



*Routine Grazing
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*

CRP Participant _____ CRP-1 Contract No. _____

Tract No: _____ Field No (s): _____

Definition

The primary purpose of this plan **must** be to maintain vegetative cover, minimize soil erosion, protect water quality, and protect wildlife habitat quality.

General Provisions for Routine Grazing

- CRP routine grazing activities apply to practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP18B or CP18C. Acreage ineligible for routine 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 shall become eligible 12 months after the cover is fully established.
- Routine grazing is not authorized during the primary nesting and brood rearing season. In Minnesota, the primary nesting season ends on August 1st.
- Routine grazing is authorized for a single period starting on August 2nd and ending September 15th.
- Routine grazing is authorized no more frequently than 1 out of every 3 years after the cover is fully established.
- **NOTE:** Emergency haying or grazing restarts the clock.
- Either haying or grazing, NOT BOTH, will be permitted on the same acreage once in the same three year period.

- CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock, may rent or lease the grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer. The eligible livestock producer may not sublease the grazing privilege to another livestock producer.
- CRP participants shall be assessed a payment reduction based on the number of acres actually grazed times the CRP annual rental payment times 25 percent.
- Before doing any grazing, CRP participants shall:
 - Request approval from FSA before grazing eligible acreage.
 - Specify acreage to be grazed.

Requirements for Routine Grazing

- 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 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 the stubble height reaches 3 to 4 inches for cool season species and medium height warm season species, and 6 to 8 inches for tall warm season species. The stocking rate will be determined using NRCS standards.
- Livestock will be removed from fields when the minimum stubble height is reached or by September 15th, whichever comes first.

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Routine Grazing, (continued)

- 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.
- A GIS generated aerial photo of the area to be grazed will be attached to this grazing plan with the area to be grazed identified

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):

Signature of:

CRP Participant_____ Date_____

NRCS_____ Date_____

FSA _____ Date_____

SWCD_____ Date_____

This Job Sheet serves as a Modified Conservation Plan.

