

Grazing Advisor Job Description

Brief Summary of Duties: The Grazing Advisor position(s) will be responsible for providing technical support to landowners enrolled in the “Grass Roots: 21st Century Prescribed Grazing” program. The Advisor(s) will work one-on-one with participating landowners to support understanding and implementation of their grazing plan. The Advisor will also work with agency staff, the project steering committee, the NRCS Grazing Specialists and members of the Project Grass Coordinating Committee, to support the implementation of the program. This position is a **part-time, limited term** subcontracted position and will report to Capital Resource Conservation and Development (Capital RC&D) Area Council and the project steering committee.

Specific Duties may include:

1. Assist NRCS Grazing Specialist with the development of grazing plans for farms enrolled in the program including field data collection and monitoring.
2. Work individually with enrolled landowners to support their implementation of the grazing plan.
3. Coordinate farmer exchanges and mentoring between enrolled farmers and experienced grazers.
4. Work with Conservation District and other agency staff, in the context of farm visits, to increase the capacity of the staff to support prescribed grazing systems.
5. Support the implementation of pasture walks and field days within the project region.
6. Work with the project steering committee to provide guidance in project implementation.
7. Consult individuals with appropriate technical expertise and experience to address individual farm challenges.
8. Keep records of farm visits and other activities and report to Capital RC&D on a monthly basis.

Qualifications: A bachelor’s degree in animal science or related field desired, relevant experience will be considered in lieu of the degree requirement. Experience should consist of at least three years of hands-on experience implementing a prescribed grazing program. Candidate should possess teaching, program development and evaluation skills; demonstrate positive human relations as well as effective oral and written communication skills. A successful candidate must also be able to work with minimal supervision and efficiently plan their time. Candidate must have a valid driver’s license and use of a private automobile and be capable of in-field work requiring extensive walking in pastures and fields.

Please submit resume and references by **September 14, 2009** to:
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