

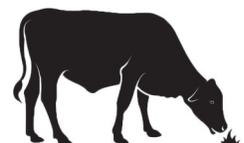
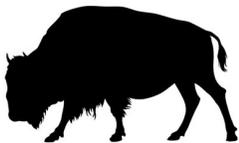


Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative

Reinvigorating support for smart and sustainable grazing nationwide

In today's complex agricultural economy, farmers and ranchers need technical assistance to develop and implement grazing plans that are profitable, practical, and that optimize conservation benefits.

The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) provides local and regional resources for farmers and ranchers interested in best grazing management practices for cattle, bison, sheep, goats, and other livestock. GLCI includes funding for technical assistance, education, pasture groups, and training for new grazing technical assistance providers.



In the FY22 agricultural appropriations bill, GLCI funding was restored for the first time since 2008. In FY08, GLCI was funded at \$27 million; for FY22, GLCI was funded at \$14 million.

Farmers and ranchers need stable and expanded GLCI funding to support grass-based systems on across the nation. [\\$50 million annually for GLCI would help farmers and ranchers interested in grazing get the technical help they need to succeed.](#)

Why it matters:

- ▶ Well-managed grazing operations help keep water supplies healthy and clean.
- ▶ By keeping cover on the ground year-round, grass increases water infiltration & reduces expensive storm damage to roads, bridges, culverts and other tax-funded infrastructure.
- ▶ Grass-based farms and ranches can increase profits. Having healthier and more plentiful forage can decrease costs associated with purchasing livestock feed & high veterinary bills.
- ▶ Grazing technical assistance matters. Counties with dedicated NRCS grazing staff show marked increases in the use of practices such as rotational and prescribed grazing. Networks of grazers allow producers to share successful tactics with each other directly, establishing strong and profitable operations.

2023 Farm Bill ask: \$50 million annually for GLCI



Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT) is a national nonprofit organization that works to ensure that all food-producing animals are raised in a humane and healthy manner. FACT offers services for livestock and poultry farmers and ranchers who wish to raise their animals on pasture.