

# The Amazing Cow

National Cow Appreciation Day is celebrated annually on the second Tuesday of July. The day encourages people to love and appreciate cows.



The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service works with Texas farmers and ranchers to plan and implement grazing systems to improve rangeland and wildlife habitats.

44%

of a cow's weight is used in leather, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and pet food.

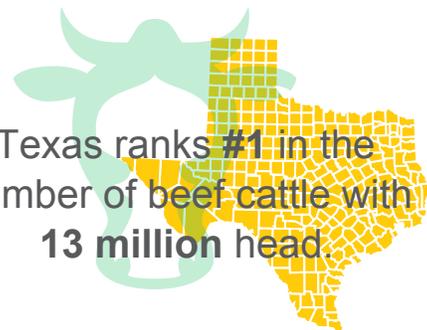


56%

of a cow's weight is used for hamburgers, steaks and other beef products.



Texas ranks #1 in the number of beef cattle with **13 million head**.

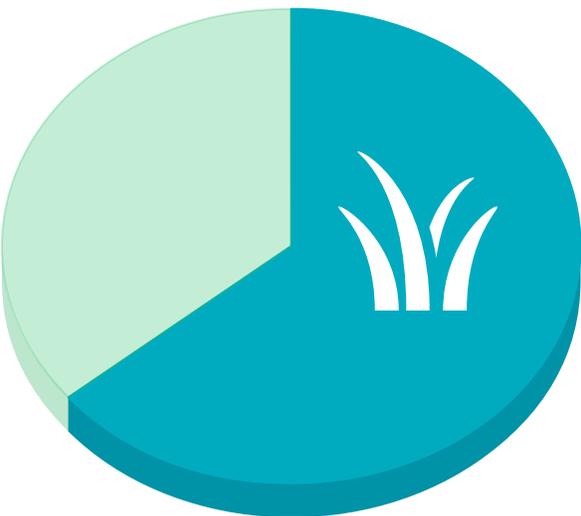
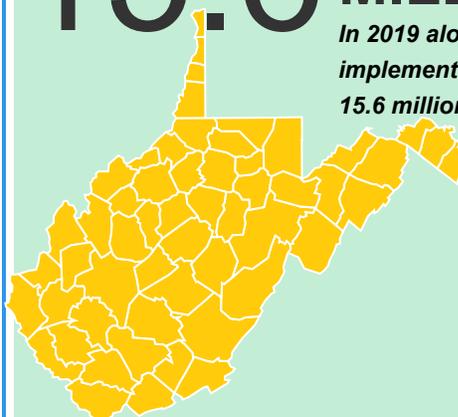


One cow can consume **20 to 33 pounds** of grass or hay each day so ensuring adequate forage production is important for beef production and ranch sustainability. **One** cow can also consume **14 to 30 gallons** of water per day. NRCS works with ranchers to ensure adequate, clean water for cattle and other livestock.



**15.6 MILLION ACRES**

*In 2019 alone, NRCS in Texas helped plan and implement grazing land conservation practices on 15.6 million acres, an area the size of West Virginia.*



Of Texas's **171 million** acres, **110 million** acres are range and pastureland, or about **64 percent** of the state.

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Sources: Beef Checkoff; National Ag Statistics, January 2019; U.S. Census Bureau, 2019; USDA National Ag Statistics Cattle Report, January 2019; National Resources Inventory, 2015; University of Nebraska, 2012, 2016; NRCS Performance and Results System, 2019. NRCS\_TX - July 2020.