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Expiring CRP Options— Transition to Grazingland

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Between the years 2009 and 2013, approximately 2 million acres of CRP contracts will expire in Colorado. This mass contract expiration has the potential to impact soil erosion, wildlife habitat, water quality, farm incomes and rural economies. However, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance and financial incentives to producers and landowners as they chose to transition these lands to other uses.

Incentives for Grazing Management

Through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the NRCS offers technical and financial assistance for producers with expiring CRP who want to transition that land management into a grazing management system. The NRCS can provide financial assistance for installing necessary infrastructure such as fences, livestock pipeline and tanks. The NRCS also provides management incentive payments for grazing management, weed control and wildlife habitat management.



Potential Payments for CRP transition to Grazingland

Practice	Example Incentive Payment (Tentative costs calculated for Northeast Colorado)
382-Fence	\$0.85/Foot
516-Pipeline	\$1.35/foot
614-Watering Facility	\$0.60—\$1.35/gallon
528-Grazing Management	\$10/acre
595-Pest Management	\$10/acre
645-Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	\$10—\$15/acre

NRCS Technical Assistance

NRCS Field Office staff, Range Conservationists and Wildlife Biologists are available to offer technical advice on implementing or expanding a grazing system onto CRP ground.

For More Information

To learn more about these incentives, or for other options for expiring CRP, contact your local NRCS Field Office. Log on to www.nrcs.usda.gov to find your nearest office.