



Common Enhancement Activities of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

More Information

- The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) allows farmers and ranchers to maintain or improve existing conservation efforts and adopt new ones on their agriculture operations.
- CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled in CSP. Participants voluntarily enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operations—providing food, fiber, and energy.
- South Dakota leads the nation with the greatest number of acres enrolled at just over 7 million acres statewide.
- For more information visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/sd/programs/financial/csp/>

This fact sheet shows a sample of common enhancement activities being implemented on grazing land in South Dakota.



E528140Z1-Maintaining quantity and quality of forage for animal health and productivity



E528118Z2-Grazing management that protects sensitive areas-surface water from nutrients **OR**

E528119Z-Grazing management that protects sensitive areas-ground water from nutrients



E528107Z2-Improved grazing management for soil compaction on rangeland through monitoring activities

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E315134Z-
Herbaceous weed control (plant pest pressures) for desired plant communities/habitats



E550106Z-Range planting for increasing/maintaining organic matter



E382136Z-
Incorporating "wildlife friendly" fencing for connectivity of wildlife food resources



E528132Z3-Improved grazing management for plant productivity/health through monitoring



E314133Z-Brush management for improved structure and composition



E390136Z-Increase riparian herbaceous cover width to enhance wildlife habitat



E338134Z-Strategic patch burning for grazing distribution/wildlife habitat (undesirable plant pressure)



E612137Z-Tree/shrub planting for wildlife cover



E472118Z-Manage livestock access to streams/ditches/other waterbodies to reduce nutrients in surface water



E612130Z-Planting for high carbon sequestration rate

