

For: State Offices and Service Centers

Haying and Grazing Policy Reminder

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Managed Haying and Grazing of CRP

A Background

As of May 1, 2003, CRP participants could perform managed haying and grazing of CRP acreage.

B Purpose

This notice provides a reminder of policy for managed haying and grazing of CRP.

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A 25 percent payment reduction shall be assessed for conducting managed haying and grazing.

Managed haying and grazing of CRP acreage are authorized to accomplish the following goals:

- enhance wildlife habitat
- reduce soil erosion
- protect and enhance:
 - water quality
 - air quality
 - cover.

Managed haying and grazing shall **not** occur:

- on acreage hayed or grazed under managed or emergency provisions in the previous 2 years
- during the primary nesting and broodrearing season established in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

Note: Adjusting the primary nesting and broodrearing season is intended to provide flexibility in establishing the proper dates to meet wildlife nesting and broodrearing needs in each State. Adjusting these dates is **not** intended to maximize forage obtained through haying or grazing of CRP.

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