

NRCS 528 - Grazing Management Standard Team

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday 17 February 2026 ▲ 1:00am – 3:00pm ▲

Virtual

1:00 Welcome, stage-setting (Adam & Carl; 5 min)

1:05 Review action items from 13 January 2026 meeting (Adam; 15 min)

Notes – follow-ups from 13 Jan 2026 meeting:

- Forestland –
 - AA meeting with state forester (Alan ___?) soon to discuss
 - UW-Madison prof with a research interest in grazing-silvopasture
 - Currently leaning towards < 25% canopy (or 10% stocked) can be pasture; >25% is forest (AA, double check these figures and language)
 - Goal is to have something measurable to determine eligibility
- Fertility –
 - Are soil samples required with 528?
 - “Considerations” categorization is the current suggestion
 - Feedback - knowing the current conditions of your soil is critical
 - General criteria, versus categorized under specific criteria (such as within “plant” sub-heading)
 - Further counter-point – having a soil test as a boundary to helping producers make incremental change, could be counter-productive
 - Decision to add soil sampling details to both “Plant” criteria section and “considerations”

1:20 Resume line reading of national standard (Adam; 85 min)

Notes:

- Section: “Additional Criteria – plant details”
 - Would interseeding be a good addition here?
 - Referring to 2017 version -
 - Table 1 is beneficial as part of a guidance document, but keeping it in the standard can be deemed too prescriptive (i.e. if a given species is ½ inch too short, is the practice standard not being adhered to).
 - Suggestion to include reference to UW-Extension publication A2809
 - Review this section next time (“ensure soil fertility...” sentence)
- Side note – Need definitions of ruminants, herbivores, etc, and need to be sure all mentions are accurate
- Add to glossary – ruminants, or grazing animals, and be sure it’s consistent with the purpose and the rest of the document

- Discussion around animal health, parasites and disease considerations
 - Decision to include language from 2017 version related to planning needing to consider parasites and disease
-

2:45 Recap & next steps (Carl; 15 min)

Notes:

- Forestland figures and language will be further reviewed
- Soil fertility section will be revisited
- Further definitions are needed in glossary

3:00 Conclude meeting

Zoom connection info:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81570408376?pwd=jFM8ttcYO1aTbAgR419isgyL4zyHUu.1>

Meeting ID: 815 7040 8376

Passcode: 591090