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Well-managed grazing-based dairies help protect soil, water, air, plant and animal resources by maintaining permanent vegetative cover, increasing soil organic matter, improving nutrient distribution, and reducing the potential for odors, spills or runoff from concentrated animal housing, feed lots and waste storage facilities.

Additionally, they have healthier cows with longer productive lives and can often boost income by reducing, feed, labor, equipment and fuel costs.

This document is intended to support and encourage the start-up of grazing-based dairy farms across the Nation.

The Technical Note is available online at  
[http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/media/pdf/tn\\_rp\\_1\\_a.pdf](http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/media/pdf/tn_rp_1_a.pdf).

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