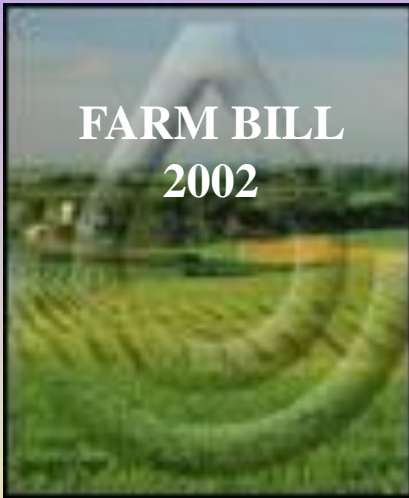




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Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

Colorado Conservation





Farm Bill 2002

- 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

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:

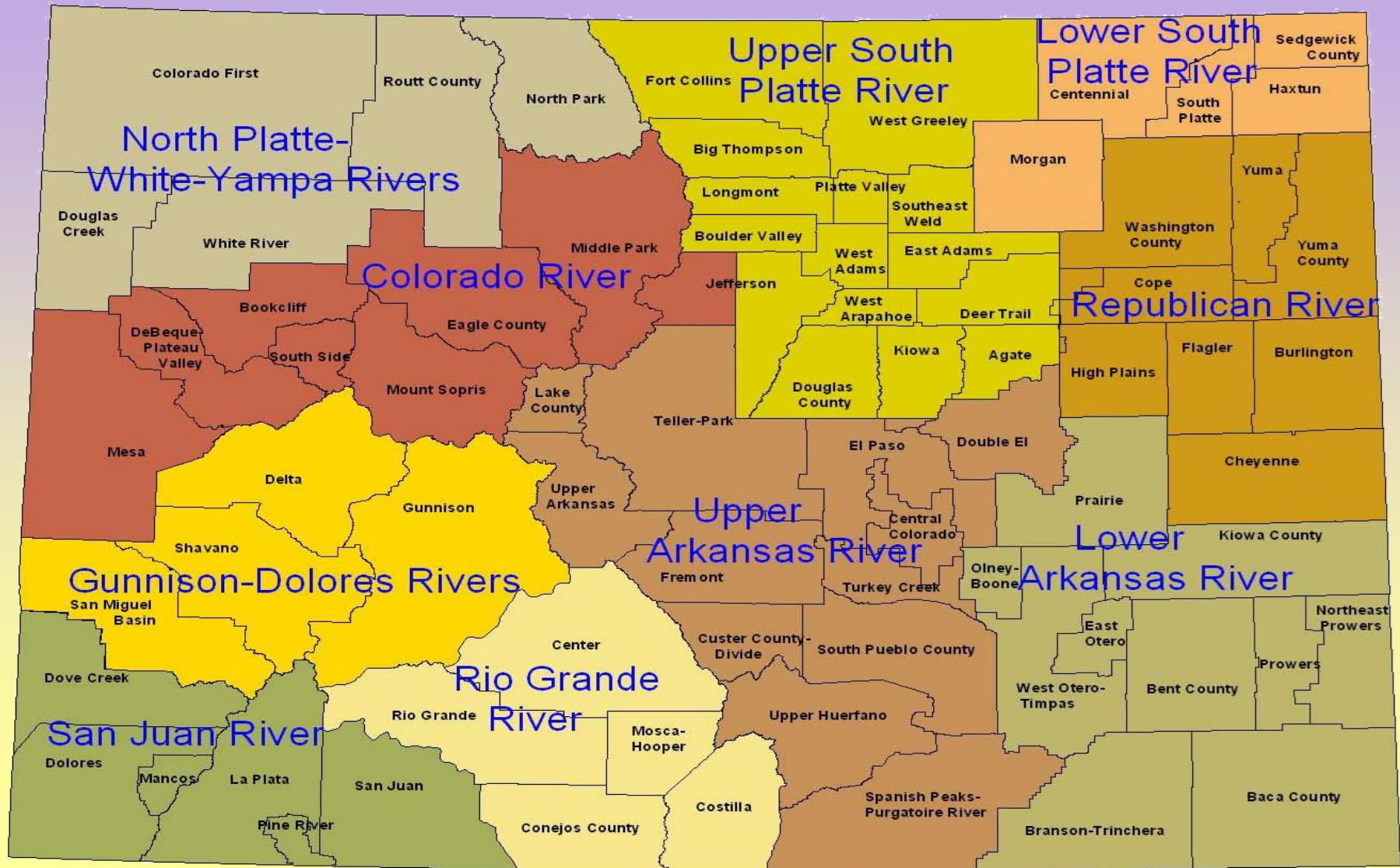
- **Water Quantity**
- **Rangeland Health**
- **Water Quality
(Animal Nutrients)**
- **Soil Health**
- **Drought Recovery**



