

## Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## **USDA Offering Webinar on the Grasslands Conservation Reserve Program**

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**SYRACUSE**, **N.Y.**, **April 14**, **2022** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in New York state will present a webinar on the Grasslands Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on Thursday, April 28th at 10 a.m.

Grasslands CRP is a voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers to help landowners and operators protect grassland, including pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and eligible land containing shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion. The Grasslands CRP program is a working lands program. Working lands conservation programs help farmers to enhance the sustainability of their operations while keeping land in production.

New York FSA will present a webinar on this program, the cost-share opportunities it provides, and how-to sign-up. While the webinar is free, a pre-registration is required. The webinar will be recorded, and a link will be sent to all that register. Please register here: https://grassland.eventbrite.com

FSA will accept applications for CRP Grasslands from April 4 to May 13. USDA updated signup options to provide great incentives for producers and increase its conservation benefits, including reducing the impacts of climate change. The program is competitive and will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Lynette Wright at (315) 477-6309, or dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunication relay services.

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