

Eligible Acreage

■ Acreage eligible for managed haying or grazing includes acreage with the following practices:

CP1-Introduced grasses and legumes

CP2-Permanent native grasses

CP4B-Permanent wildlife habitat (corridors)

CP4D-Permanent wildlife habitat

CP10-Vegetative Cover - Grass - Already established

CP18B-Establishment of permanent vegetation to reduce salinity

CP18C-Establishment of permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover

Note: Managed haying or grazing may not be performed within 100 feet of a stream or other permanent waterbody.

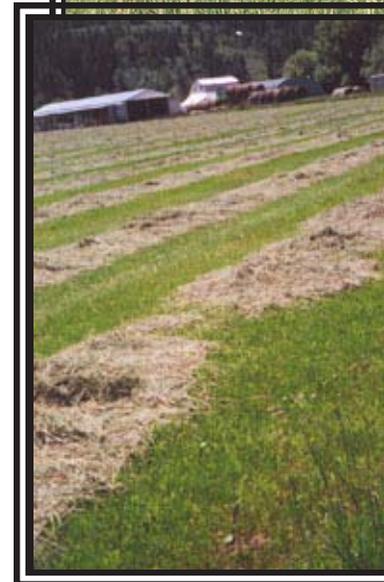
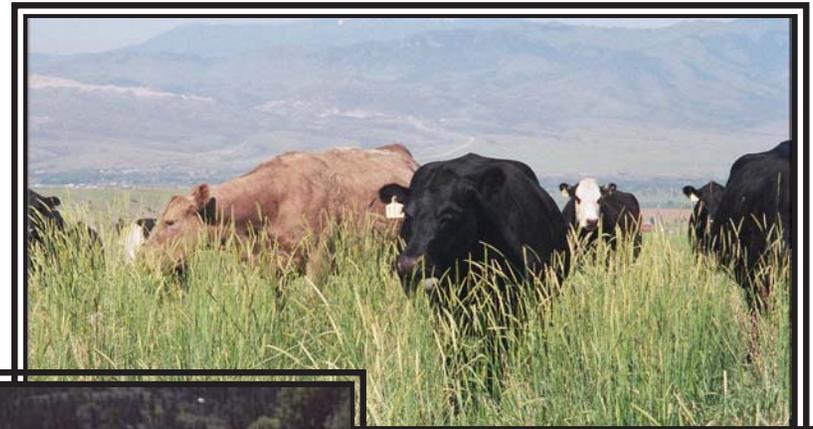
Payment Reduction

■ The annual rental payment shall be reduced by the number of acres actually hayed or grazed, times the CRP per acre an annual rental payment, times 25 percent.

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Managed Haying and Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Acres (*Old Provisions*)



For more information on Managed Haying and Grazing on CRP: Contact your local USDA Service Center or log on to the Montana FSA website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt>

Program Revisions

CRP participants that have managed haying and grazing provisions authorized in the Conservation Plan prior to September 26, 2006 can request the FSA County Committee for approval to hay or graze CRP acreage.

Primary Nesting Season

CRP contracts that had the managed haying and grazing provisions approved in the Conservation Plan prior to September 26th, 2006 will **not** be allowed to perform managed haying and grazing during the Montana FSA State Committee primary nesting and broodrearing season of May 15th - July 15th.

Signup

CRP participants must request authorization to perform managed haying or grazing and receive written approval prior to starting the activity. Haying or grazing of CRP acreage prior to receiving written approval could result in the assessment of a payment reduction that will be reduced from the next annual rental payment or termination of the affected acres.

Spring and Summer/Fall Grazing Period

The spring grazing period is February 15 through May 14 and summer/fall grazing period is July 16 through November 12, 2007.

Haying Period

The haying period was established as July 16th to October 13th.

Enrollment Criteria

- Managed haying is allowed **once every 5 years** on the same acreage. No more than 50 percent of a field or contiguous fields may be hayed at one time.
- Managed grazing is allowed **once every 3 years** on the same acreage grazing 100 percent of the calculated AUM's.
- For CRP contracts already in effect, 2003 was considered as year 1 of the management cycle,

Requirements

- Ensure the long-term viability of the stand, while protecting and enhancing the soil, water, wildlife and other natural resources of the CRP acreage,
- Producer may not hay and graze the same acreage in the same year,
- Haying is limited to 1 cutting per season,
- All managed haying and grazing must be performed according to the conservation plan,

What the producer needs to do to apply for Managed Haying and Grazing

- Identify the acreage to be hayed or grazed on an aerial photograph,
- Record the acreage to be hayed or grazed on DF-21 form,
- Have all participants sign the "Terms and Conditions for Managed Haying and Grazing" agreement before managed haying or grazing begins,
- Receive notification of approval from the FSA county committee, or it's designee, in writing before managed haying or grazing can begin,
- Livestock producers, who rent or lease acreage from the CRP participant, shall sign a statement agreeing not to sublease the CRP acreage, receive notification of approval from the FSA county committee, and provide a copy of the notification to the CRP participant.

What the producer needs to do when Managed Haying or Grazing is completed

- CRP participants who hayed or grazed CRP acres or rented or leased haying or grazing privileges need to report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed by signing and dating a DF-25 form,
- Re-establish the CRP cover at their own expense if the cover failed as a result of managed haying or grazing,
- Remove all hay by October 13th,
- Remove all livestock when the calculated AUM's are utilized, but no later than November 12th for summer/fall grazing.