

Scientist & Researcher Partners

Universities, field stations, and research programs studying prairie ecology and restoration across the Temperate Prairies region, including long-term research sites and university-affiliated prairie centers.

Research Institutions & Field Stations

Federal Research Programs

[Grazinglands Research Lab](#) (OK) - USDA research unit studying forage, grazing systems, and rangeland sustainability across Oklahoma and the Central Plains.

[USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center](#) (ND) - Federal research center focused on grassland and prairie-pothole ecology, migratory birds, and habitat management.

Universities & Field Stations

[Konza Prairie Biological Station](#) (KS) - Field station studying tallgrass prairie fire, grazing, and climate dynamics as a Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) site.

[Illinois Natural History Survey](#) (IL) - State scientific survey within the University of Illinois' Prairie Research Institute, researching Illinois plant and animal diversity statewide.

[Tallgrass Prairie Center](#) (IA) - University of Northern Iowa center dedicated to prairie restoration research, seed science, and training.

[Center for Grassland Studies](#) (NE) - UNL research and education center studying grasslands as a resource for livestock production, wildlife habitat, and turf.

[Central Grasslands Research Extension Center](#) (ND) - NDSU research center studying range, forage, and grazing systems in the northern Great Plains.

[Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center](#) (MN) - University of Minnesota center researching invasive species affecting the state's prairies, forests, and wetlands.

Independent Research Institutes

[Noble Research Institute](#) (OK) - Independent nonprofit managing 13,500 acres of working ranchland as a living lab for regenerative grassland and grazing research.

Specialists

[Sam Lord](#) (MO) - Soil ecologist at MU's Center for Agroforestry studying microbial communities and prairie/agricultural soil health.

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