



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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Duties

NRCS Rangeland Management Specialists plan grazing systems that improve forage quality and other grazing land functions. You'll suggest ways to use grazing animals to improve and sustain natural resources. You'll offer advice on water management, invasive species control, and sustainable forage production. Whether landowners want to use their lands to support livestock, wildlife, recreation, or a combination of these, you'll tailor conservation plans to help landowners meet their goals.

Qualifications

A four-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree or a bachelor's degree in range management or a related discipline from an accredited college or university. To be acceptable, the program must have included: (1) at least 42 semester hours in a combination of plant, animal, and soil sciences and natural resource management, with at least 18 semester hours in range management including courses in such areas as basic principles of range management, range plants, range ecology, range inventories and studies, range improvements, and ranch or rangeland planning; (2) at least 15 semester hours of directly related courses in the plant, animal, and soil sciences, including at least 1 hour in each of these three scientific areas in courses in such as plant taxonomy, plant physiology, plant ecology, animal nutrition, livestock production, and soil morphology or soil classification are acceptable; and (3) at least 9 semester hours of course work in related resource management subjects in subject areas such as wildlife management, watershed management, natural resource or agricultural economics, forestry, agronomy, forages, and outdoor recreation management.



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