

Appropriate Nutrient Application for Pasture – Grazing Management Enhancement #5

DESCRIPTION – This enhancement utilizes a split or multiple application of nitrogen. This reduces extreme growth periods to better utilize forages in a more timely manner, increases nutrient and grazing efficiency and improves water quality. This enhancement can also help extend the grazing season to reduce the need for winter feed. This enhancement applies to all nitrogen utilized on pastureland within the contract.

Enhancement Requirements

The CSP Participant will apply nitrogen fertilizer in either a split or in multiple applications. Split applications will be done as either an early spring (when planning for hay cutting prior to grazing) and then directly after hay harvest **or** mid June and again in mid August to early September to help flatten out the forage growth curve, increase forage quality and yield, and increase fall growth for grazing/stockpiling. Multiple applications will be made throughout the growing season directly behind either every or every other grazing period to help flatten out the forage growth curve and increase forage quality and yield.

All nitrogen applications will be based on estimated yield goals.

Nitrogen applications will be adjusted accordingly to allow for nitrogen producing legumes.

Additional amendments applied with nitrogen shall be applied according to soil tests and based on realistic yield goals.



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 year for contract acres of pasture land planned for this enhancement. 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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