

# Emergency Haying and Grazing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)



CRP Participant \_\_\_\_\_ CRP-1 Contract Number \_\_\_\_\_

Tract No: \_\_\_\_\_ Field No (s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Definition

County eligibility is based on FSA approval. Emergency haying and grazing of CRP acreage is not intended to be a convenience; rather emergency haying and grazing is generally intended for periods of drought or excessive moisture of such magnitude that livestock producers nationally or across wide-ranging areas are faced with culling of herds or livestock losses.

## General Provisions for Emergency Haying and Grazing

- CRP emergency haying and grazing activities apply to practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP18B or CP18C.
- Acreage ineligible for haying or grazing includes acreage devoted to:
  - any practice not listed above.
  - acres planted to trees in CP4B and CP4D.
  - useful life easements
  - land within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent water body
- Acreage is eligible for this practice 12 months after the cover is fully established.
- Emergency haying or grazing is authorized for a single period starting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Either haying or grazing, NOT BOTH, will be permitted on the same field.
- Any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating under this authority, will be re-established at the CRP participants own expense,

regardless of recommendations or determinations made by NRCS or the TSP.

- Before doing any emergency haying or grazing, participants shall:
  - Request approval from FSA before harvesting eligible acreage.
  - Specify acreage to be hayed or grazed for livestock. If the haying option is chosen indicate the area or areas of each field that will be hayed and the corresponding area (which must be at least 50% of the field) to be left unhayed.

## Requirements for Emergency Haying

- Emergency Haying authorizations shall end August 31 and shall be limited to one cutting.
- Three to four inches of stubble will be left after harvest of cool season grasses. Five or more inches of stubble will be left after harvest of warm season grasses.
- All hay shall be removed from CRP fields by September 30th.
- At least 50% of each field or contiguous fields will remain unhayed for wildlife.

## Requirements for Emergency Grazing

- Emergency Grazing authorization shall end September 30.
- The minimum vegetation height to begin grazing shall be 8 to 10 inches for cool season grasses. For tall warm season species (such as switchgrass, big

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bluestem and indiangrass) the minimum vegetation height to begin grazing is 10 – 14 inches, and for short to medium height species (sideoats grama, little bluestem) the minimum height shall be 5-7 inches.

- End grazing when stubble height is 3 to 4 inches for cool season species and medium height warm season species, and 6 to 8 inches for tall warm season species. Livestock will be removed from fields when the minimum stubble height is reached or by September 30, whichever comes first.

- Grazing is limited to designated fields with established and eligible CP-practices. Where ineligible acres exist within a field grazing must be restricted to eligible acres only.

Kind and Class of Livestock (example: beef cow/calf) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Head \_\_\_\_\_ Average Weight \_\_\_\_\_

**Scheduled Application:**

| Field No (s): | CRP Practice (s): | Scheduled Harvest Date (s): |
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**Signature of:**

CRP Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NRCS \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FSA \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SWCD \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This Job Sheet serves as a Modified Conservation Plan.**