



Lower Arkansas River Watershed

Resources at work from October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

The Lower Arkansas River Watershed totals 8,683,610 acres.

It includes all and/or portions of Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Las Animas, Lincoln, Otero, Pueblo, and Prowers Counties.

NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Eads, La Junta, Lamar, Las Animas, Rocky Ford, and Springfield USDA Field Service Centers, as well as at the Northeast Prowers Conservation District Office to assist residents.

The Colorado Watershed Approach

Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities.

Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities.

In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

High Priority Resource Concerns in the Lower Arkansas River Watershed

- Water Quantity
- Rangeland Health
- Erosion
- Water Quality
- Invasive Species

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Productive Lands -
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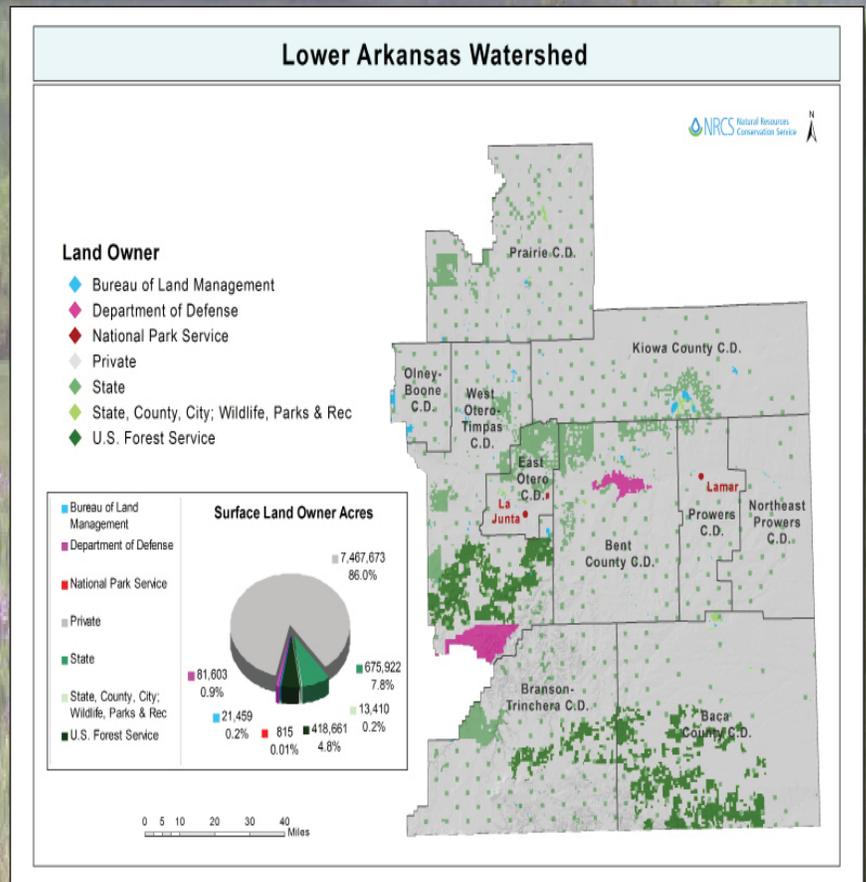
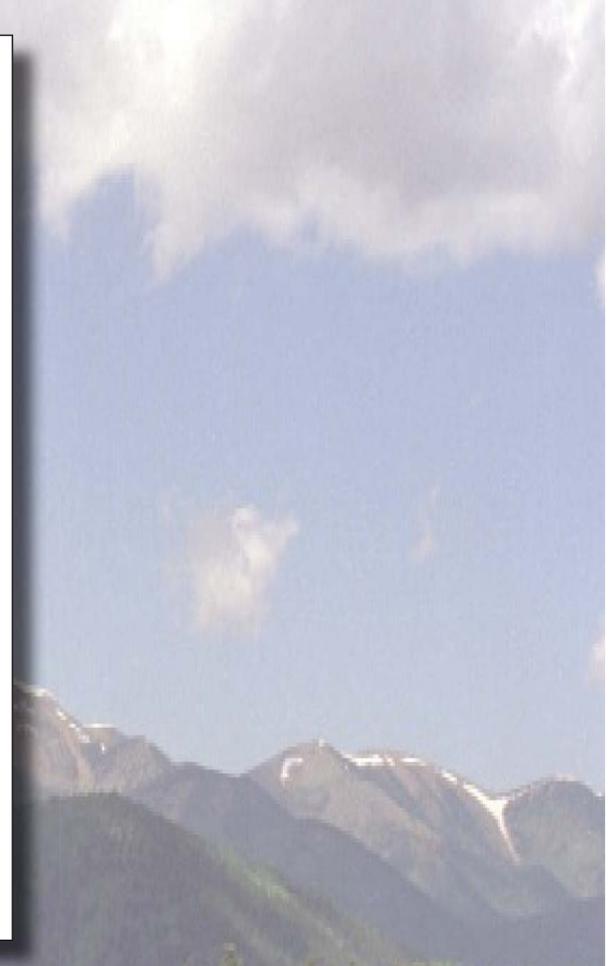
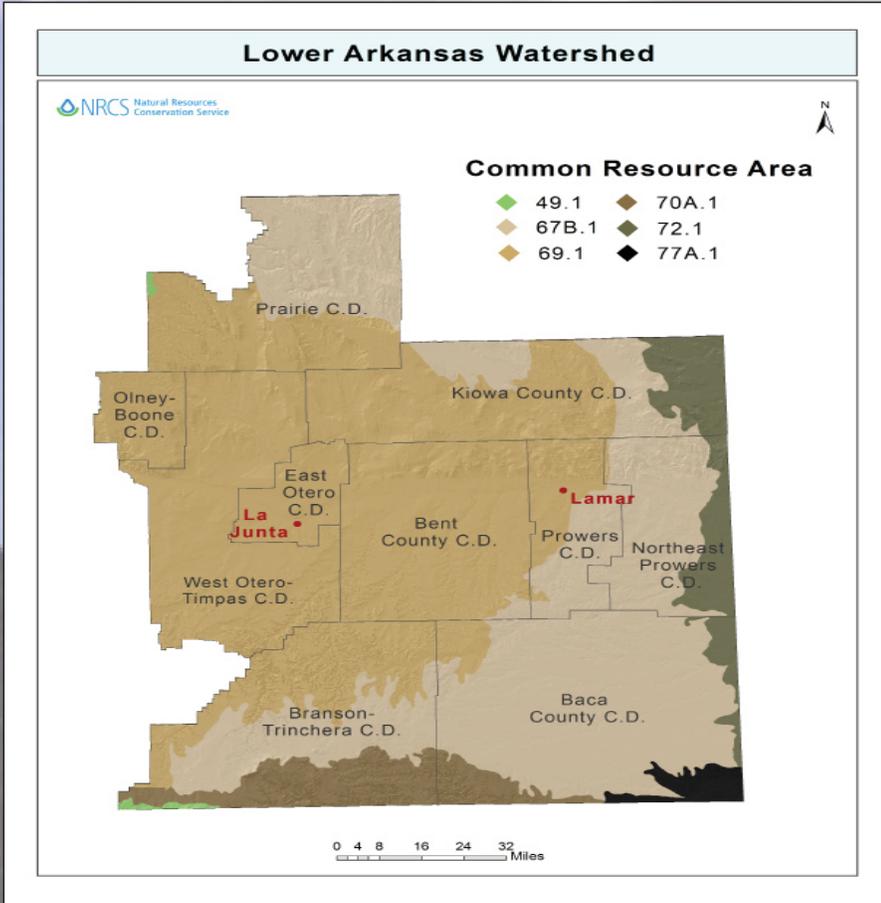
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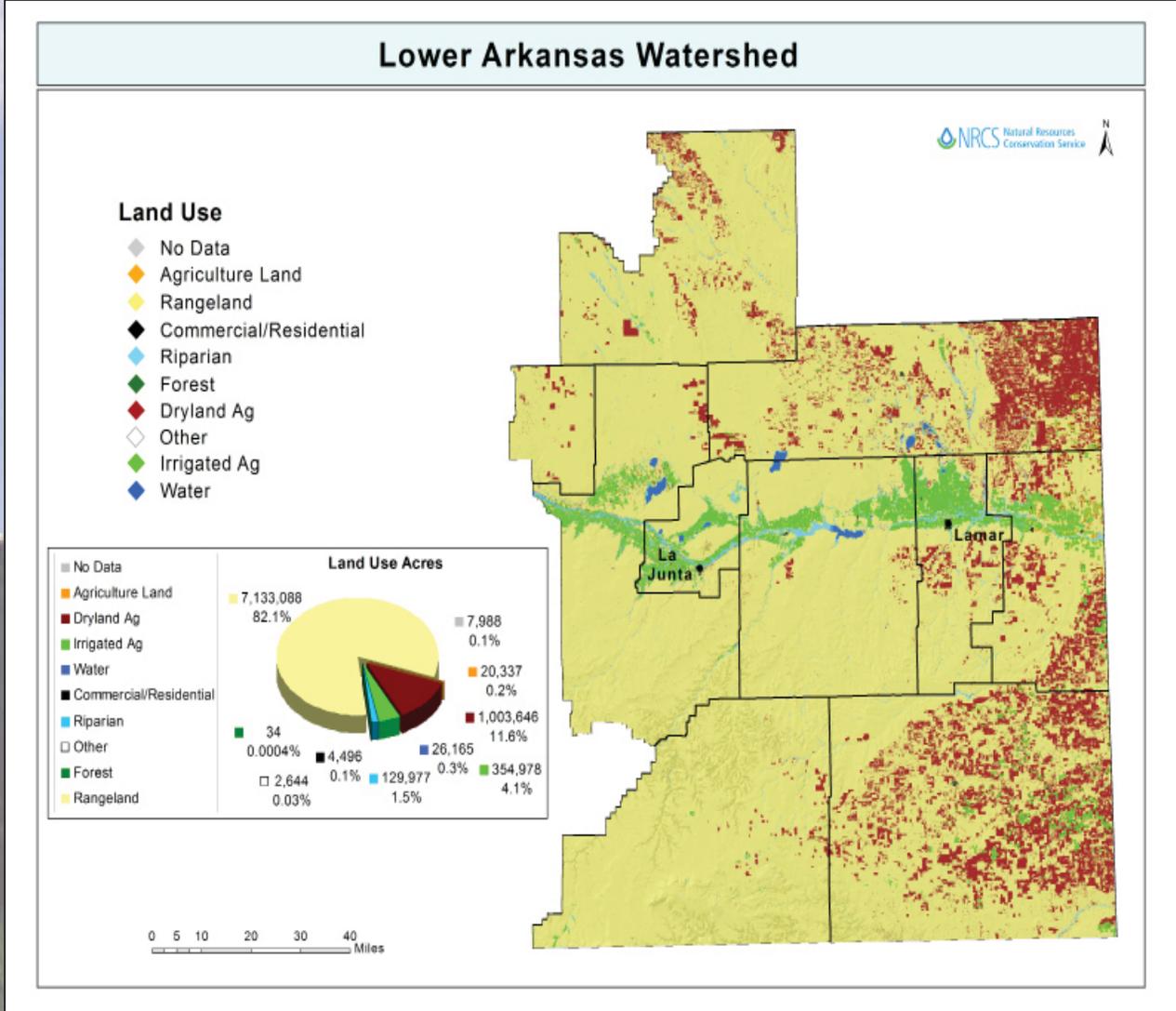
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75 A Legacy of Conservation
Years Helping People Help the Land

