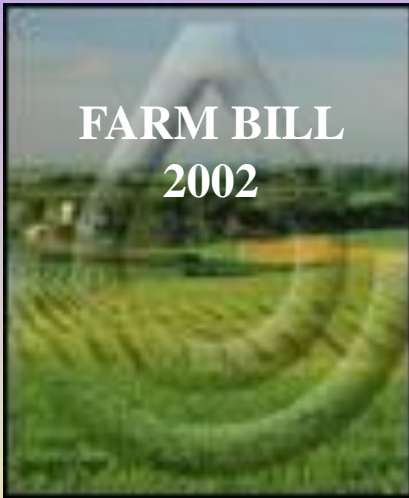




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# Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

***Colorado Conservation***





# Farm Bill 2002

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- Most significant commitment of resources toward conservation in our Nation's history
- Opportunities for farmers and ranchers to reach conservation goals
- Variety of incentives to producers and landowners interested in conservation programs

# Farm Bill 2002

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The Farm Bill program is one of the most effective tools NRCS has in place to address Colorado's top priority natural resource issues including:

- **Water Quantity**
- **Rangeland Health**
- **Water Quality  
(Animal Nutrients)**
- **Soil Health**
- **Drought Recovery**

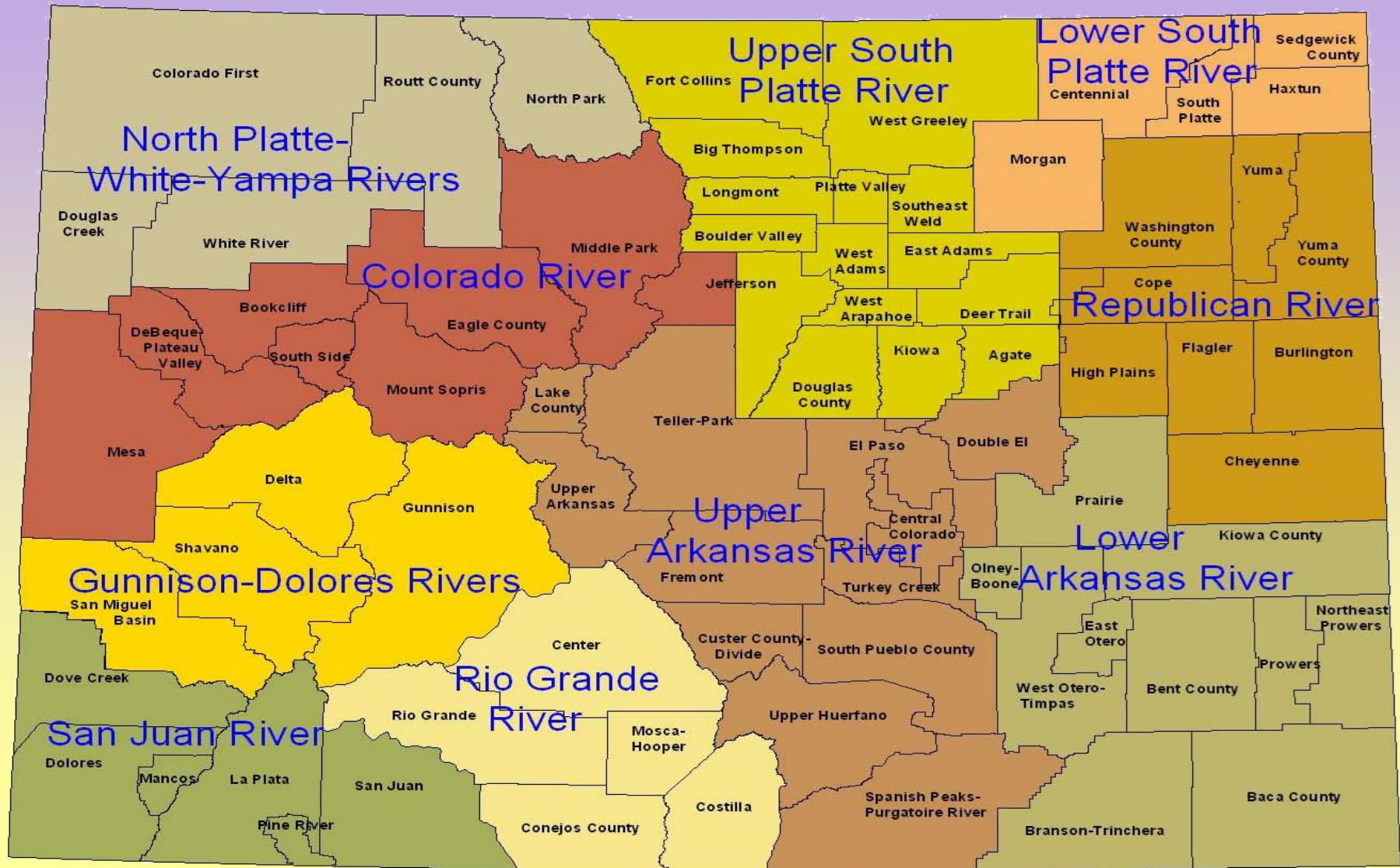


# Watershed Approach

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- Ten major watershed basins
- Recognizes resource diversity
- Locally led by conservation districts
- Customized programs
- Ranking based on similar systems

