

National Resource Inventory (NRI)

Grazingland On-site Study



What is the NRI?

The National Resources Inventory (NRI) is a statistical survey designed to help gauge natural resource status, conditions, and trends on the Nation's non-Federal land. Non-Federal land, which includes privately owned lands, tribal and trust lands, and lands controlled by State and local governments, represents nearly 75 percent of the Nation's total land area.

Why collect data on my property?

The study site on your land, and all other survey sites, was selected at random to represent larger acreages of grazing land. Expansion factors applied to each survey site allow the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to estimate conditions on rangeland and pastureland across the Nation. By allowing access to your land, you are helping demonstrate the valuable contributions made by America's farmers and ranchers to the environment. Your cooperation can help improve conservation programs for America's working lands.

Who conducts the NRI?

The NRI is conducted by the NRCS, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Iowa State University Center for Survey Statistics and Methodology. This partnership ensures that the NRI employs well-established scientific survey principles. The data is collected by NRCS rangeland and soil specialists and NRCS contractors.

When will data be collected?

The data will be collected during the vegetation growing season, generally May-September. These activities do not disturb the landscape and are similar to the kinds of

activities used in normal NRCS conservation planning. The data collection will generally take less than one day.



How is the data used?

The primary purpose of the NRI is to support agricultural and environmental policy development and program implementation. The NRI provides nationally consistent statistical data that support analysis of resource trends on rural land over all regions of the United States.

The data collected about range and pastureland provide information about land use, vegetative cover, composition, and effects of grazing lands conservation practices. The data gives researchers important information for formulating science-based solutions to resource concerns.

Are data sites confidential?

The NRI protocols include maintaining and protecting the integrity and confidentiality of the data gathering sites to safeguard both the survey and your rights as a private landowner. NRCS does not link the data that we gather to your name or other personal information. NRCS will not provide your name, ownership information, or other personal information to any other Federal, State, local, or private agency or organization.

For More Information:

Contact the NRCS at your local USDA Service Center or contact Julie Tesky, NRI Natural Resource Specialist, (406) 587-6908, julie.tesky@mt.usda.gov.

Visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/nri>

For past results, see the National Resources Inventory Rangeland Resource Assessment at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/technical/nra/nri/results/?cid=nrcseprd1343025>

