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Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)

The FSA accepts applications for GRP on a continuous basis with periodic evaluations of applications for funding. GRP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners and operators for the preservation and conservation of the nation's grasslands. GRP enrollment permits common grazing practices, haying, mowing, or harvesting for seed production from the grassland, subject to certain restrictions.

Enrollment options include: permanent easements and 10, 15, 20-year rental agreements. To participate in GRP, offers must be private land.

Rental contracts receive an annual payment for each year of the contract ranging from \$6.50 to \$11.50 per acre. The contract payment is calculated by multiplying the county rental rate for where the land is located times the number of acres accepted.

Permanent easement payments are based on the difference between the fair market value of the land minus the grazing value.

Applications will be evaluated based on length of enrollment, expiring conservation reserve program acres, plant biodiversity (with preference to native range land), acres in a contiguous block, threat of conversion to cultivation, non-ag use, wind power, and evasive species.

Applicants whose GRP application is funded may continue to hay, graze, or harvest the forage or seed according to a conservation plan while earning the GRP benefit. Removal of hay or seed from the acreage is not allowed during the primary nesting season of May 1 through July 1.

For more information and to apply for GRP contact your County FSA Office.