Carrying Capacity Worksheet

A worksheet for estimating carrying capacity of a pasture from forage yield, grazing efficiency and animal needs, used by ranchers setting stocking numbers.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

Pasture name and area _____

Forage type and condition _____

Estimated forage production _____

Share left for the soil _____

Animal class and forage needs _____

Length of grazing period _____

Calculated carrying capacity _____

Notes on adjustments _____

NOTES / CALCULATIONS

TIP Use your local NRCS production estimates and adjust for the weather rather than relying on a single fixed number.