# Watershed Associations

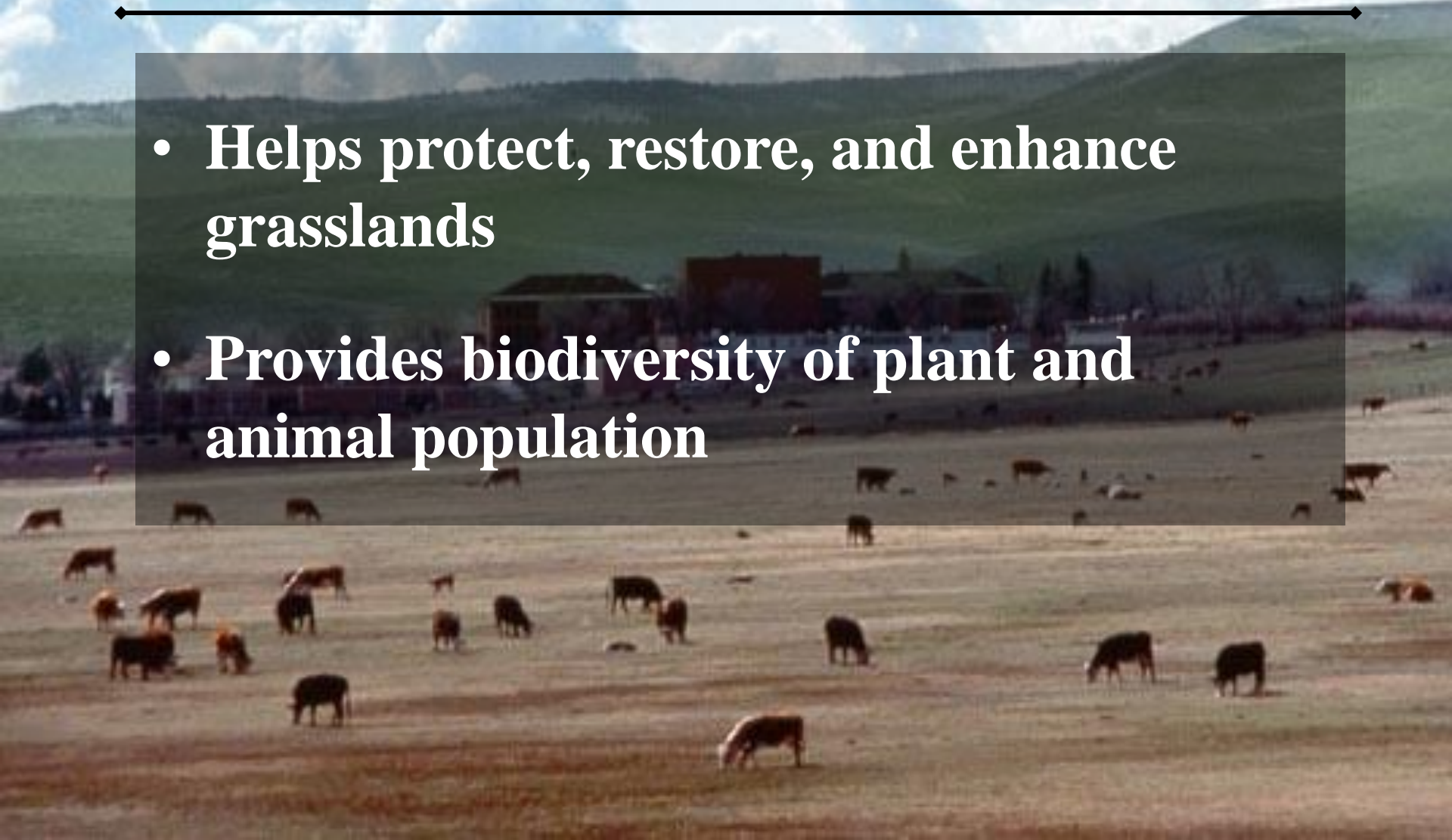




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- Helps protect, restore, and enhance grasslands
- Provides biodiversity of plant and animal population



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## Enrollment Options

