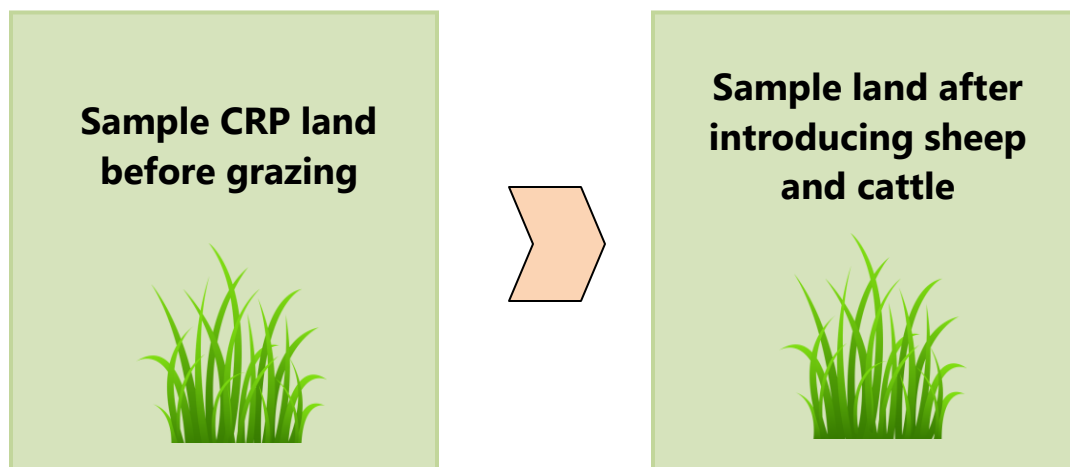


Pasture Monitoring –Transitioning CRP Land into Pasture Land

Objective: To measure the effects of grazing on fallow land that has been in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for 10 years.

Farmer-cooperators will:

- Take plant diversity counts in the spring and fall, before livestock are turned into pasture and before bale grazing. Take plant diversity counts again after grazing and re-growth. Counts will be taken using transects.
- Collect baseline soil samples to send in for testing. These should be collected before livestock graze.
- Collect forage samples to send in for nutritional analysis before grazing. One year later, take forage samples for analysis again.



Practical Farmers of Iowa will:

- Monitor progress of project and provide support when needed.
- Analyze the data and publish results in a PFI research report, on PFI website and potentially other outlets.
- Pay the Farmer Cooperator a fee of \$550 at the conclusion of the project in 2016.

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