

HYPOTHETICAL PAYMENT EXAMPLES
 VGFA/UVM-CSA CCPI 2009

Farm 1, with 180 milking cows, will transition 24 bred heifers and 16 dry cows to rotational grazing from the existing confinement barn. A 30ac crop field will be converted to pasture.

Practice	Unit Cost	Units	Total
Confined Dairy change to Grazing	\$430/ac	30	\$12,900
Prescribed Grazing Year 2	\$14/ac	30	\$420
Prescribed Grazing Year 3	\$14/ac	30	\$420
Convert crop land to pasture	\$280/ac	30	\$8400
Fence, 2 strand high tensile	\$1.40/ft	5000	\$7000
Pipeline, ¾" not buried	\$0.20/ft	1200	\$240
Watering facility, 70 gal tub (moveable)	\$140 each	1	\$140
Total			\$29,520

Farms 2 and 3, each with 50 milking cows, will add 20 acres to an existing 30-ac continuous-use pasture and will adopt managed rotational grazing.

Practice	Unit Cost	Units	Total
Prescribed Grazing Year 1	\$40/ac	50	\$2000
Prescribed Grazing Year 2	\$14/ac	50	\$700
Prescribed Grazing Year 3	\$14/ac	50	\$700
Convert crop land to pasture	\$280/ac	20	\$5600
Fence, 2 strand high tensile	\$1.40/ft	2975	\$5565
Pipeline, ¾" not buried	\$0.20/ft	800	\$160
Watering facility, 70 gal tub (moveable)	\$140 each	2	\$280
Total			\$15,015

VGFA and UVM Pasture Program CCPI Work Plan and Timeline

* July 2, 2009 – VGFA and partner organizations will promote this CCPI opportunity to eligible producers through the VPN listserv, the VGFA/Pasture Program website, the newsletter, direct contacts with producers, and any other suitable method.

* July 17, 2009 – VGFA will assist interested producers and NRCS in choosing appropriate practices to implement.

* August 15, 2009 – VGFA will assist farmers in locating a grazing consultant to write a Grazing Plan, if needed. VGFA will review each participant's proposal to see that it meets the goals of this project, the producer, and NRCS.

* December 31, 2009 – VGFA will report on implementation of practices during the first season, and on the progress of the program including numbers of acres and AU under managed grazing.

* June 30, 2010 – VGFA will report on implementation of practices during the second season.

* December 31, 2010 – VGFA will report on success of the program to date, and will suggest ways to encourage additional farms to convert to grazing.

* June 30, 2011 – VGFA will report on implementation of practices during the third season.

* December 31, 2011 – The final report on this CCPI project will be submitted.