

PA NRCS:

- Regional conservation staff trainings occurred through the state in 2021 on the revised NRCS Pasture Condition Scoring protocols. A Pasture Condition Scoring Video was also produced by Capital RC&D and is posted on the Capital RC&D website and on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/ToYLodBJ5kU>
- Newly added Soil Health Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) will include pasture assessment as part of the management plan, where livestock is present. Soil health has been incorporated in most all conservation practice standards throughout the agency's technical guidance.
- There will be a statewide Technical Service Provider (TSP) training on all revised TSP guidelines in March 2022. TSPs in PA are self-certified (with documentation) to do nutrient management, prescribed burning, grazing and soil health plans. More info available at
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/tsp/>
- Revised NRCS grazing-related conservation practice standards and technical guidance updated in 2021: Pasture and Hay Planting (512), Forage Harvest Management (511), Brush Management (314) and Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315). NRCS also added a practice standard for Annual Forages for Grazing Systems (810). The following technical guidance documents will be revised for release by October 1, 2022: Managed Grazing (name change from Prescribed Grazing) and Fence standards. If you'd like to review or discuss any of the above, please contact
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- See other information on the NRCS 2021 Accomplishments report.

Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition (GLC):

- Grazing-related podcasts, newsletters, website and social media postings continue to highlight soil health activities and the M2B Grazing Alliance.
- Pasture walk/farmer training held on July 20th in Berlin PA, in conjunction with the PA GLC and SW Project Grass Chapter meetings.
- Capital RC&D and PA GLC continue to work with Mountains to Bay Grazing Alliance, providing a Bay watershed-wide format for sharing resources to support prescribed grazing.
- Presentation made for the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) virtual meeting in January on partnership efforts between and among PA GLC, M2B, RC&D, and PA SH Coalition member organizations.
- Working collaboratively with Pa Sustainable Ag as a paid contractor to help solidify and publicize the PA GLC Mentorship program as part of a larger effort with PASA (DGA) and Capital RC&D (Grazing Advisor), with a common goal of providing various levels of support for graziers, both beginning and advanced.
- GLC and Capital RC&D Grazing Support pages: <https://www.capitalrcd.org/grazingsupport.html>;
<https://www.pagrazing.org>