

Pasture Condition and Trend Scoresheet

Technician				
Field Identification				
Observation date				

Individual plant species found in the field :

Pasture condition scores:

Very poor	1 - 10
Poor	11 - 20
Good	21 - 30
Very good	31 - 40

Category	Criteria	Score				
1) Plant population estimated by weight mostly	desirable	4				
	intermediate	2				
	undesirable	0				
2) Plant diversity - diversity of forage species is:	broad - > 7-9 species	4				
	medium - 4 - 6 species	2				
	narrow - <3 species	0				
3) Plant density - desirables and intermediates are	dense >90%	4				
	medium 60-70%	2				
	sparse < 40%	0				
4) Plant vigor - desirable and intermediates are:	strong	4				
	medium	2				
	weak	0				
5) Legumes in stand - percent of legumes by weight make up:	40 - 60 %	4				
	20 - 30 % or > 70%	2				
	< 10 % or > 90%	0				
6) Severity of use - degree and frequency of use is:	heavy	0				
	appropriate	4				
	light	0				
7) Uniformity of use - grazing use across the pasture is	uniform	4				
	intermediate	2				
	spotty	0				
8) Soil resources - amount of area affected by erosion, compaction, concentration	< 5 %	4				
	10-15%	2				
	> 25%	0				
9) Undesirable canopy - percent of canopy made up of undesirables is:	< 10%	4				
	20 %	2				
	> 30%	0				
10) Plant residue - dead and decaying plant material is:	excessive	0				
	appropriate	4				
	deficient	0				