**AG. WATER QUALITY ACT**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**FUNDING ASSISTANCE**

**IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS**

**PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM**

**LIVESTOCK BMP #1**

**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-101 Using a Grazing Stick for Pasture Management
- AGR-18 Grain and Forage Crop Guide for Kentucky
- AEN-106 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 on how to improve wildlife habitat with select BMPs (1-800-858-1549).

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