+ Stocking rates will be managed to ensure that adequate live cover and residual is maintained at all times.
	+ Stop grazing heights will be followed on 80% or more of the enrolled acres based on the following table: (Note: Stop grazing heights are the shortest forages present after grazing; there will be variability in the forage present.) Livestock will be removed from enrolled acreage once stop grazing heights are present or the overwintering height is reached if grazed or no less than 750 pounds of dry matter per acre.

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| **Forage Type** | **Stop Grazing Height (inches)1/** | **HDSD Grazing Height (inches)2/** |
| Introduced Grasses and Legumes | 3 | 2 |
| Native Grasses, Legumes and Forbs | 8 | N/A |

1/ In continuously grazed systems or systems with only 2 or 3 paddocks, the stop grazing height should be at least one inch taller than in rotated systems and stocked lighter.

2/ Post grazing heights for deferments longer than 90 days or with >4000 pounds of dry matter present AND grazed under a high density short duration grazing system (HDSD) and allocated in 1 day allotments. A fair amount of forage is laid down on the soil surface.

Additional Documentation Requirements for INDIANA

* In addition to the documentation requirements specified in the National job sheet E528133Z1 the following additional documentation requirements apply in Indiana:
	+ A forage livestock balance indicating proper stocking rates and including the stockpiled forage.
	+ A photo documentation of the stockpiled forage with a ruler or yardstick indicating forage height prior to grazing for each field and or clipping data.
	+ A photo documentation of the stockpiled forage with a ruler or yardstick indicating residual post grazing for each field and or clipping data.
	+ Certification of practice completion must include deferment period, and start and stop forage amounts and dates.

***Notes and comments on this National Enhancement:***

* The stockpiled area will be fertilized as the beginning of the stockpiling period, according to an approved soil test, to achieve adequate forage growth. If legumes make up 30% or more of the stand by dry weight, additional nitrogen will not be required.