



\$10 million grant led by Texas A&M AgriLife Research

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A team of researchers, led by Dr. Bradford Wilcox, Texas A&M AgriLife Research ecohydrologist in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, will work under a five-year, \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Sustainable Agricultural Systems program.

The project is known as *The Prairie Project: Saving Landscapes and Livelihoods with Pyric Herbivory* is an integrated research, education, and extension effort designed to facilitate the adaptation of enlightened management strategies for increasing livestock production and promoting rangeland health in the Great Plains region. The ultimate aim of the *Prairie Project* is to make rangeland production systems in the Great Plains more profitable, productive, sustainable, and beneficial to society at large, through promoting the widespread adoption of pyric herbivory and mixed-species grazing.

Joining Wilcox are a number of experts associated with the ESSM Department including including: John Walker, Ph.D, AgriLife Research Center director, and Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service range specialist, both in San Angelo; William Rogers, Ph.D., AgriLife Research invasive species specialist, Joseph Veldman, Ph.D., AgriLife Research fire ecologist, Jason West, Ph.D., AgriLife Research ecosystem ecologist, and Ben Wu, Ph.D., AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist, all in College Station. Collaborating scientists from Oklahoma State University and the University of Nebraska are also part of the team.

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