

For: County Offices

Supplement to Notice CRP-440, Managed Haying and Grazing Dates

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

OK Notice CRP-554, CRP Managed Haying and Grazing Provisions, was issued to provide counties the State Committee's policies to implement this CRP provision according to 2-CRP (Rev. 4), Part 13, Section 1. This notice provided time frames that producers could choose to manage graze and set dates that managed grazing could occur on warm and cool season grasses. National Notice CRP-439 was issued June 25, 2003, and specified that managed haying and grazing must end 30 days before the first frost date. A subsequent National Notice CRP-440 was issued removing the frost date provisions and allowing the State Committee to establish **one** 120-consecutive day period for managed grazing and **one** 90-consecutive day period for managed haying.

B Purpose

This notice provides the final date that CRP managed haying and grazing must be completed in Oklahoma in accordance with Notice CRP-440.

2 Revisions to Managed Haying and Grazing Provisions

A Managed Haying and Grazing Period

National Notice CRP-440 provided that the State Committee shall:

- establish a grazing period not to exceed 120 consecutive days outside of the primary nesting season
- establish a managed haying period not to exceed 90 consecutive days outside of the primary nesting season.

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09-01-04

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2 Revisions to Managed Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

A Managed Haying and Grazing Period (Continued)

The primary nesting season is May 1 through July 1. The managed grazing period will now be July 2 through October 29.

The managed haying period for FY 2003 FY will now be July 2 through September 29. The managed haying period for subsequent years will be July 2 through August 15.

Note: The participant's actual timeframe to begin managed haying and grazing would start when all signatures on the agreement and revised CPO are received, and the participant is approved by the County Committee for managed haying and grazing.

B OK Notices CRP-554 and 556

Provisions contained in OK Notice CRP-554 and 558 with reference to managed grazing and haying periods are obsolete. Livestock will need to be removed from the managed grazed field(s) by the October 29 ending date. Minimum residual height provisions apply. Hay must be baled or in the windrow by September 29 and removed from the acreage by October 9. Refer to OK Notice CRP-554 for all other provisions on managed haying and grazing, excluding the periods of time. Contents of OK Notice CRP-558 are obsolete.

C Existing Managed Haying and Grazing Requests

Counties with existing managed haying and grazing requests will need to inform participants of the revised managed haying and grazing period. Additionally, the CPO will need to be corrected to show the updated ending date for managed haying and grazing.

D Review with NRCS

The CED shall review the revised managed haying and grazing dates with the local DC and the need to incorporate the revised dates in the modified CPO.