

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners across the country to help them boost agricultural productivity and protect soil, water, air, and other natural resources. In Virginia, NRCS partners with soil and water conservation districts, state agencies, local communities, and nongovernmental organizations to help agricultural producers add value to their greatest resource ... their land.

Understanding soil/plant/livestock relationships is the first step to improving your grazing system for increased productivity and sustainability. Experienced graziers treat forage as a crop. They closely manage their livestock in the pasture system to efficiently harvest the forage. Local NRCS personnel can evaluate your system, discuss and outline your goals and objectives, and formulate a grazing plan that will serve you for years to come.

NRCS also provides funds through several Farm Bill programs to implement these plans. Financial assistance payments are available to reduce erosion, improve air and water quality, preserve wetlands, enhance wildlife habitat, and protect farm and grazing lands from urban development.

NRCS services are offered on a free and voluntary basis. To learn more about how we can help you, visit us online at www.va.nrcs.usda.gov, call or stop by the NRCS Service Center closest to you:

Area I Harrisonburg:

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