

Sustaining Small- and Medium-sized Farms, Natural Resources, and Rural Communities: The Role of Rotational Grazing

What is the project goal?

- To enhance farm viability, environmental quality, and rural communities through the expanded adoption of rotational grazing in the Northeastern U.S.

What are the project objectives?

- To estimate the potential impacts of expanded adoption of rotational grazing on farm viability, environmental quality, and rural communities.
- To understand the barriers to adoption of rotational grazing that farmers face.
- To create policy and program recommendations, based on the benefits and barriers, to facilitate the expanded adoption of rotational grazing.
- To involve a broad-based coalition of stakeholders to help implement policy recommendations.

What is the approach to achieve the objectives?

- Use the best scientific information available to estimate the array of impacts that would be likely to accrue from expanded adoption of rotational grazing.
- Use web-based interactive mapping to display the estimated impacts in selected focal watersheds throughout the Northeast.
- Conduct education and outreach to inform the public, policy makers, and others of the project's findings.

Who are the principal participants?

- This project is being implemented by Winrock International in conjunction with the University of Vermont. The project is supported by the National Research Initiative of the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, grant number 2006-55618-01438. Numerous agencies and organizations throughout the Northeast will participate as part of the project's stakeholder network.

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