

Grazing Bid Sheet

COMPLEX: Clay County Conservation Board - Kindlespire Complex **TRACT:** Heissel Addition

ADDRESS: 495th St / 250th Ave, Sioux Rapids, IA (3 miles northeast of Sioux Rapids, See Map)

LEGAL(s): Sec 28/Twp 94/Rng 36 - Parcel # 943628400005 **TOTAL ACRES:** 16 Total

YEAR: 2026 Spring/Summer

BID (\$/AUM): _____

Cooperator name (printed)

Cooperator Address	City	State	Zip code
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Cooperator Primary Phone	Secondary Phone
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Cooperator Signature	Date
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The current Iowa State University Extension & Outreach pasture rental rates are suggested with a base-line contract bid of \$.55 / Animal Unit / Day. Example: 1 AU (\$.55) X Grazing Days (60) = \$33

Grazing bid sheets will be received no later than 3:00 PM on Friday, April 10th, 2026

GRAZING BID SHEET INFORMATION

Target Grazing Period: May 1st – June 30th (60 grazing days)

Stocking Rate: # of Animal Units (AU) as defined below: **Cooperator is not to exceed 18 AU.**

AU example: **15 cow/calf pairs (15 X 1.2) = 18 AU**

Animal Unit Defined as follows:

Mature Cow – 1
Cow/calf pair – 1.2
Yearling (9-18 months) – 0.7
Weaner Calf – 0.5
Bull – 1.5

Fence Status: All outer fence corridors are based on barbed wire construction and in place. Continued fence maintenance will be the responsibility of the Cooperator. If deemed necessary by the Cooperator, a single electric fence line can be constructed on the interior of the active grazing parcel. The electric fence power supply, construction, and operations will be the responsibility of the Cooperator.

Gates: One gate will be the primary entrance/egress of the grazing unit. Gate location is shown on attached map. The gate currently is constructed in a fashion where it is easily accessible for UTV/ATVs, trucks, tractors, and other equipment. The single gate and gate materials are property of the CCCB.

Water Source: Livestock watering sources will be provided by natural waters located in the northern component of the grazing parcel (See Map). During dry periods when natural water is limited, supplemental watering will be allowed by the Cooperator. Any methods and locations of supplemental watering on CCCB lands must be approved by the CCCB Staff. All water tanks and any miscellaneous items owned by cooperator must be removed from the CCCB property when the cattle are removed.

Forage Types: The site consists of native tallgrass and shortgrass prairie plant communities to include forbs and flowers.

Grazing Targets:

Plants: Impact plant community by reducing grass competition to promote ecological diversity and allow for expansion of forb/flower community. Disrupt monoculture plant communities. Create structural heterogeneity utilizing cattle grazing patterns to increase required habitat for grassland native wildlife species.

Animals: Increase nest attempts, successes, and brood raising potential for upland birds, waterfowl, and mammals. Increase insect diversity by increasing vigor and abundance of native forb community.

Grazing Special Conditions & Special Use Permit

- 1) The CCCB reserves the right to modify or terminate the Special Use Permit if habitat conditions warrant.
- 2) Cattle will be purged using corn stalks or other weed free alternative food sources as approved by the CCCB prior to the described grazing period.
- 3) All liability relating to livestock and livestock management to include all persons working for the Cooperator, whether related, hired or as a partner is strictly that of the Cooperator as listed on the Special Use Permit. The Cooperator must have/acquire liability insurance that covers livestock being grazed on CCCB lands. A copy of the liability insurance must be provided to the CCCB.
- 4) The Cooperator must be in compliance with the respective state and local livestock health regulations.
- 5) All equipment for grazing, including ATV/UTVs, must be clean and free of invasive plant materials including seeds before entering any CCCB lands. The CCCB reserves the right to inspect and deny the use of equipment and/or vehicles that appears to contain invasive species plant materials or seeds.
- 6) The Cooperator will not use any pesticides (including insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides) on CCCB lands.
- 7) Any livestock management action including branding or dehorning on CCCB land must be approved by the CCCB Staff.
- 8) Subletting is not allowed. As approved by the CCCB Staff, partnering with another rancher will be allowed should the number of livestock needed to achieve the desired outcome not be obtained by a single rancher. If partnering is allowed, the initial Cooperator will be solely responsible for the total payment, management, liability, and all special conditions.
- 9) Fence maintenance is the responsibility of the Cooperator. Any permanent fence constructed on the CCCB lands will become property of the CCCB.
- 10) Livestock watering will be provided by CCCB watering system and generally be provided by natural existing areas. During dry periods when natural water sources are not available, supplemental watering will be allowed. Any methods and locations of supplemental watering on CCCB lands must be approved by the CCCB Staff. All water tanks and any other miscellaneous item must be removed from property when the cattle are removed.
- 11) The Cooperator must notify the CCCB Staff of deceased livestock. Deceased livestock must be removed from CCCB lands within 48 hours of discovery unless other arrangements have been approved by the CCCB Staff.
- 12) Supplemental feeding is not permitted on the grazing acres and CCCB lands.
- 13) Use of minerals (salt or protein) must be approved by the CCCB Staff.
- 14) The CCCB is not responsible for providing alternative pasture if the Grazing Contract is terminated.

Cooperator Name (Signature)

Clay County Conservation Board (Signature)

Cooperator Name (Print)

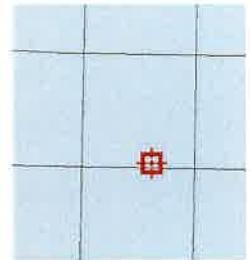
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Overview



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