### Easements

- Permanent
- 30-Year

### Agreements

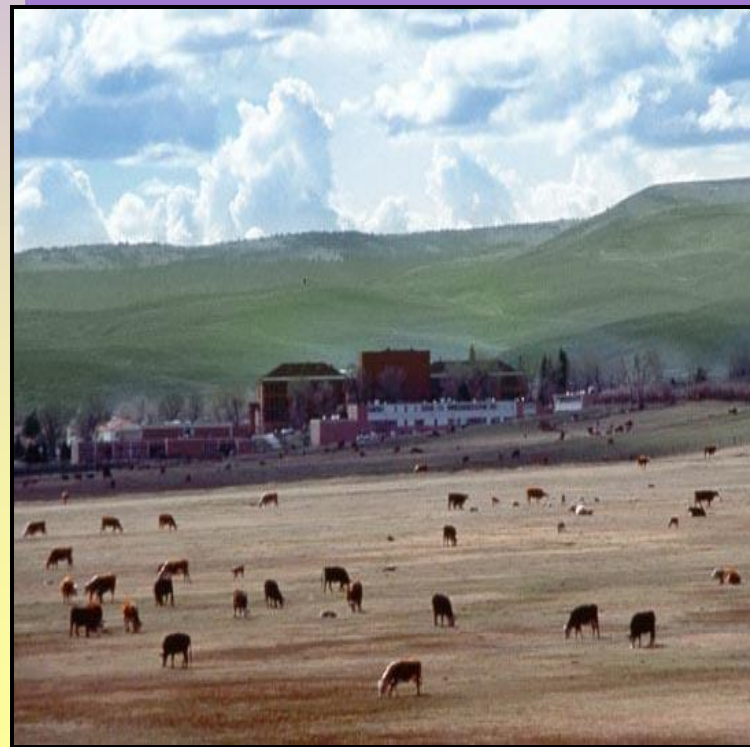
- 10, 15, 20, and 30-year rental agreements
- Restoration agreements

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## Program priorities include:

