

Heavy Use Area (561) Requirement Sheet

2016 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Eligibility: Livestock Operations

Purpose: To provide planning guidance for using Heavy Use Area scenarios in arriving at least cost alternative to address resource concern.

Requirements: Resource concerns exist such that stabilization is needed where areas are denuded and eroded site conditions exist from animal concentrations next to surface water bodies where livestock obtain drinking water, feed, or in high traffic areas around confined animal feeding operations. Adverse impacts are occurring to surface water bodies adversely impacting water quality and animal health.

The [Livestock Feeding Assessment](#) in the [Grazing Tools](#) spreadsheet will be used to document resource concerns (before conditions) and to plan all new HUA practices associated with Prescribed Grazing.

Use of concrete heavy use areas is a last alternative for pasture based beef operations and must be approved by Area Resource Conservationist and Area Engineer. Associated roofing may be needed to eliminate rainfall contact with manure where manure is collected and stored. In lieu of concrete and roofing and to promote dispersion, complimentary practices such as Access Roads and Animal Trails and Walkways can be approved by the Area Engineer and Area Resource Conservationist for access to "Low Risk" livestock feeding sites.

For concrete winter feeding beef sites where storage of manure and/or wasted feed is necessary, the following special requirements must be met:

1. The best available livestock feeding site(s) on the farm must have been identified as resource concern on CPA-52 form. A "High or Medium Risk" rating using [Livestock Feeding Assessment](#) would justify a resource concern.
2. Must achieve "Low Risk" rating using [Livestock Feeding Assessment](#) to be eligible for concrete and roofing under Roofs and Covers practice.
3. A CNMP is required. Landowner must be informed that the CNMP can become a regulatory document regulated by EPA regardless of the size of operation.

Producer requirements for payment:

Install practice according NRCS plans and specifications. Payment is made following certification by appropriate NRCS staff with engineering job approval authority or acceptance by NRCS staff that system was installed as designed and certified by TSP and applicable NRCS standards and specifications.