Adding Pasture Applications To Your SnapPlus NM Plan

Pastures need to be part of the NM plan whether they are grazed during the grazing season, gleaned in the winter, or if nutrients are mechanically applied.

Soil testing requirements are in the 2015-590 NM Checklist item 1. b.

For fields or pastures with mechanical nutrient applications, determine field nutrient levels from soil samples collected within the last 4 years according to 590 Standard (590) and UWEX Pub. A2809, Nutrient Application Guidelines for Field, Vegetable, and Fruit Crops in Wisconsin (A2809) typically collecting 1 sample per 5 acres of 10 cores. Soil tests are not required on pastures that do not receive mechanical applications of nutrients. Instead of soil testing these pastures, assume soil test phosphorus level of 150 PPM and organic matter content of 6%.

Step 1. Pick the pasture crop options on the Farm screen to get the correct pasture plant mix and seeding option.

Step 2. Add a grazing source to the Nutrient sources screen.

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Source Name	Nutrient Type	N surface	N incorp	N inject	P2O5	K2 0	S	Dry matter %
Beef Grazing	Beef, grazing	4	0	0	3	7	0	12

Step 3. In the sub tab of the Nutrient sources screen, click on Grazing Herd Setup and enter the number of head for each size of animal you have.

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Pasture seeding, grass/legume
Pasture seeding, legume more than 30%
Pasture, continuous stocking, high density
Pasture, continuous stocking, low density
Pasture, dry lot, exercise area
Pasture, rotational stocking, grass
Pasture, rotational stocking, grass/legume
Pasture, rotational stocking, legume more than 30%
Pasture, variable stocking, managed continuous
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		Anima	al Type		Number of Animals	Daily Manure Production (Ibs/animal)	Grazing Estimator	
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		1,000 lbs Beef	Cow	\sim	10	63	B Chaing Could in Chaing	
		450 lbs Beef	Calf	\sim	10	26	Use herd information to fill daily manure production	
	•	1,100 lbs Beef	High Forage	~	10	92	2 Crop year: 2019 € Herd name: Grazers	
							Total daily herd manure production: 0.96 tons/day Field/Pasture size: 1.0 acres	
							Days on pasture: 5 days	
							Percent of each day spent grazing: 100 %	
							Estimated application rate: 4.8 tons/acre	
							Average animal units per acre over 0.6 grazing season	

For all grazing operations we can estimate a rate per acre for the farm.

For example if you have 900 tons of manure being produced annually and you divide by the 90 acres of pasture you have, then you are aiming for 10 tons per acre as a rate. [900 tons manure ÷ 90 acre=10 tons/ac]

Step 4. To calculate how many days the herd needs to be on the pasture or in this case, how long on one acre to give us 5 or 10 tons/acre rate, use the Grazing Est button in the Nutrient screen or the Cropping screen's Nutrient Application Planner for the field. Adjust the days on pasture and the percent of each day spent grazing to determine the tons/acre rate.

Step 5. Add grazing applications to fields from the Cropping screen, Nutrient System, or use the Rotation Wizard found in the Tools menu or the Cropping screen.

Click and fill the Cropping screen



Add Crops and Applications by clicking in these rows



Create/copy crop rotations with either





Run NM Plan Reports



Step 6. Run reports to check compliance and to list applications for the past year, coming crop year, and the next crop year. If you click Bulk reports and 590 Compliance Defaults, all the reports you will need will be generated and stored in C:\SnapPlus2\Reports\. Be sure to look at NM2 and NM8 to direct you to any compliance issues. If compliance issues need to be fixed and can't be, note in the narrative when the issue will be addressed.