

Environmental Stewardship Survey: Cow/Calf or Stocker Operations

Dear Producer,

This assessment helps producers to voluntarily identify potential strengths and weaknesses of their stocker operations, based on critical area questions. This survey is aimed at livestock producers housing cattle (cow-calf or stockers) on pasture or crop stubble. This document is an informal way for you to review your own operational management strategies. If you answer “no” to any of the questions, and would like to learn more about that issue, we invite you to contact the watershed specialist for your area.

Please read the following questions carefully and check the most appropriate answers for your livestock operation. If a question does not apply, check “not applicable”.			
	YES	NO	Not Applicable
Are supplemental feeding areas located at least 100 feet from creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, or natural waterways and water wells?			
Are supplemental feeding sites moved at least weekly to a new location?			
Do you remove accumulated manure, waste feed and hay from all feeding sites within 2 weeks after either moving feeding sites or removing cattle from the pasture?			
Is the primary protection from wind or snowstorms by windbreaks or naturally timber areas located at least 100 feet from creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, or natural waterways and water wells?			
Have the height and density of desirable grasses in your pasture been maintained or improved during the past year?			
Are the grazing areas along creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, or natural waterways and water wells managed to prevent trampling and overgrazing by cattle?			
Do cattle obtain drinking water from a water tank, water trough or water bowl?			
Are cattle prevented from wading in streams, creeks, or ponds?			
Are mortalities disposed using a legal and approved method (such as composting, burial, incineration, contract pick-up services)?			
Do you follow a grazing management plan?			

Want to contact us? Your local watershed specialist is available to answer your questions.

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