**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD GRAZING DEFERMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM**

**Purpose of Cost Share Practice:**
To provide incentive for landowners to defer grazing in a pasture for one growing season so that a prescribed burn can be successfully applied in the following year to help in cedar reduction.

Cost share is $15/acre with a maximum of $30,000 per landowner.

One application per landowner per year. Applications must be received by January 31st of each year for approval in February.

Priority will be given to lands which will be concurrently enrolled in EQIP or WHIP programs through the NRCS or are within a CPNRD focus project area for cedar reduction.

Use Central Platte NRD Grazing Deferment Cost Share application form. Application must be in the name of the landowner with corresponding social security number or tax ID number. Technician certification is required.

Applications for cost share are not effective until approved by the NRD Board of Directors. Landowner will be notified by NRD concerning approval. Applications must be approved before project can be started.

Claims for payment will not be accepted more than one year from the date the application is approved. There are no extensions.

**Documentation must be provided to CPNRD that the land was deferred from grazing from March 1 through the end of the calendar year in the year prior to burn before payment will be made. A field visit will also be done before payment will be made.**

U.S. Citizenship and compliance form must accompany application.