

Another Conservation Success Story...

Jasper County, Georgia

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Grazing Land Improved in Jasper County

According to Henry Bell, the high point of his Georgia Grazing Land Conservation Coalition (GGLCC) demonstration project has been watching his 'MaxQ' tall fescue grow, and seeing his cows respond to it.

Bell observes that cattle on MaxQ are out in the pasture grazing during the heat of the day when cattle on 'Kentucky 31' tall fescue are in the shade.

He documents that cattle on MaxQ are in better body condition than cattle on Kentucky 31.

When asked how his operation and management had changed as a result of identifying and addressing problem areas on the farm Bell replied, "I think I have more productive pastures for the cattle, better facilities for the working pens, the barns are more functional, and I pay a lot more attention to what the grass is doing so I can utilize rotational grazing for its intended benefits.

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"The application process really made me think about the big picture for the cattle and the farm, instead of putting band aids on things to correct a specific problem or area, and then having to do it again later," observes Bell.



Natural Resources Conservation Service employee, Ray Spencer, and producer, Henry Bell

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Grazing Land Conservation Initiative

The Grazing Land Conservation Initiative and the Conservation of Private Grazing Lands legislation work hand in hand to ensure that technical, educational, and related assistance are provided to people that own private grazing lands.

Technical assistance offers producers an opportunity to:

- improve grazing land management,
- protect soil from erosive wind and water,
- use more energy efficient ways to produce livestock and feed,
- conserve water,
- provide habitat for wildlife,
- sustain forage and grazing plants,
- use plants to sequester greenhouse gases and increase soil organic matter, and use grazing lands as a source of biomass energy and raw materials for industrial products.

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