

»»» WHY AND HOW TO GENERATE A ««« GRAZING PLAN

“It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.” – Eleanor Roosevelt



GRAZING PLAN REQUIREMENTS

WHY DO WE NEED A GRAZING PLAN?

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A grazing plan is a plan for managing when and where livestock graze. The purpose of a grazing plan is to provide growing season rest for plants during the grazing seasons. The plan also aids in matching nutritional requirements of the cattle with the maturity of the grass. Use of grazing animals to prevent plants from reaching the reproductive stage promotes continued growth further into the grazing season.

During the 2022-23 year Canadian Forage and Grassland Association (CFGGA) assisted in delivering the On Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF). This document will outline grazing plan needs with respect to CFGGA-OFCAF.

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When outlining your plan there are many aspects to consider. The purpose of implementing the 'graze time' and 'rest time' limits is to prevent plants from being grazed twice between regrowth. The durations can be fitted to your needs considering pasture condition and size but the general range for the purpose of this program is;

- Graze Time 3-7 days
- Rest Time 45-60 days

These times can vary depending on geography and time of year (among many other factors). Please contact us for further clarification.

GRAZE TIME & REST TIME

ADDITIONAL INFO FOR THE PLAN

FOR THE PURPOSES OF REVIEW

»»» EXECUTING THE PLAN

All plans are reviewed by a committee of grazers and program reps. So although we know you, as responsible herdsmen/women will ensure animal nutritional and watering requirements are met, we need to see a few specifics on your plan to get the full picture!

- Water location/paddock, multiple surface water locations are acceptable, indicate as such
- Cattle movements
- Map of existing & proposed infrastructure

QUICK LIST

- **Graze Time**
- **Rest Time**
- **Grazing Paddock Duration**
- **Water Location/Paddock**
- **Cattle Movement**
- **Map with water, existing & proposed infrastructure, clearly labeled**

»»» SEEDING

Perennial seeding as an eligible expense has a few stipulations. The seed mix must contain 25% legumes. The seed blend must be included in the application and it is good practice to keep a copy of the seed tag for claims time. In Saskatchewan, certified seed as well as Common #1 is accepted. Spray and fertilizer is not an eligible expense but expense incurred seeding the stand is eligible.

»»» OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Please ensure you have confirmed project expenses as approved, dollar amounts are final. The location of your project is important for tracking OFCAF dollars across the different programs. Reach out if you need help. All parts of the application are important, be sure to fill it out completely.

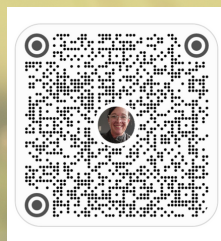
Grazing plans are necessary to apply for CFGA-OFCAF rotational grazing projects. Get a head start on your project!

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