AG. WATER QUALITY ACT

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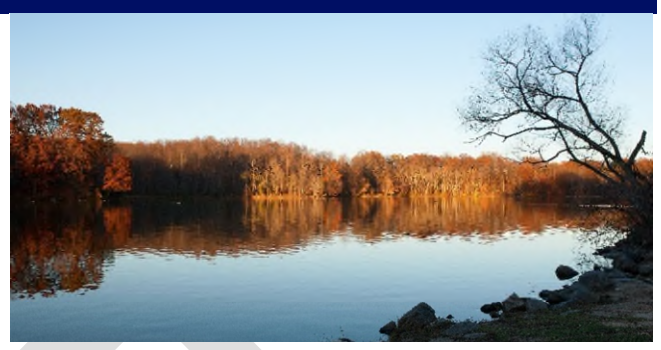

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE | **FUNDING ASSISTANCE** | **IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS**

PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM

LIVESTOCK BMP #1

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Description:
A practice in which two or more pastures are alternately rested and grazed in a planned sequence for a period of years in order to maintain minimum recommended grazing coverage.

AWQA Minimum Requirements:
Divide larger pasture fields into smaller pasture units with (temporary or permanent) fences. Rotate animals from one pasture unit to another schedule based on forage availability and livestock nutrition needs.

Recommendations:
Implement a planned grazing system to improve pasture use efficiency and reduce risk of impacts to forage stands, soil and water resources. Utilize NRCS Graze Worksheet, available at your local NRCS/Conservation District office.

Technical References

University Publications
- ID-143 Rotational Grazing
- ID-74 Planned Fencing Systems for Intensive Grazing Management
- AGR-191 Using a Grazing Stick for Pasture Management
- AGR-18 Grain and Forage Crop Guide for Kentucky
- AEN-105 Pasture Feeding, Streamside Grazing, and the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan

USDA/NRCS Publications
- NRCS Prescribed Grazing Practice Code 528
- Economics of Improved Grazing Management Calculator

Funding Assistance Options

State Cost Share
- See your local Conservation District to apply.

Kentucky Ag. Development Fund (KADB/KAFC)
- Select from available program options here.

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Select from available program options here.

Important Considerations

Water Quality Benefit (💧-💧💧💧💧): 💧💧

Wildlife Benefits
- Contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's Habitat Improvement Program how to improve wildlife habitat with select BMPs (1-800-858-1549).

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