

## Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008

### *Title II, Subtitle E—Farmland Protection and Grassland Reserve*

- *Enrollment Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) authority extended through September 30, 2012.*
- *Enrollment authority set at an additional 1,220,000 acres through 2012.*
- *Of the total amount of funds expended under the program the Secretary shall use, to the extent practicable 40 percent for rental contracts; and 60 percent for easements.*
- *Removes the 40 acre minimum acreage requirement.*
- *Removes the 30 year rental contract and easement enrollment option.*
- *Creates a new enrollment priority for expiring CRP acres as long as they meet certain eligibility requirements.*
- *Creates a limit on the amount of expiring CRP that can be enrolled in GRP that must be tracked.*
- *Provides a requirement for the owner or operator to implement a grazing management plan.*
- *Permits fire presuppression and additional grazing-related activities.*
- *Removes the prohibition on breaking the soil.*
- *Creates a payment limitation for rental and cost-share payments.*
- *Changes the limit on cost-share payments from 90 percent to 50.*
- *Provides authority for the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with eligible entities for those entities to purchase, own, enforce, and monitor easements.*