

Carroll County
Prescribed Grazing Intensity Options for EQIP
2007

Level *	Description	Unit	Annual Basic Incentive
I.	<p>Implement a Prescribed Grazing Plan, rotating pastures a minimum of once very two weeks, with an average rest period of 30 days between grazing periods during the grazing season and have a pasture condition score of at least 35 by the end of the contract period. Must complete two activities listed below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interseed legumes on greater than 50% of the pasture acres 2. Maintain grazing records of the grazing system 3. Travel distance to water is 800 feet or less on 80% of the pasture 4. Livestock are excluded from streams in wintering area 5. Utilize native warm season grasses on 20% of pasture acres 6. Rotate feeding, watering, and sacrifice areas where multiple watering sources are available. 7. Utilize pasture condition scoring once per year at approximately the same time each year. 8. Exclude livestock from forest land 9. Manage Riparian Buffers (60 – 160 feet wide per FOTG with exclusion and/or flash grazing no more than 2 days per season) 10. Hold a pasture walk once during the contract 11. Implement a Nutrient Management Plan on all pastures in grazing system 12. On established pastures, no application of P & K on soil tests of optimum or higher 13. For pastures with less than 30% legumes, delay spring applied Nitrogen until after May 15 14. Utilize split Nitrogen applications for N rates over 60 lbs per acre 15. Exclude livestock from ponds 16. Utilize biological means to control undesirable plants. 	AC	\$20.00 / AC
II.	<p>Implement a Prescribed Grazing plan, rotating pastures a minimum of once every week with an average rest period of 30 days between grazing periods during the grazing season and have a pasture condition score of at least 40 by the end of the contract period. Must also complete 4 activities as listed in Level 1.</p>	AC	\$40.00/AC
III.	<p>Implement a Prescribed Grazing plan, rotating pastures a minimum of two or more times every week with an average rest period of 30 days between grazing periods during the grazing season and have a pasture condition score of at least 45 by the end of the contract period. Must also complete 6 activities as listed in Level 1.</p>	AC	\$60.00/AC

* Levels are NOT additive. The maximum EQIP cost-share a participant will receive for all components included in a grazing system is \$50,000