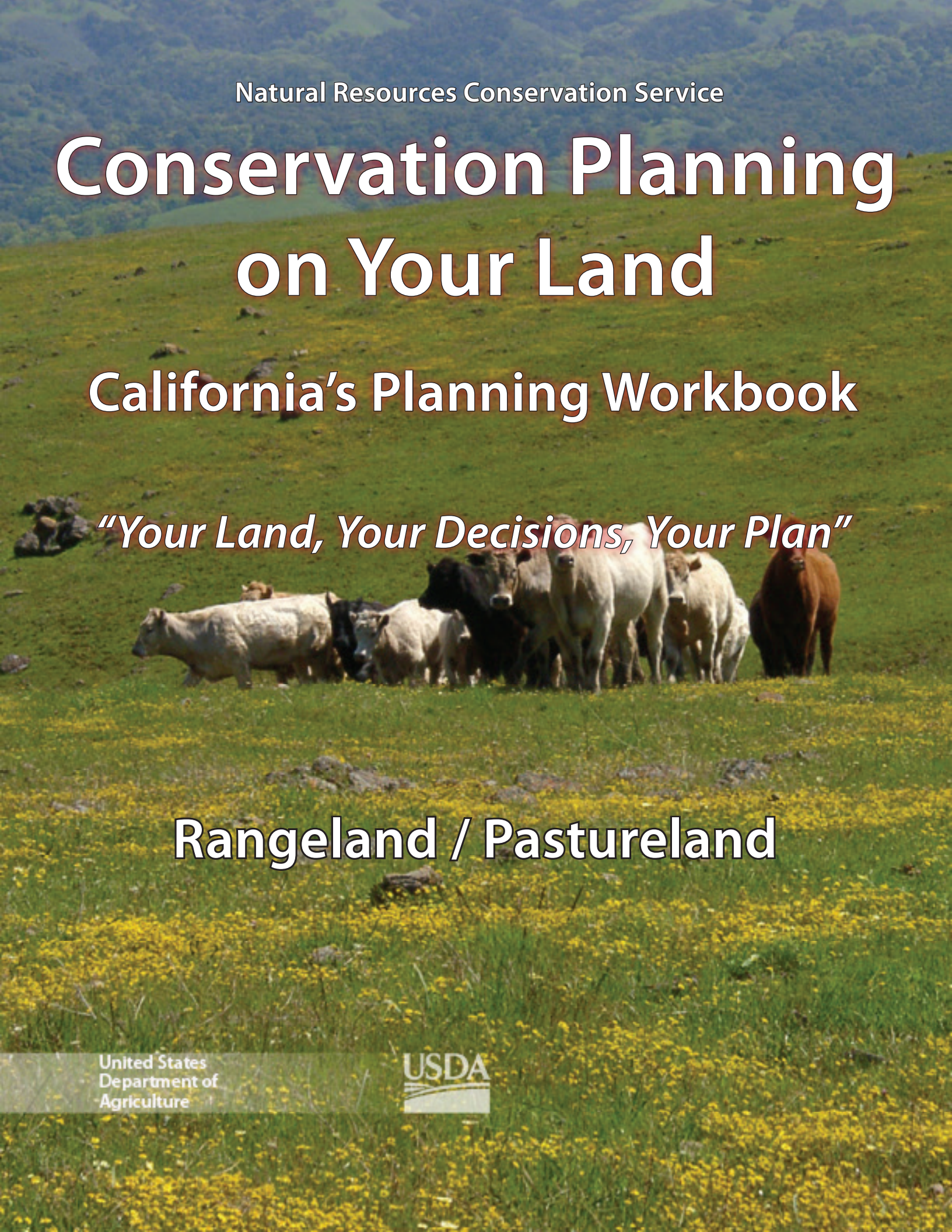
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Conservation Planning on Your Land

California's Planning Workbook

"Your Land, Your Decisions, Your Plan"



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This workbook will help you bring together the information you need to complete a conservation plan. The questions are designed to gather information about your land, objectives, and management. ***Although the information will be reviewed by a conservation planner, it is confidential and belongs to you. It will NOT be released to other agencies, groups or individuals.***

Rangeland/Pastureland

Please take some time to answer the following questions as best you can. NRCS will assist you with any questions that you do not know. Feel free to use additional sheets, as desired, to answer questions.

Livestock Information

Livestock	Amount on this Property	Breed	Weight	Months on Property	Supplemented How long and % of feed
Beef Cattle					
Stockers					
Cows					
Calves					
Bulls					
Sheep					
Ewes					
Lambs					
Poultry					
Swine					
Goats					
Does					
Bucks					
Horses					
Other grazing animals that may be of interest to your operation (e.g. elk, deer, etc.)					

Field Information

Field ID	**Acres**	**Type of Use** (e.g. Rangeland, Irrigated pasture, Dryland pasture)	**Season of Use** (e.g. Spring, Summer, Year Round)	**Vegetation Type?** (Annual, Perennial, Mixed; Type of Pasture)	**Time in/ Time out** (e.g. Jun-Aug)	**For Pasture: Grazed, Hayed, or Both?**

Do you currently have a written livestock grazing management plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

What type of grazing system are you currently using? Briefly describe. (e.g. rest rotation, deferred rotation, managed intensive rotation, etc.)

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Field Information (cont.)

Do you have perimeter fencing? Yes ☐ No ☐ Cross fencing? Yes ☐ No ☐

What do you think are the biggest challenges/resource concerns for your operation? (e.g. livestock distribution, weed/brush invasion, toxic plants, forage production, etc.)

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Describe any health concerns you have for your livestock (e.g. foothill abortion disease, poisoning, etc.)

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Are you planning or interested in make changes to your current management? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, what would those changes be?

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Are you looking to improve forage quality and/or production? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the source for your livestock water? Springs ☐ Wells ☐ Water District ☐ Other ☐

Briefly describe any erosion issues you are aware of on the property (e.g. roads, gullies).

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Do you have livestock distribution problems on the ranch?
(heavy use areas and areas with little to no use) Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have sufficient watering facilities to promote grazing utilization? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you utilize salt blocks or supplements to promote grazing distribution? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there wildlife on/near your property that you are managing or would like to improve management for? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you interested in providing water for wildlife? Yes ☐ No ☐

Pasture Information

Are you concerned about the health and/or productivity of your pasture? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have irrigated pasture, how is it irrigated: Flood ☐ Sprinkler ☐

What is your irrigation water source? Well ☐ Water District ☐

Do you have any additional water source comments? (e.g. water quality, schedule of availability, etc.)

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Describe the water resources on your property. (e.g. streams, vernal pools, wetlands, ponds)

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Can any of your properties drain offsite? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, where do they drain to?

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How do you decide when to irrigate? (Mark all that apply):

- ☐ When plants appear dry/stressed
- ☐ When indicated by calendar
- ☐ When water is available
- ☐ Soil moisture by feel
- ☐ Soil moisture monitoring device
- ☐ Published CIMIS ET date
- ☐ Other, please explain:

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Pasture Information (cont.)

Do you measure the amount of water you apply? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, how?

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GOALS AND OPPORTUNITIES

All conservation plans developed with NRCS are voluntary and begin with the unique goals of the landowner.

What are some of your short-term and long-term goals for your land?

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