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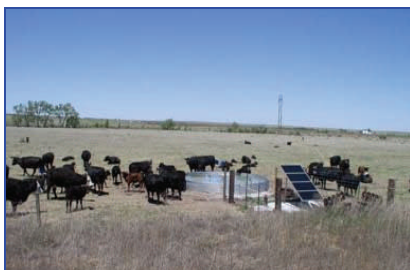
Natural Resources Matching Grants for Conservation District Partners

Colorado Conservation Districts Continue to Address Local Conservation Issues... RC&D assistance for 2009, 2010, reaches \$480,000 impact with local match

In **June 2010**, seven conservation districts in the East Central Colorado RC & D area were provided technical assistance to apply for competitive **2011** Natural Resources Matching Grant (**NRMG**) applications, the typical request is for \$30,000 per district. **NRMG** funds are administered through the Colorado Department of Agriculture-COLORADO STATE CONSERVATION BOARD. Five of the seven Districts received notice of funding awards for 2011. Two of the Districts have never applied for grant assistance before and will coordinate a joint small acreage landowner project. The grants will provide cost-share funding for conservation projects in 2011. Each District proposal addresses conservation issues significant to each area as identified in the annual work plan for each District. This funding is in jeopardy of being cut or trimmed after 2011 when the severance tax provision (where the dollars are budgeted from), expires. The Colorado legislature would need to reauthorize use of severance tax dollars to make these funds accessible for cost-shared conservation practices. Landowners must match the funds with a minimum of 50% in kind and cash. Most conservation districts in the ECCRCD area exceed the 50% match requirement by nearly a 2:1 margin.

Highlights: High Plains/Prairie Conservation Districts 2009 /2010 cost-share programs received 26 applications and successfully funded 4 living snow fences, 3 windbreaks, 2 livestock pipelines, 4 tanks, and 4 solar livestock pumping systems, 1 cross fencing system for rotation grazing, and 2 applications for noxious weed treatment for an economic impact over \$100,000 with the local match.

The Flagler Conservation District 2009/2010 cost-share programs successfully funded 53 cost-share applications installing 37 flow meters, 5 livestock pipelines, 4 windbreaks, 2 wildlife habitats, 2 solar livestock pumping systems, 1 tank, 2 terrace projects, 2 drip systems, 3 fencing projects for a local economic impact over \$100,000 with the local match. USDA-NRCS staff in each field office assists conservation district officials to certify that conservation practices meet standards and specifications. **USDA-NRCS is an equal opportunity employer and provider**



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