



Grasslands

The Three Types of North American Grasslands

In the United States and Canada there are three types of grasslands (or prairies):

Tall Grass Prairie	The Tall Grass Prairie lies mainly in the eastern portion of the Midwest. The grasses here often grow to be five feet tall . The annual rain totals here approach 30 inches.
Mixed Grass Prairie	The Mixed Grass Prairie lies mainly in the middle portion of the Midwest. The grasses here often grow to be two and three feet tall . Typically, there are 15 to 25 inches of rain per year. This is the prairie where the buffalo once roamed.
Short Grass Prairie	The Short Grass Prairie lies mainly in the western portion of the Midwest, hugging the coast of the deserts and the Rocky Mountains into Canada. The grasses here grow to be no more than two feet tall . There is usually little more than ten inches of rain per year in these short grass prairies. Prairie Dogs are common in this area.

