

A person wearing a white cowboy hat, a dark jacket, and blue jeans stands on a grassy bank, looking across a river. In the background, a rainbow is visible in a hazy, overcast sky. The scene is a natural landscape with trees and a river.

Foreword

*This booklet has been written for those people who can most effectively influence rangelands, pastures and riparian areas with their management - ranchers, farmers and livestock producers. The third edition of **Riparian Areas and Grazing Management** provides information on the different riparian areas found in Alberta. It provides some basic insights on grazing management principles and how to apply these principles to riparian areas. Also included are practical examples of successful riparian grazing management that are useful to show what is possible to sustain livestock production, maintain biodiversity and care for water quality. The material in this booklet applies to prairie, foothill, aspen-parkland and boreal situations; wherever livestock and riparian areas exist.*

This information on riparian area management is part of the Cows and Fish program, a cooperative effort between many organizations and agencies concerned about the health and management of riparian areas. Cows and Fish works to foster awareness about riparian areas, and how improvements in management can enhance landscape health and productivity, for the benefit of landowners and others who use and value these green zones.