



FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program Winter Grazing Ranking Form

Applicant Information

Name:		Farm #:	Tract #:
County:		Field #:	

Application Eligibility

Did application meet all of the required questions on the FY 18 Application Eligibility Form? If Yes, please proceed to questions below. If no, Stop.	Yes	No		
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General Ranking Questions

(To be completed by staff based on application and supplemental information)		Yes	No	Points
1.	Does a current conservation plan and/or nutrient management plan completed by a certified planner or trained technician exist for the land/practice being requested?			Y=5 N=0
2.	Does a forest stewardship plan exist for the land/practice being requested? (within last 10 years) If yes, was the plan completed by a registered forester?			Y=3 N=0
3.	Is the land enrolled in the USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program?			Y=2 N=0
4.	Is there an NRCS comprehensive nutrient management plan completed by a certified planner?			Y=5 N=0
5.	Is the field and/or practice in the USDA-NRCS Focused Conservation Approach Area?			Y=0 N=10
6.	Is cooperator a first time or previous non-funded applicant of the Ag Enhancement Program?			Y=20 N=0
7.	If a non-first time applicant, did the cooperator successfully complete all AgEP contracts within the past 24 months?			Y=10 N=0
Total General Ranking Score:				

Winter Grazing Ranking Questions

(To be completed by staff based on the provided Evaluation Tool)		Yes	No	Points	Evaluation Tool
1.	Will the participant use temporary electric fencing (I.e. polywire, poly tape) to sub-divide fields into smaller paddocks?			N=0	Ask Cooperator/ Map
	If Yes:				
	14 days or more			2	
	7-13 day rotation			4	
	3-6 day rotation			10	
	1-2 day rotation			20	
2.	Is there an adequate water supply within the stockpile area so that fields can be grazed uniformly and temporary electric fencing installed around existing water supply?			Y=10 N=0	NRCS Watering Facility Engineering Design Guide
3.	Will this practice allow cooperator to extend the grazing season at least 21 days?				NRCS Worksheet- Estimating Days of Stockpiled Forage Available
	If yes, please mark the number of days:				
	21 – 30 days			5	
	31 – 40 days			15	
	41 days or more			25	
4.	Is the percentage of legumes 30% or greater?			Y=5 N=0	Observation
5.	If yes to Question 3, are P levels in the Medium to High range?			Y=10 N=0	Soil Test
6.	If yes to Question 3, are K levels in the Medium to High range?			Y=10 N=0	Soil Test
7.	Has the participant stockpiled forage for winter grazing in the past?			Y=0 N=10	Ask Cooperator/ AgEP Database
8.	What is the percentage of tall fescue within the planned treatment area?				Observation
	50% or more fescue			20	
	25-50% fescue			10	
9.	Grazing Density: Animal Units per Acres stockpiled				NRCS Stocking Rate Worksheet
	Animal Unit/Acres Ratio:				
	1: 1 or less			20	
	1: 1 – 1.5			15	
	1: 1.5 - 2			10	
	1: 2 - 2.5			5	
Total Winter Grazing Ranking Score:					
Total General Ranking Score + Total Winter Grazing Ranking Score:					