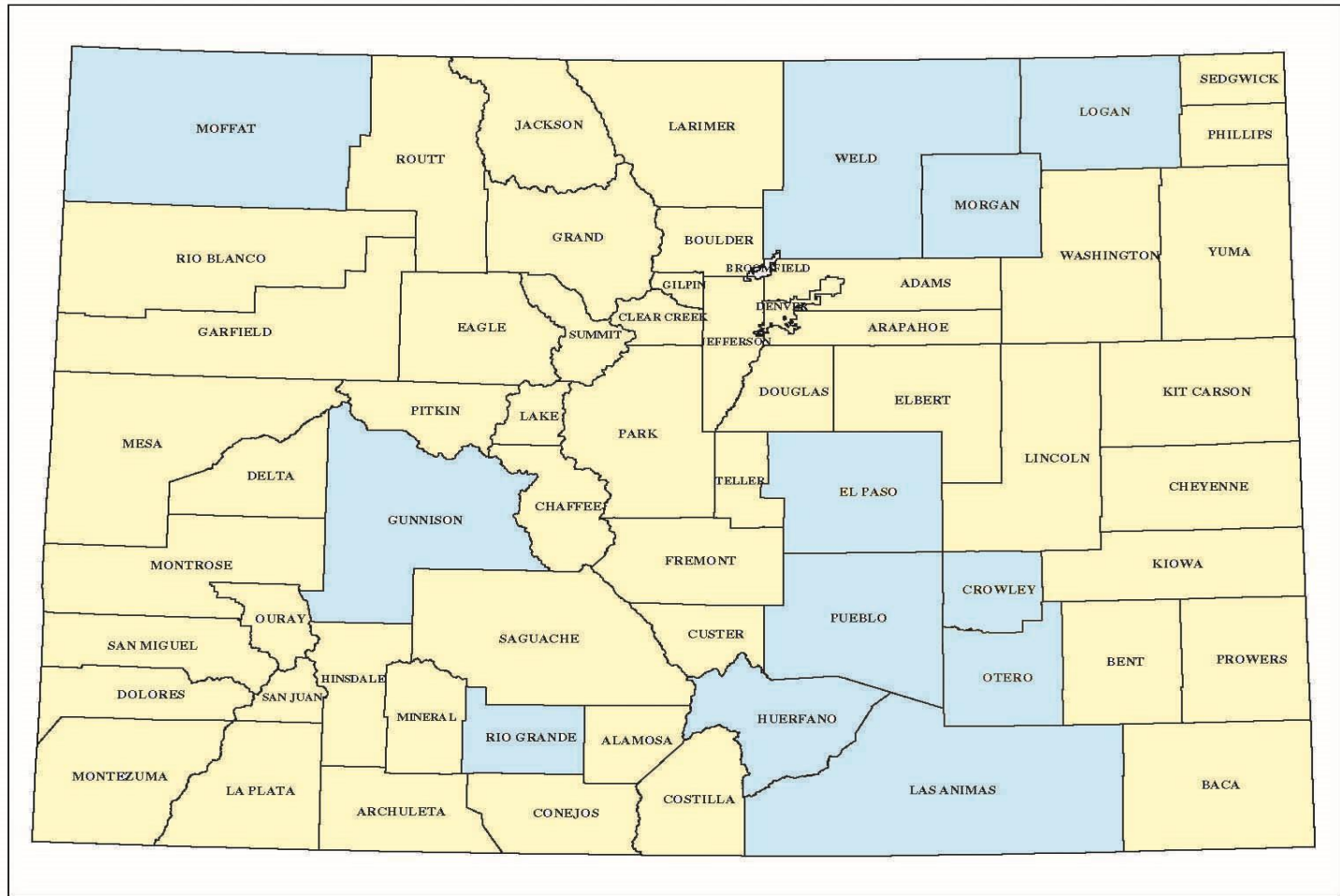
- Protection from threat of conversion
- Maintaining working agricultural lands
- Maintaining biodiversity






# Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)

## *Project Locations Map*



 Indicates county locations with existing GRP projects.

# Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

GRP Program Activities				
YEAR	# Applications Received	# Applications Approved	\$ Applications Approved	# Acres Funded
2003	375	4	\$1.3 M	4,200
2004	311	7	\$1.8 M	8,300
2005	206	6	\$2.6 M	13,600
2006	NA	5	\$1.2 M	11,800
2007	No New Activities nor Funding			
2008	No New Activities nor Funding			
Grand Totals	892	22	\$6.9 M	37,900





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