## Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27)

## NMDA's Healthy Soil Program Bale grazing planning template

## REQUIRED for Individual Applicants or Eligible Entities seeking funds for bale grazing on rangeland or cropland

NOTE: If you are applying for a grant from NMDA's Healthy Soil Program with a project that will include bale grazing on rangeland or cropland, you must submit a completed version of this template as part of your online application. This template was <u>not</u> designed for the Individual Applicant or Eligible Entity to complete themselves. Rather, this template <u>must</u> be completed in cooperation with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)\* on or before February 20, 2026. Failure to submit this template (completed in cooperation with NRCS, including the planner's signature) as part of your Healthy Soil Program application will render the bale grazing component of your application incomplete.

**NOTE:** NMDA's Healthy Soil Program requires grant applicants to create and upload with their online application a soils map (using https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/) for cropland projects or an Ecological Site Description map (https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm) for rangeland projects. Because these maps indicate different soil types and/or ecological sites within the project area and are essential to the conservation planning process, NMDA recommends that all applicants create and study either a soils map or Ecological Site Description map *prior to* their conservation-planning appointment with NRCS.

Name of Individual Applicant or Eligible Entity:						
Project Location (Physical Address, Section/Range/Township, Latitude/Longitude):						
County:						
For THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT or ELIGIBLE ENTITY to complete: Using only the space below, describe your soil health-related goals. Explain how bale grazing would help achieve these goals.						

your observations regarding the Individual Applicant's / Eligible Entity's existing resource
concerns related to soil health. Examples: decreased water infiltration, compaction, organic matter depletion, decreased forage productivity etc.
For THE CONSERVATION PLANNER to complete: Use the blank spaces below to guide the Individual Applicant or Eligible Entity in calculating the specific components of a bale grazing plan. NOTE: Bale grazing must be planned in accordance with USDA-NRCS* Conservation Enhancement Activity E528P (New Mexico Supplement).
Treatment area (acres or sq. ft.):
Existing forage available (lbs. per unit area):
Type and numbers of livestock to be utilized:
Estimated dry matter consumption per day by livestock:
Size, type, and number of bales to be used:
Time of year that bale grazing will occur:
Duration of bale grazing (days):
Planned livestock numbers per day:
Planned bale residue after bale grazing (minimum 25%):
Exclusion plan, including method and duration of exclusion:



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<b>For THE CONSERVATION PLANNER to complete</b> : List any additional notes related to this bale grazing project. Examples include drought mitigation plans.				
Individual Applicant or				
Eligible Entity representative signature				
	Date			
NRCS Conservation Planner name/title				
NRCS Conservation Planner signature				
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Local USDA Service Center				
* USDA NRCS NM provides financial su a contribution agreement.	upport to NMDA's Healthy Soil Program through			

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