FAP Grazing Explanation…

Here is a sample application to the Farm Agronomic Practice (FAP) Program for Rotational Grazing payments $25/acre, to review.  To be eligible animals must be moved a minimum of 2-3 times a week). Those of you with NRCS Prescribed Grazing payments or CSP Rotational Grazing payments are not eligible for the FAP program because you are already being paid.

Here is a link to the FAP application: ​​<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/fap>

Here is a Common Dairy example of how an FAP application can be filled out. The tricky part is to be sure and adjust #4 which is the DMI number. All animal classes (age, type) have a different DMI (dry matter intake). The worksheet defaults to 3% of body weight which is the total intake of a 1000 lb beef cow. Most dairy cows are closer to 4% for total DMI, but many people feed grain/hay/silage in addition to pasture. These people will need to adjust the DMI% to reflect what you are feeding from pasture. For example, if you cows are getting half of their DMI in the barn, then you would be feeding 2% not 4%. You can type in the number as a decimal: 0.02 and play with the numbers until it reflects DM you are getting from pasture.