



Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Emergency Grazing

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Emergency grazing of CRP land has been authorized in twenty-two Oklahoma counties as of May 31, 2011. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) requested authority to graze during the primary nesting season and received support from wildlife entities due to the extreme drought conditions across much of the state. The counties include:

- Alfalfa
- Beaver
- Beckham
- Blaine
- Cimarron
- Comanche
- Cotton
- Custer
- Dewey
- Ellis
- Greer
- Harmon
- Harper
- Jackson
- Kiowa
- Major
- Roger Mills
- Texas
- Tillman
- Washita
- Woods
- Woodward

At this time, haying is not permitted and grazing is allowed through September 30, 2011 (or earlier, if conditions return to normal). Acreage is eligible for emergency grazing regardless of whether or not the acreage was hayed or grazed during the managed haying and grazing period in the previous two years. Managed haying and grazing is allowed in one out of every three years following the establishment of the CRP cover. The managed grazing period for 2011 in Oklahoma counties is July 2, 2011 – September 30, 2011. The managed haying period for 2011 in Oklahoma counties is July 2, 2011 – August 10, 2011. It is important to note that acreage hayed or grazed during either the emergency or managed authorizations in the current year will not be eligible for managed haying or grazing for the next two years. Producers who elect to participate in either emergency or managed haying or grazing will also receive a 25% reduction in their annual rental payment on the acres hayed or grazed. To participate, producers should file a request with their county FSA office prior to grazing CRP land. Livestock producers can also rent emergency grazing privileges from a CRP participant.

Visit the Oklahoma State Agricultural Policy newsletter page to learn about other drought and disaster assistance programs available to livestock producers. These programs assist with losses due to wildfires and tornados as well.

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