Watershed Approach

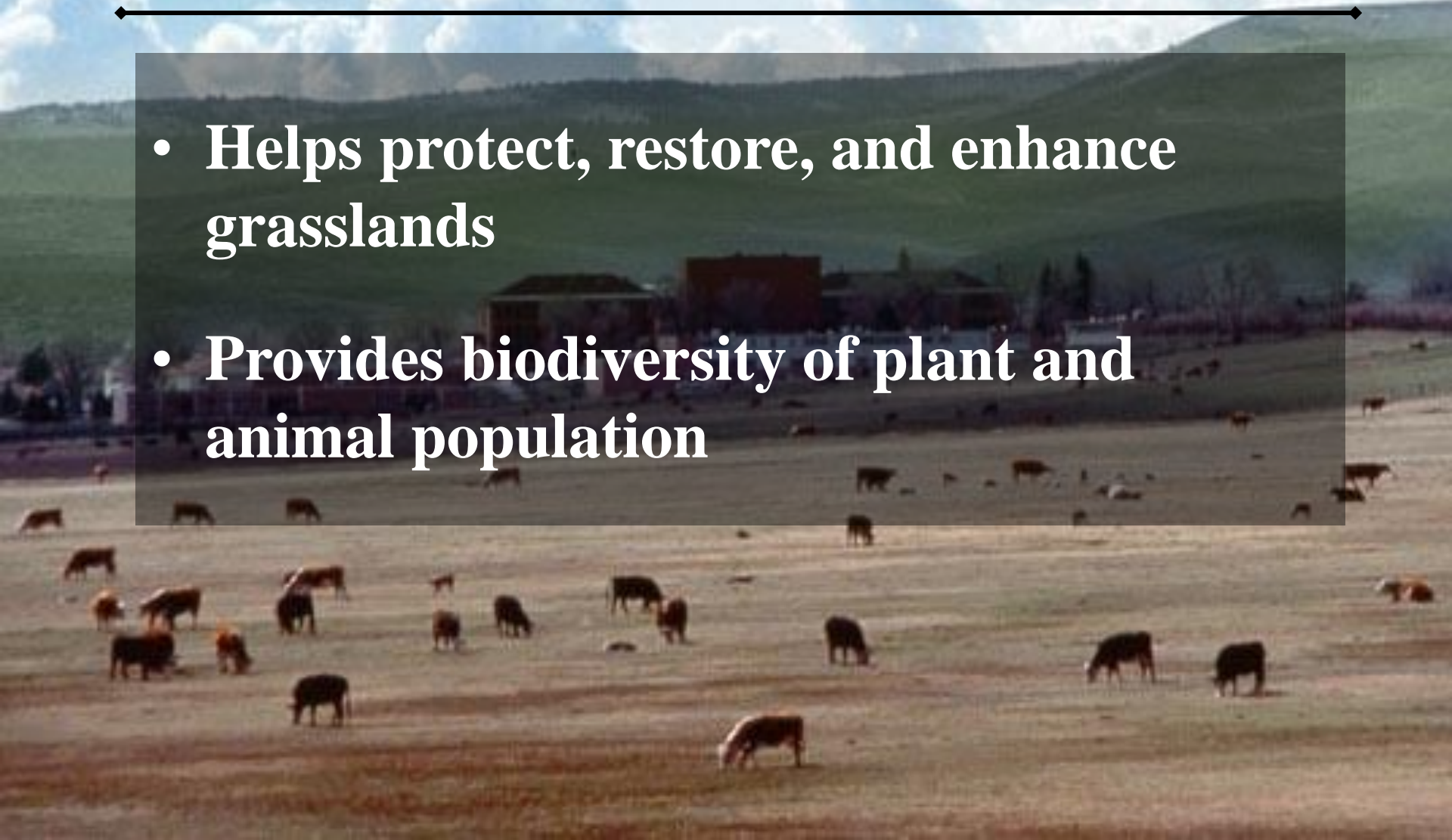
- Ten major watershed basins
- Recognizes resource diversity
- Locally led by conservation districts
- Customized programs
- Ranking based on similar systems

