



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Conservation Security Program Enhancement Job Sheets

Grazing Management Enhancements

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Limit Access to Livestock Ponds and Watering Areas to Protect Water Quality and Improve Livestock Performance

Definition

Livestock are prevented from direct access to ALL natural watering sources.

Purpose

This enhancement is for the purpose of preventing the stirring up of sediments, and the direct deposition of livestock waste into natural watering sources in pastures. This protects water quality and also provides for better quality drinking water for the livestock.

Where Used

This enhancement is used where livestock currently have direct access to streams, ponds, lakes, springs and seeps, and constructed ponds.

Operation and Maintenance

The natural water source will be fenced to exclude livestock from direct access. Very short duration access is allowed (flash grazing) to control brush and weeds. An alternative source of water will be used (such as water piped in through a pipeline), or a method of delivering the water from the natural source to a watering facility will be installed (such as a solar powered pump delivering the water to an adjacent water tank).

Payment Rate

A payment if ALL natural water sources have limited access.

Documentation Required

A map must be provided indicating locations of all pipelines, watering facilities, and pumps. Also required on the map are locations of fences that exclude livestock from natural water sources.

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