

For: State Offices and Service Centers

Reporting 2006 Haying and Grazing

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1 Reporting Deadline for Haying and Grazing

A Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provided the opportunity to further assist wildlife through the implementation of managed haying and grazing of CRP acreage. The Act specifies that haying and grazing of CRP shall:

- **not** be used as a practice that would defeat the purposes of the CRP contract
- be consistent with the conservation of soil, water quality, and wildlife habitat, including habitat during the nesting season for birds in the area.

Managed haying and grazing can be beneficial wildlife tools if:

- conducted outside the primary nesting and broodrearing season for grassland-dependent wildlife species
- implemented in a manner that considers the need for disturbance, based on climate, growing season length, and other environmental variables.

Under these circumstances, managed haying and grazing can increase the diversity and quality of vegetative cover to enhance wildlife by enhancing plant vigor, reducing invasion by nonnative species and woody vegetation, and preventing overgrazing of a portion of a field.

To effectively administer managed haying and grazing policy as a wildlife tool and increase effectiveness, data on the extent and effectiveness of managed haying and grazing is required.

2-CRP, subparagraphs 296 C and 312 C provide instructions for annual reporting of managed and emergency haying and grazing. The instructions require that reports be submitted to CEPD by a date determined by DAFP.

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1 Reporting Deadline for Haying and Grazing (Continued)

B Purpose

This notice provides the reporting deadline for haying and grazing.

C State Office Reports

State Offices shall:

- complete the Excel spreadsheets available on the FSA Intranet at <http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepdsto.htm>

Note: Click Item 15, “2006 Haying and Grazing Acreage Report”.

- e-mail the spreadsheets to crpreports@wdc.usda.gov by **May 4, 2007** (Exhibit 1 contains sample spreadsheets).

Note: Negative reports are required.

2 Reporting Restrictive, Permissive, and Incidental Grazing

A New Reporting Requirement

DAFP is currently reviewing compliance requirements and activities for all programs. As part of this review, CEPD is collecting data for restrictive, permissive, and incidental grazing.

States shall report the following for 2006:

- CRP contracts requesting restrictive grazing
- acres grazed under restrictive grazing provisions
- CRP contracts requesting permissive grazing
- acres grazed under permissive grazing provisions
- CRP contracts requesting incidental grazing
- acres grazed under incidental grazing provisions.

Spreadsheet Example

Following are example spreadsheets for 2006 Haying and Grazing Reports.

2006 Haying and Grazing Acreage Reports									
State	Number of CRP Contracts	Managed Haying Contracts	Managed Haying Acres	Managed Grazing Contracts	Managed Grazing Acres	Emergency Haying Contracts	Emergency Haying Acres	Emergency Grazing Contracts	Emergency Grazing Acres
County	50	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
County	52	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
County	916	9	339.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Totals	1,018	9	339.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

2006 Restrictive, Permissive, and Incidental Grazing Acreage Report							
State	Number of CRP Contracts	Restrictive Grazing Contracts	Restrictive Grazing Acres	Permissive Grazing Contracts	Permissive Grazing Acres	Incidental Grazing Contracts	Incidental Grazing Acres
County	50	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
County	52	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
County	916	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Totals	1,018	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0