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

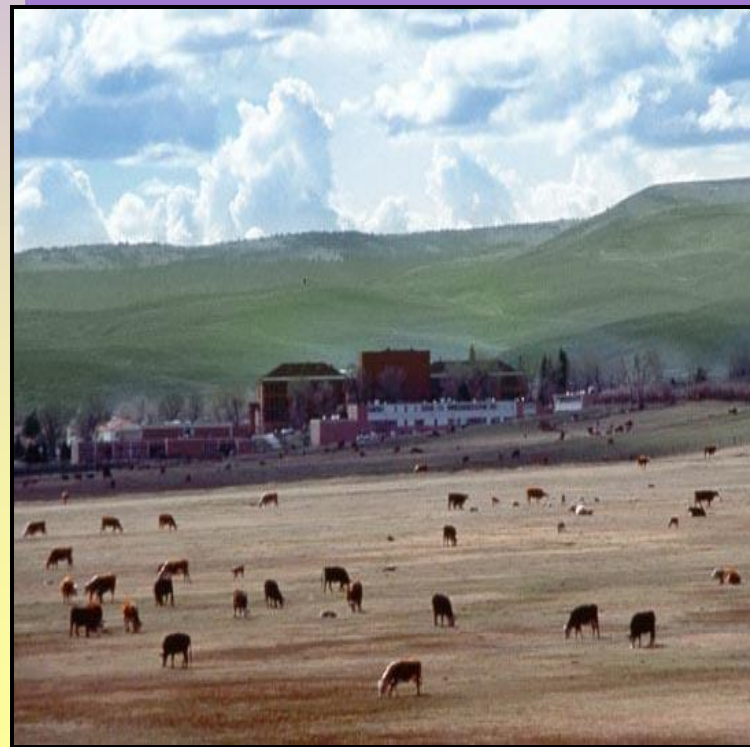
Agreements

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

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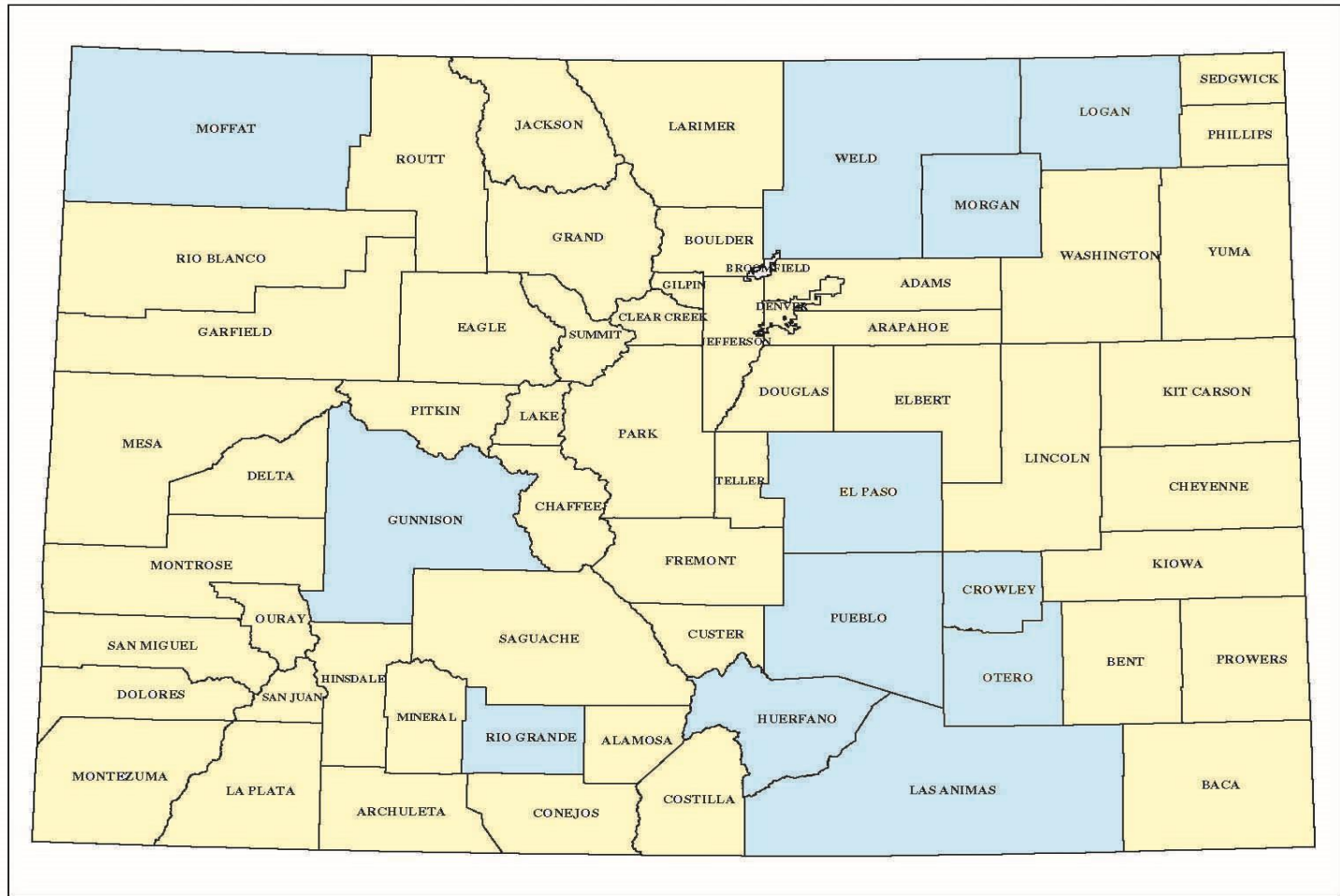
Program priorities include:


- 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.

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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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