

North Dakota Conservation Forage Program Producer Application Form

Directions: Please download application PDF before completing. Once complete, click submit and you will be directed to email the application to dakota@audubon.org. Any additional files (maps, pictures, etc.) can be attached to the email.
If you have questions, please contact Audubon Dakota at dakota@audubon.org

Producer Information

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Project Site Details

Legal Description

Acreage

Intended Management/Purpose of Enrolled Project Acres? Check all that apply.

Grazing

Haying

Other (please explain)

Will project acres be planted with native species? *Rates are total per acre rates, program will provide 60% cost share for seed mixes

Yes, >20 native species (up to \$256/ac.)

Yes, 10-20 native species (up to \$200/ac.)

No, Tame grass species (up to \$23/ac.)

Will a restoration management plan be created with technical assistance provider?

Yes

No

Please indicate approval to allow Audubon Dakota to release producer information to North Dakota Game and Fish Department to evaluate project eligibility for the Private Lands Open to Sportsmen (PLOTS) program. *This does not constitute a financial commitment.

Yes

No

Do you meet the criteria for any of the following categories? (Check all that apply)

Limited resource farmer or producer

Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher

Beginning farmer or rancher

Veteran farmer or rancher

NA/Prefer not to disclose

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Non-irrigated Capability Class *Web Soil Survey->Suitability and Limitations Ratings->Land Classifications

>50% Classes 4-8

25-50% Classes 4-8

<25% Classes 4-8

Effective Patch Size *Suggest utilizing the 2019 National Land Cover Database

>640 acres

55-640 acres

<55 acres

Distance to Intact Grassland of >640 acres *Suggest utilizing the 2019 National Land Cover Database

<1/2 Mile

1/2-2 Miles

>2 Miles

Technical Assistance Provider's Email:

* **Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers - NRCS Definitions**

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) includes provisions that address the unique circumstances and concerns of socially disadvantaged, beginning, limited resource, and veteran farmers and ranchers (“historically underserved producers”). The 2018 Farm Bill provides for voluntary participation, offers incentives, and focuses on equity in accessing U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and services.

Definitions:

Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher

The term “Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher” means a participant:

- With direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than the current indexed value in each of the previous two years, and
- Who has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four, or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years.

A Self-Determination Tool is available to the public and may be completed on-line or printed and completed hardcopy at: <https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

Beginning Farmer or Rancher

The term “Beginning Farmer or Rancher” means a participant who:

- Has not operated a farm or ranch, or who has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 consecutive years, and who
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch.
- In the case of a contract with an individual, individually or with the immediate family, material and substantial participation requires that the individual provide substantial day-to-day labor and management of the farm or ranch, consistent with the practices in the county or State where the farm is located.

In the case of a contract made with a legal entity, all members must meet these requirements.

Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher

The term “Socially Disadvantaged” means an

- Individual or entity who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. A socially disadvantaged group is a group whose members have been subject to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities.

- Socially disadvantaged groups consist of the following:

American Indians or Alaskan Natives

Asians

Blacks or African Americans

Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders

Hispanics.

For an entity, at least 50 percent ownership in the farm business must be held by socially disadvantaged individuals

Veteran Farmer or Rancher

The term "Veteran Farmer or Rancher" means a producer who

- Served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the reserve component thereof; was released from service under conditions other than dishonorable; and:
- Has not operated a farm or ranch, or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years; or
- Who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period.

A legal entity or joint operation can be a Veteran Farmer or Rancher only if all individual members independently qualify.