

# Minnesota Grazing Lands Facts

- GLCA is an important partner with the NRCS, state and local agencies as they provide valuable technical and educational assistance to the land owner and the producer.
- Grazing lands comprise about 4.5% or 2.5 million acres of land in Minnesota.
- Grazing lands provide the principal source of forage for domestic livestock in Minnesota.
- Grazing lands provide essential habitat and foraging areas for many kinds of wildlife, including both game and non-game species.
- Grazing lands provide watershed protection and recharge the water supply.
- Grazing lands in Minnesota are comprised of improved pastureland, rangeland, and naturalized areas. Vegetation ranges from cool season introduced species on pastureland to native remnant prairies on rangeland. With a mix of cool introduced species, and native remnant prairies, accounting for naturalized areas.
- Grazing with beef cattle and dairy cows are the primary use of Minnesota grazing lands. Forage production is the basic goal of the rancher/farmer. Maintenance or improvement of grazing lands is just as important as livestock husbandry.



Let's Keep  
Minnesota's Grazing Lands  
**Productive and Profitable**  
By Pooling Our Knowledge  
And Working Together.

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# Grazing Lands Conservation Association

Minnesota  
Chapter



# BACKGROUND

The Minnesota Grazing Lands Conservation Association (GLCA) is a grassroots non-profit group, organized to promote the health and sustainability of Minnesota's 2.5 million acres of grazing lands.

The newly formed GLCA Minnesota Chapter is a voluntary group of producers from across Minnesota. Through a cooperative effort, the GLCA Minnesota Chapter's goal is to provide local leadership, guidance, information and technical assistance to grassland managers and producers. Given the appropriate tools and training, grassland managers and producers will be better prepared to make cost-effective and environmentally sound decisions.



The GLCA Minnesota Chapter believes that through voluntary actions, respect for private property owners' rights, and education on the values and multiple benefits of well managed grazing resources, their goals are achievable.

# VISION

**Promote Sustainable Grassland Resources in Minnesota**



# VALUES

- ◆ Learn from peer trial and experiences
- ◆ Open doors to grass management expertise
- ◆ Share alternatives and different perspectives
- ◆ Discover common objectives and goals through grassroots effort
- ◆ Generate new ideas

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# TOPICS

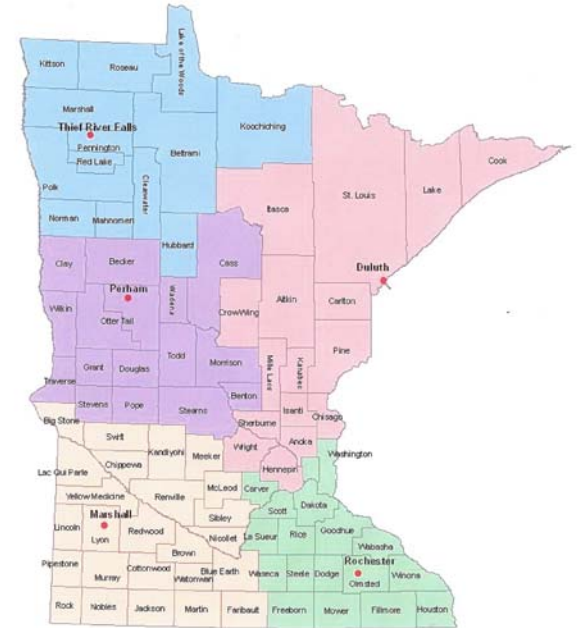
1. Grazing and Forage Management
2. Fencing
3. Livestock Watering Systems
4. Livestock Movement
5. Objectives/Goal Setting
6. Economics and Record Keeping

# MENTORING

The Grazing Lands Conservation Association Minnesota Chapter has established a grassroots based network with Minnesota grazing land managers. Who have agreed to provide guidance and council to interested ranchers and agency personnel on grassland management.

The advice that the mentors provide is based upon knowledge and experience gained on their operations and the interaction they have had with other livestock producers from across the state. Mentors (listed to the right) are available to discuss the topics listed above. No two ranchers/farmers are alike. Therefore, you need to adapt what you may learn from these individuals to your own goals, resources and management abilities. The mentors listed are donating their time. **Please be respectful of their schedules and time commitments.**

# Grazing Specialists' Working Areas



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