Riparian Pasture Management Guide

Guide to managing riparian pastures, balancing livestock use with the need to protect stream banks, water quality and streamside plants. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Map the riparian area and stream reach
2. Assess bank and plant condition
3. Set goals for the area
4. Plan fencing or access controls
5. Provide water away from the stream
6. Choose grazing timing and duration
7. Monitor stubble height or cover
8. Repair damage quickly
9. Record observations and photos

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask your NRCS office about riparian grazing methods that suit your region.