

**FY 2013 Grassland Reserve Program
Geographic Area Rate Caps**

County	Per Acre Category 1 GARC	Per Acre Category 2 GARC	Per Acre Category 3 GARC
Addison	\$4548	\$1338	\$1058
Bennington	\$2950	\$1308	\$774
Caledonia	\$1792	\$928	\$573
Chittenden	\$4548	\$1338	\$1058
Essex	\$1792	\$928	\$573
Franklin	\$2420	\$1491	\$661
Grand Isle	\$2420	\$1491	\$661
Lamoille	\$4601	\$1131	\$721
Orange	\$4601	\$1131	\$721
Orleans	\$1792	\$928	\$573
Rutland	\$2950	\$1308	\$774
Washington	\$4601	\$1131	\$721
Windham	\$2950	\$1308	\$774
Windsor	\$2950	\$1308	\$774

All soils in the state will be placed in one of the following categories:

Category 1: Land for which the highest and best use has few limitations for either agricultural use or development.

Category 2: Land that is limited in development potential, such that the highest and best use is limited mostly to agricultural uses only, such as parcels located largely in the 100 year flood plain.

Category 3: Others lands – For all other areas that do not meet either of the two criteria listed above. Any soil described as a muck or peat will not be considered suitable for agricultural production or development.

Landowner offers will be based on the County-specific values shown above and the number of acres in each category for the specific parcel to be enrolled in GRP.

Example offer calculation:

Assume the proposed easement is 100 acres in Rutland County. Based on an analysis of soils on the site, the easement is comprised of 15 acres in 1, 80 acres in category 2 and 5 acres in category 3. Refer to values for Rutland County in the table above.

Category 1 value: 15 acres X \$2950/acres = \$ 44,250

Category 2 value: 80 acres X \$1308/acres = \$ 104,640

Category 3 value: 5 acres X \$ 774/acres = \$ 3,870

Total Offer: 100 acres \$152,760