

## Key Points

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## *Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program*

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- The Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program (CPGL) is reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill).
- CPGL is a voluntary program that helps owners and managers of private grazing land address natural resource concerns while enhancing the economic and social stability of grazing land enterprises and the rural communities that depend on them.
- Through CPGL, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical assistance to owners and managers of private grazing land.
- Privately owned grazing land includes private, State, Tribal, and other non-federally owned land managed to produce livestock and wildlife.
- Technical assistance provides opportunities for maintaining and improving private grazing land and its management, conserving water and improving water quality, providing habitat for fish and wildlife, maintaining and improving the aesthetic character of private grazing lands, and enhancing recreational opportunities.
- Technical assistance may include the inventory and evaluation of soil, water, animal, plant, air, and other resources. This information will help landowners and managers make land use, environmental, and conservation treatment decisions and help them in applying and maintaining conservation practices.
- This program does not include financial assistance. However, financial assistance may be provided through other Federal, State, and local programs that address grazing land resource concerns.
- NRCS will assist land users in developing conservation plans for farms, ranches, and other land units.
- NRCS is the technical agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that provides assistance to conservation districts and individuals in planning and carrying out activities of this program and other conservation programs.
- To receive technical assistance, a landowner or manager may contact NRCS or the local conservation district. Participation in this program is voluntary.
- Requests for technical assistance through CPGL are prioritized by NRCS and the local conservation district to ensure that technical assistance is provided in a fair and equitable manner.
- The program is available Nationwide.

***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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**Note:** This is not intended to be a definitive interpretation of farm legislation. Rather, it is preliminary and may change as USDA develops implementing policies and procedures. Please check back for updates.