

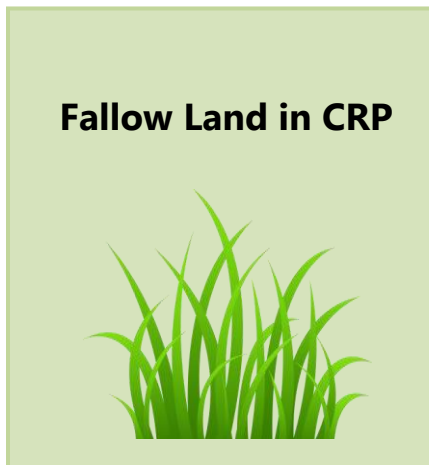
## Pasture Monitoring –Transitioning CRP Land into Pasture Land

**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:**

- Collect baseline data in 2016, before cattle graze the land in 2017.
- Collect soil samples to send in for testing.
- Take plant diversity counts twice per grazing season using transects.
- Collect forage samples to send in for nutritional analysis.
- Keep grazing records as cattle are introduced to the land.

**2016**



**2017**



**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 2017.

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