

Farm Bill 2002

Questions and Answers

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Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program

Q. What is the Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program (CPGL)?

A. CPGL is a voluntary program that provides technical assistance to owners and managers of private grazing land.

Q. What is technical assistance?

A. Technical assistance is the information, data, guidance, and other support provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff. This information helps individuals better understand the ecological principals associated with managing their land and implementing a plan that meets the needs of the resources (soil, water, air, plants, and animals) and the management objectives of the landowner or manager.

Q. What does this assistance offer the landowner or manager?

A. This program offers opportunities to maintain and improve private grazing land and its management, implement grazing land management technologies, protect and improve the quality and quantity of water, maintain and improve wildlife and fish habitat, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain and improve the aesthetic character of private grazing land, identify opportunities and encourage diversification, and encourage the use of sustainable grazing systems.

Q. Is financial assistance or cost-share available?

A. This program does not include financial or cost-share assistance. However, financial assistance may be provided by other Federal, State, and local programs that address grazing land resource concerns.

Q. Who may request technical assistance?

A. Anyone who owns or operates grazing land may request assistance.

Q. How does one request technical assistance?

A. To receive technical assistance, the individual may contact NRCS or the local conservation district.

For More Information

If you need more information about CPGL, please contact your local USDA Service Center, listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture, or your local conservation district. Information also is available on the World Wide Web at: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/



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