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Emergency Haying and Grazing Approved for all of Nebraska

Emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acres has been approved for the entire state of Nebraska.

That announcement was made yesterday (Tuesday) by state Farm Service Agency Director Dan Steinkruger.

The emergency use of CRP acres will provide additional forage for the livestock industry, with limitations to protect the environmental value of the conservation practices. Several of the special practices have limits on them or are not available for haying or grazing. A 10-percent reduction in annual rental payments also applies to CRP land opened to emergency haying or grazing.

Tuesday's announcement also removed restrictions on the sale of CRP hay.

Farmers, ranchers, and landowners with questions about emergency haying and grazing should contact their local FSA office. Additional information is available on the Farm Service Agency website. (www.fsa.usda.gov/ne)

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