Watershed Profile



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Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Summary



Lower Arkansas River	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Lower Arkansas - Agro-Forestry	7	3	\$76,362	390
Lower Arkansas - All Lands/Wildlife	15	12	\$293,106	762
Lower Arkansas - Cropland/Soil Management	13	4	\$68,603	1,306
Lower Arkansas - Cropland/Water Quality/Quantity	115	45	\$2,144,022	4,716
Lower Arkansas - Grazingland	103	34	\$2,031,288	140,428
CO Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative	5	3	\$132,117	4,353
CO Ogallala Initiative	12	4	\$276,724	1,033
Conservation Partnership Program	18	15	\$275,231	22,384
Planning - Agriculture Energy Management	4	2	\$3,500	3,953
Totals	292	122	\$5,300,953	186,183

Farm Bill Program Activities Summary Lower Arkansas River

NRCS Program	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)	7	5	\$494,874	787
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	126	96	\$2,826,482	312,506
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP - Easements)	2	0	\$0	0
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP - Rental Contracts)	3	2	\$439,413	6,306
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	2	2	\$81,065	3,064

Farm Bill Program Activities Statewide Summary

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Contracts: 768

Acres: 615,000

Financial Assistance: \$27.2 Million

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

Contracts: 12

Acres: 1,705

Financial Assistance: \$941,296

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Contracts: 19

Acres: 5,610

Financial Assistance: \$537,742

Grasslands Reserve Program

Rental Contracts/Easements: 8 / 4

Acres: 25,315 / 8,161

Financial Assistance: \$2.8 Million / \$3 Million

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

Properties/Entities: 14 properties, 7 entities

Acres: 15,752

Financial Assistance: \$6.5 Million

Wetlands Reserve Program

Easements: 2

Acres: 729

Financial Assistance: \$949,875

Conservation Stewardship Program

Applications: 471

Acres: 1.3 Million

Financial Assistance: \$11.8 Million