

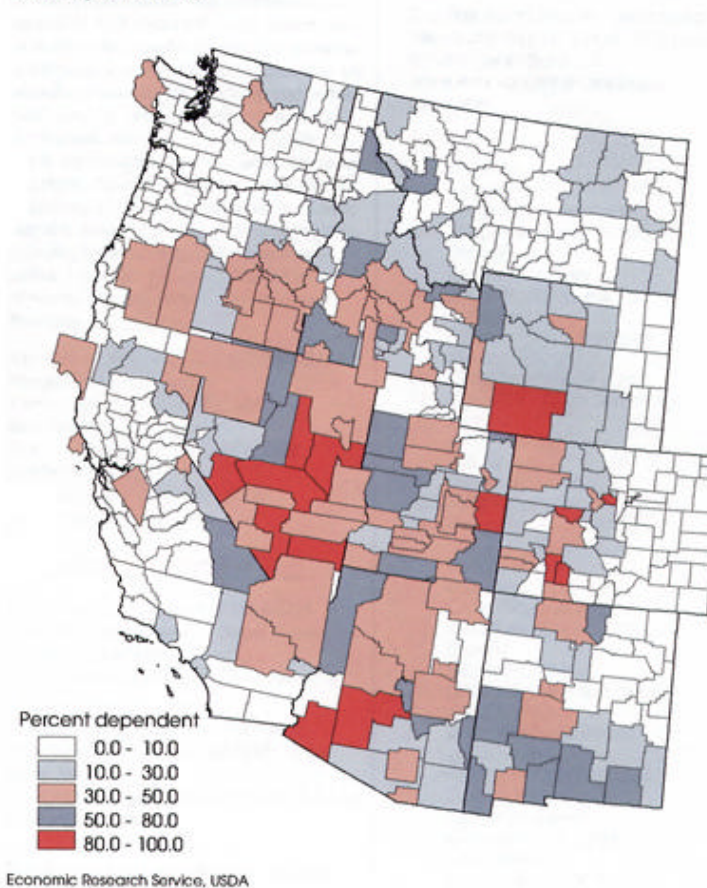
NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS GRAZING CAMPAIGN

Livestock Feed and Acreage Requirements

- Forage consumed by one cow each month: **800-1000 pounds**.¹
- Average number of acres required to feed one cow and calf for one *month* on all Bureau of Land Management rangelands: **13.7 acres**.²
- Number of acres required to feed one cow/calf for one *year* on farmlands in the East: **2 acres**.³

Federal Grazing Program		
Federal Lands	Animal Unit Months	Acres
Bureau of Land Management	7,872,819 ⁴	163,311,163 ⁵
National Park Service	81,752 ⁶	< 3,000,000 ⁷
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	258,166 ⁸	1,416,005 ⁹
USDA-Forest Service	7,963,233 ¹⁰	89,550,382 ¹¹
Total Grazed Federal Public Lands	16,175,970	± 257,277,550
Total Federal Public Lands		383,332,069¹²

Less Than 10 Percent of Counties Get More Than Half Their Forage From FS/BLM Lands



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- ⁶ Joyce, L. A. 1989. An analysis of the range forage situation in the United States: 1989-2040. Gen. Tech. Rep. RM-180. USDA-Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Exp. Stn. Fort Collins, CO: 40.
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- ⁸ All units of National Wildlife Refuge System. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2001. National wildlife refuges – grazing and haying. Available at www.refuges.fws.gov/habitat/grazinghaying.html. (data from 1994; accessed May 2001).
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- ¹⁰ Permitted AUMs on national forests and grasslands. USDA-Forest Service. 2000. Grazing statistical summary FY 2000. USDA-Forest Service, Range Management. Washington, DC. (August 2000). (data collected at the end of calendar year 2000).
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- ¹² Total federal acreage managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service in 48 contiguous states as of September 30, 1994. Government Accounting Office. 1996. Land ownership: information on acreage, management and use of federal and other lands. Washington, DC: 24-25.