



# Southern Plains Grassland Program

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- Bezos Earth Fund
- Burger King
- Cargill
- Sysco
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

## ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$7.4 billion.

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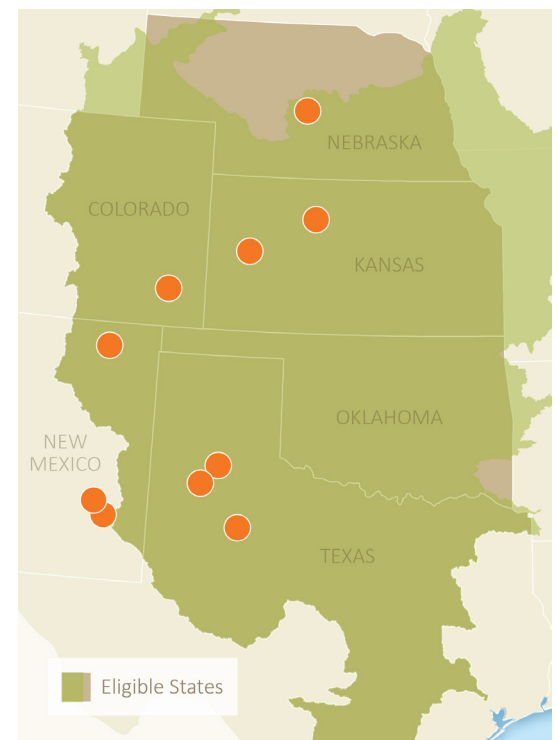
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## BACKGROUND

Today's grants were awarded through the Southern Plains Grasslands Program, a new NFWF led initiative launched by separate contributions from Sysco, Cargill and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), with additional contributions this year provided by Burger King and the Bezos Earth Fund. The program provides important financial and technical resources to help the ranching community address the health and resilience of the native grasslands of the Southern Great Plains. These actions will increase the vitality of this important ecosystem, providing benefits to wildlife and to rural, ranching-based communities. Additionally, these actions increase the ability of grasslands to store carbon, thereby supporting efforts to help mitigate the impacts of climate change through carbon sequestration.



Program footprint with projects

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This program addresses the following priority strategies:

- Improve grassland health and resilience through improved grazing practices
- Control of invasive species that reduce available forage for livestock and habitat for wildlife
- Restore formerly converted lands back to grassland
- Protect existing high-quality grassland parcels
- Invest in community level grassland collaborative conservation efforts
- Explore innovations in conservation, including:
  - Grass banks and other community cooperative grazing arrangements
  - Innovations in fencing, water delivery and restoration.