

Dominant Grass-based Dairy System – Grazing Management Enhancement #4

DESCRIPTION – This enhancement is designed to increase the dry matter use of **grazed** forages on dairy operations. This enhancement reduces the need for stored feed and reduces manure accumulation. This enhancement also provides improved manure distribution.

Enhancement Requirements

The CSP Participant will utilize grazed forages for a minimum of 75 percent of the dry matter intake of the lactating dairy herd during the normal growing season. Harvested or stored forages and concentrates will not make up more than 25 percent of the dry matter needs.

This enhancement will be carried out as part of a grazing plan and identified in the plan and is only eligible to lactating animals.

This can be best accomplished by providing a minimum of two new forage breaks to the herd each day and providing adequate water in the grazing paddock.



Performance Requirements

The CSP Participant will certify this activity annually by signing an annual payment certification letter and submitting it to the NRCS office servicing the contract.

Payment for this enhancement will be per lactating animal per year. The activity and payment will commence at the end of the first grazing season or with the first year contract payment if it is already in place.

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