

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at North Dakota State University

RREA programs are designed to help North Dakota and surrounding state's counties manage natural resources more ecologically viable while enhancing or maintaining the economic return to the land manager. RREA funds are leveraged with state and private funds, and institutional support. The collaborative use of the funds allows partners, including government agencies and private associations, to develop educational materials and deliver programs to landowners and land managers. In public educational programs conducted by North Dakota State University, each RREA dollar is typically leveraged with \$7.15 of state, private, and/or local funds. RREA funds were used as described for 1 October 2005 through 30 September 2006:

∞ Development and publication of the third edition "Rancher's Guide to Grassland Management III" with support (authorship and funding) from USDA-NRCS). Over 3,600 books have been distributed to land owners and managers, and educators in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota to guide land managers to better resource management.

∞ North Dakota State University developed cow/calf and 12-month grazing and forage planning workshop (two- and three-day): Three intensive grazing, forage and livestock management sessions were held for livestock producers. These programs impacted 76 ranchers and 107,900 acres or range and pastureland. Over 85 % of the landowners surveyed stated they will implement an improved grazing management program in the some or all of their land.

"It's been years since attending a cow/calf presentation. I rate this one excellent and very educational, picking up a lot of useful info and hope to put it to use." Rancher, Amidon, North Dakota.

North Dakota landowners learning to
improve grazing management

∞ Conduct a three-day in-service training session for North and South Dakota extension agents/educators and North and South Dakota Natural Resource Conservation Service resource faculty with South Dakota State University and USDA-NRCS. Thirty-seven educational professionals (Extension agents and NRCS Staff) in North and South Dakota were taught using class room and field activities under a sustainable agricultural program for western rangeland. This training technique allows us to train the trainers that have a direct impact on the natural resources in their county.

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