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.

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

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.