

Resource Concerns

Grazing Land _____

Animal Waste _____

**Elk Conservation District
2006 Environmental Ranking Criteria**

Points can only be earned when there is an environmental concern to be addressed by the implementation of a Conservation Management System. If the applicant is already doing the conservation practice that eliminates an environmental concern, then points will not be assigned. Points will be awarded as written on the worksheet and not arbitrarily reduced.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

FSN _____ TRACT _____

Environmental ranking criteria points

1. Prescribed Grazing ...Forages will be managed by height for appropriate species.

_____ points earned / 10 points

- a. Nutrient management, a soil test will be required and is to be presented to the NRCS office. Application of lime and fertilizer will be based on the soil test recommendations, the forage species and the stocking rate of livestock. The number of acres eligible for soil amendment cost share on any one contract, will be capped at 25% of the eligible grazing land or 40 acres which ever is greater.

* *Cost sharing for Nutrient Management will be capped at the following amounts of soil amendments:*

- Lime 3tons/acre
- N 75lbs/acre
- P 80lbs/acre
- K 120lbs/acre

_____ points earned / 10 points

- b. Livestock exclusion from water resources (ponds, streams, etc.)
Point total based on percentage of resource concern addressed.

_____ points earned / 10 points

c. Livestock exclusion from woodland

Point total based on percentage of resource concern addressed.

_____ points earned / 10 points

d. Converting land, which is being grazed but which is too steep to properly manage, to woodland

_____ points earned / 5 points

e. Reduce sheet and rill erosion on grazing land. Use the predominate soil type for the field/farm.

Reduce soil loss 1 to 2 tons/acre _____points earned/ 2 points

Reduce soil loss greater than 2 tons/ac _____points earned/ 5 points

f. Degree of pasture management based on the length of the grazing cycle

Management Type	Points
Continuous Grazing	0
Rotational Grazing	5
MIG	10

_____ points earned / 10 points

g. Extended grazing to keep livestock in pasture longer (stockpiled grazing), after November 15th

Time (weeks)	Points
2	2
4	5
6	8
8	10

_____ points earned / 10 points

h. Pasture planting to establish a higher quality forage

Planting Type	Points
Fescue Planting	5
Non-Fescue/ Warm Season Grasses	10

_____ points earned / 10 points

2. Develop sources of drinking water for livestock in order to reduce excessive erosion or animal waste related problems to improve surface water quality. Point total based on percentage of resource concern addressed.

_____ points earned / 10 points

3. Reduce surface water quality problems by constructing a feed pad and waste Storage facility. (Refer to animal waste facility and Heavy Use Area Protection in Technical Guide, Section IV).

_____ points earned / 10 points

TOTAL POINTS _____ / 100 possible points