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California Rancher Sustainability Assessment

A tool developed by California ranchers, for California ranchers

The CRSA provides a self-assessment questionnaire and library of science-based information that ranchers can use to evaluate their current management practices. In this way, the CRSA provides a guide that can help ranchers decide where improvements can be made, and over the longer term, evaluate how the changes are increasing the sustainability of the ranching operation and ranch resources.

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Find out how sustainable your ranching practices are

The CRSA allows ranchers to evaluate multiple aspects of their operation to help ensure the sustainability of production, lands, and families. Modules in the self-assessment include forage management, soil health, wildlife management, drought management, and generational succession.

Access a learning library with guidelines, videos, and more

The CRSA provides one-click access to free, timely, and relevant information on best practices for managing soils, forages, drought conditions, estate and financial planning, and a wealth of other topics.



"The CRSA helped me figure out what I was doing well and what I needed to pay more attention to on my ranch. I found out I was using strong soil and forage practices but needed to think more about drought planning. The expansive library allowed for deeper understanding of what I can do better and how I can do it. " - Blake Duncan, rancher in San Mateo County



Give feedback!

Comments and contributions from ranchers are vital to ensure that the CRSA is functional, accessible, and useful. The CRSA includes links for ranchers to comment and help direct the future of the CRSA.

Access the CRSA today: https://crsa.cnr.berkeley.edu/

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