

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wisconsin**

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Planner: \_\_\_\_\_ Plan Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Goals & Objectives: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOURCE INVENTORY**

Locate and label grazing areas on map. Acres available for grazing: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Existing pasture locations (indicate on map field numbers and acres).

Planned pasture locations (indicate on map field numbers and acres).

Barns and other permanent structure present (indicate on map).

Water supply type (indicate on map).

**LIVESTOCK**

Kind <sup>1</sup>	Class <sup>2</sup> /Breed	No. of Head Now	No. of Head Planned	Weight	Total Weight

<sup>1</sup>Kind = beef, dairy, sheep, bison, goats, hogs, poultry, etc.

<sup>2</sup>Class = cows, cow-calf pairs, heifers, stockers, dairy sheep, ewe-lamb pairs, bulls, etc.

**SOILS**

**Forage Suitability Groups** (e-FOTG, Sec. II, Forage Suitability Groups, 2. Forage Productions Information)

(List predominate groups): \_\_\_\_\_

Client has received a copy of applicable Forage Suitability Group(s).

Critical and sensitive areas (indicate on map). N/A

How will these areas be protected? \_\_\_\_\_

**FORAGE INVENTORY**

Cool Season Grasses

List top 3 species: \_\_\_\_\_

Legumes

List top 3 species: \_\_\_\_\_

Grass-Legume Mix: \_\_\_\_\_ % Legume

Average Paddock Density:      Low      Medium      High

Weeds Present (list): \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRODUCTION ESTIMATES**

Average hay and/or pasture yield: \_\_\_\_\_ (lbs/acre)

- Forage Suitability Group
- Producer documented average
- Pasture stick or other measurement

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**PLANNED PASTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

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|------------|---------------|
| Soil Test  | Inter-seeding |
| Lime       | Frost Seeding |
| Fertilizer | Weed Control  |
| Reseeding  |               |

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**FORAGE ANIMAL BALANCE**

Calculate Forage/Animal balance to meet forage demand (attached).  
Detail forage availability and demand here (stocking rate, rotation/rest periods, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

- Do not graze lower than 3 to 4 inches.
- Allow forage to rest and re-grow before placing livestock back into the pastures.
- Sacrifice paddock and/or area (indicate on map).
- Animals winter on pasture (indicate on map). Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Winter paddocks are rotated yearly.
- Winter paddocks will be soil sampled in the spring.
- Plant damage will be renovated in the following spring.

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**GRAZING PLAN**

Paddock Layout and Design (indicate on map). Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotation-Rest Periods: \_\_\_\_\_

Contingency Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Clipping: \_\_\_\_\_

Monitoring Plan (attach information as needed): \_\_\_\_\_

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**FACILITATING PRACTICES – Resource Concerns (locate and label on map)****382 Fence**

Existing fences

Perimeter – type: \_\_\_\_\_

Interior – type: \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary – type: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Fence (**Table 1; Fence Selection Criteria**)

Perimeter – type: \_\_\_\_\_

Interior – type: \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary – type: \_\_\_\_\_

**614 Water Facility**

Existing facility (being used).

Planned new (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**516 Pipeline** N/A

Existing lines – diameter: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Planned lines – diameter: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**642 Well**

Locate on map.

Planned well - Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**575 Animal Trcils and Walkways** N/A

Existing lanes

Planned lanes - Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary lanes (does not meet Standard 575)

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**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The producer will insure plan objectives are met without degrading the animal, plant, soil, and water resource base.

Report any changes of the grazing system to the local NRCS Service Center.

Three to four (3 to 4) inches of plant residue will remain at all times during the grazing season. Livestock will not be placed into paddocks until the average paddock height is at least 6 to 10 inches (or more) and they will be removed before damaging the forage resource and/or leaving the 3 to 4 inch minimum.

Clip and/or mechanical harvest to control undesirable species and woody vegetation to prevent the pasture forage from getting old and inedible.

Ensure ample quality and quantity drinking water is on hand at all times of grazing.

The grazing system shall keep livestock stress to a minimum. Inadequate supplies of water and available forages will cause livestock stress faster and more dramatically than any other factors.

Maintain pasture grazing records. Monitoring data and grazing records will be collected to the extent necessary to document grazing plan implementation.

Make available a planned sacrifice area or a confined barn/feedlot area for drought and excess water conditions or when grass sod is likely to be damaged or destroyed. Keep the livestock in the sacrifice lot until paddock conditions improve.

Recommend testing soils and plant tissues, and correct major soil fertility and pH problems.

Repair or replace fences incapable of controlling livestock to the level required by the prescribed grazing plan.

Frost seeding, if applicable, is encouraged to increase sward while the ground is still frozen in the spring.

Depending on the conditions of each growing season, the producer understands that supplemental feed may be necessary to maintain condition.

The producer can stockpile the paddock for late fall and/or early spring.

Attending local pasture walks, grazing schools, and grazing conferences is strongly recommended to learn from and mentor with other grass farmers.

Stay patient. Allow the pasture ecosystem time to improve from the many years of non-grazing management.

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**AGREEMENT TO THIS GRAZING PLAN**

The client and planner developed this Plan and it meets or exceeds all grazing plan criteria of the Wisconsin NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, Conservation Practice Standard 528. This plan is a record of decisions made by the client, hence this signature page.

**By signing below, I (Landowner/Manager/Producer) agree to the following:**  
*(please read and check off)*

The livestock may graze any paddock area until the forage supply reaches a minimum average height level of 3 to 4 inches.

I will keep records and submit records when requested.

I will refer to all attached job sheets.

I understand this plan is dynamic and will require an annual review to assess progress towards meeting resource objectives, unless significant changes in land base, herd size, or herd composition prompt a shorter update cycle.

I have reviewed and understand this grazing plan and agree to follow this plan to the best of my ability.

Approved modifications and/or changes of this grazing plan maybe done at any time.

Any and all changes will be documented by NRCS and/or its approved agents beforehand.

I assume all responsibility to insure that all changes to this plan are appropriately noted and applied.

I assume all responsibility to insure that any and all changes to any cost-sharing contract(s) are appropriately noted and applied.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner/Manager/Producer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
NRCS District Conservationist

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grazing Land Specialist

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Date