

Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)



Counties with existing FRPP projects include:

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| <i>Routt</i> | <i>Pueblo</i> |
| <i>Rio Blanco</i> | <i>Custer</i> |
| <i>Garfield</i> | <i>Saguache</i> |
| <i>Mesa</i> | <i>Rio Grande</i> |
| <i>Larimer</i> | <i>Archuleta</i> |
| <i>Weld</i> | <i>Montezuma</i> |
| <i>Boulder</i> | <i>Park</i> |
| <i>Teller</i> | <i>Gunnison</i> |

The Program

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranch lands in agricultural use. Working through existing programs, USDA partners with State, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value.

To qualify, farmland must:

- ✓ Be privately owned;
- ✓ Have a conservation plan for highly erodible land;
- ✓ Be large enough to sustain agricultural production;
- ✓ Be accessible to markets for what the land produces;
- ✓ Have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services;
- ✓ And have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production.

2005 Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Activities

Entity	County	Type	Acres	Federal Share
Boulder County	Boulder	Farm	63.6	\$95,656
Colorado Open Lands	Pueblo	Ranch	440	\$231,000
The Conservation Fund	Teller	Ranch	375	\$465,000
CO Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	1,200	\$456,440
CO Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	1,995	\$771,825
CO Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	224	\$84,000
CO Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	485	\$181,105
Gunnison RCL	Gunnison	Ranch	103.6	\$203,956
CO Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	400	\$137,400
CO Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	302	\$103,750
Montezuma Land Conservancy	Montezuma	Ranch	304	\$600,000
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San Isabel Land Protection Trust	Custer	Ranch	500	\$312,500
Totals			7,024.2	\$4,405,632

