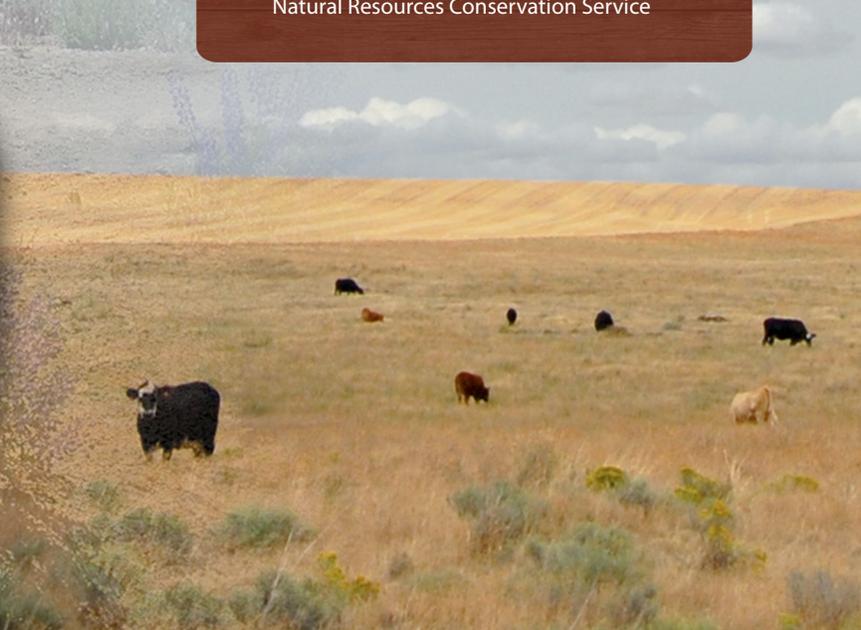
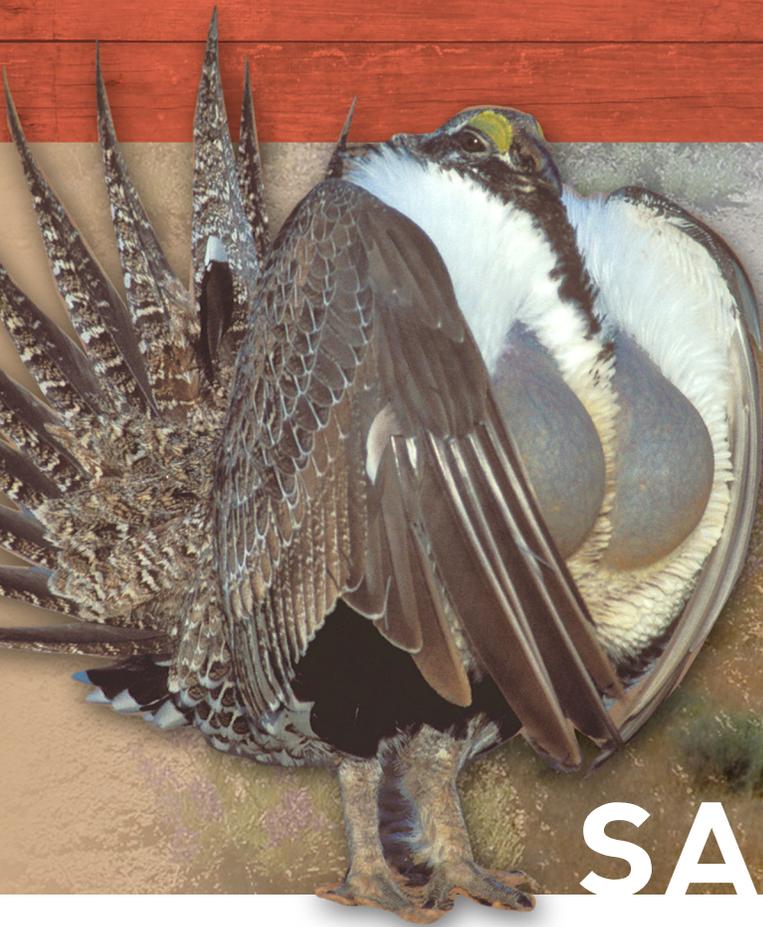




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# SAGE GROUSE

## **PAYMENT SCENARIOS:**

Implement a rotational grazing system on a 3,000 acre ranch and receive between **\$4500-\$6000 per year** for implementing grazing management and monitoring. PLUS, you get to use the forage after the deferment period.

– OR –

Rest 20 percent and defer an additional 20 percent of a 3,000 acre ranch and receive between **\$14,000-\$16,000 per year** for implementation of grazing management, monitoring, and rest-and-deferment.

## **APPLICATION SUMMARY:**

### **THE 2012 SAGE GROUSE INITIATIVE**

is a continuous sign up, and applications may be submitted at any time. Applications will be evaluated periodically as funding becomes available.

## **APPLICATION EVALUATION**

### **PERIODS END:**

**May 18, 2012**

## **FIND OUT MORE AT:**

**[www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov)**

## **USDA'S NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) IS A LOCAL RESOURCE FOR INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE LAND AND PROTECT YOUR WAY OF LIFE.**

Financial and technical assistance is available for ranchers in limited areas of central and eastern Washington. There are different options to protect sage grouse habitat and improve range conditions for both existing grazed ranchlands and expired CRP lands.

Through the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** Sage Grouse Initiative, ranchers can select a rest-and-deferment grazing strategy to provide optimal cover for sage grouse or a rotational grazing system to improve the plant health of the ranchlands.

NRCS may be able to help you implement the following conservation activities:

- Cross-fencing and water development for grazing management
- Retrofitting fences for increased visibility
- Installing escape ramps for wildlife in watering facilities
- Removing structures used as predator perches
- Improve rangeland species diversity
- Riparian improvements

The initiative is limited to sage grouse habitat areas of central and eastern Washington.

Contact your local NRCS field office to learn more about how NRCS may benefit you and your land.