MISSION OF THE CROPLAND GRAZING EXCHANGE

The Cropland Grazing Exchange was developed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). Our goal is to connect livestock producers with crop producers who are willing to incorporate livestock on their land for the purpose of increasing biodiversity. Benefits of grazing cropland include:

- Improving soil health
- Reducing tillage
- Reducing soil erosion
- Increasing cropland fertility
- Reducing pressure on pastures
- Lengthening the grazing season
- Increasing diversity on the landscape

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Connecting crop and livestock producers to improve soil health

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FOR CROP PRODUCERS

The Cropland Grazing Exchange can help connect you to someone who has livestock in your area and may be looking for extra forage or grazing fields to extend their livestock's time on pasture.

FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

The Cropland Grazing Exchange can help you get in touch with a crop producer who wants livestock to graze a cover crop, crop residue, or unused pasture.

Diverse cover crop blends (pictured right) are useful for improving soil health and excellent forage for livestock

HOW IT WORKS

The Cropland Grazing Exchange is a public, interactive map.

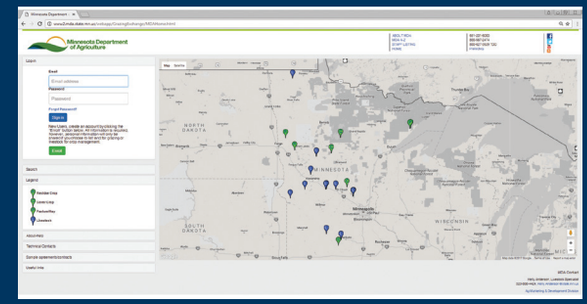
To use the Cropland Exchange Program:

- Visit the webpage at **www.mda.state.mn.us/cge**
- Add information about your operation
- Indicate whether you have livestock or available grazing fields

On the map, blue points (L) represent livestock that are available to be transported. Green points represent cover crops (C), crop residue (R), and pasture (P) that need to be grazed. Click a point for more information about each operation.

Users with an account will have the option to contact other operators via a web-generated email address. Please be patient when contacting other operators.

THE CROPLAND GRAZING EXCHANGE MAP



Points will change depending on field and livestock availability.

CHECK IT OUT!

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Soil Health Principles: Keep the soil covered, minimize soil disturbance, increase crop diversity, keep living roots in the soil, integrate livestock