

## Prescribed Grazing (CPS 528)

**Payment Rate: For Pasture, basic (\$22.02/Ac) for Range, basic (\$4.96/Ac)**

Managing the harvest of vegetation with grazing and/or browsing animals. This practice applies to all lands where grazing and/or browsing animals are managed. CDFA HSP applications for prescribed grazing projects must include a Grazing Management Plan prepared by a professional Certified Rangeland Manager.

Co-benefits

- Improves desired species composition and plant vigor
- Improves quantity and quality of forage for grazing
- Improves surface and/or subsurface water quality and quantity
- Improves riparian and watershed function
- Reduces accelerated soil erosion and improves soil condition
- Improves the quantity and quality of food and/or cover available for wildlife
- Manages fine fuel loads to achieve desired conditions



### >Example Prescribed Grazing Project Description

XX Ranch is a family farm that grazes XX beef steer on XX acres in Marin County. *The XX Farm is one of twenty Carbon Farm Plans written by the Marin Carbon Project collaborative (not required).* The proposed project will design and implement a prescribed grazing management plan over XX acres of the ranch. The plan will be developed with the assistance of a certified professional range manager and will take into account the climatic and vegetative conditions of the ranch. The plan will seek to address soil health, forage production, and cattle health and well-being. Implementation of the grazing management plan will seek to achieve the following goals 1) increase the organic content and water holding capacity of the soil, 2) improve the forage production and the species composition of plant communities on the ranch, 3) improve stewardship of cattle, and 4) manage fine fuel loads to reduce the risk of wildfire on the ranch. The landowner commits to following the monitoring plan outlined in the grazing plan, to assure that movement is being made towards the grazing plan goals. This project will be in collaboration with XXX (MRCD/MALT/NRCS), which provides planning, design, implementation and monitoring assistance to landowners.