

SECOND CENTURY WORKING LANDS HABITAT PROGRAM

As the inaugural habitat program under Governor Noem's Second Century Initiative, administered by the Second Century Habitat Fund, it will provide a working lands habitat alternative to cropping marginal land. The focus of this program is to enroll marginal cropland such as saline and moist soils, field edges, other less productive soil types or areas producers want to manage as wildlife habitat for 5 years and seed it to a perennial grass and forb mix that can be hayed and grazed.

ENROLL

MARGINAL

CROPLAND

PAYMENT

- One-time payment of \$150/acre for West River counties and \$250/acre for East River counties (and Tripp, Lyman and Gregory)
- Seed provided for free.

ELIGIBILITY

- All cropland in South Dakota is eligible.
- Minimum size per planting is 10 acres.
- Maximum area enrolled per participant is 160 acres.
- Participants agree not to charge any person or entity any fee or payment for hunting access to any property under their ownership or control. A person who has a commercial fee hunting establishment may not participate.

SEED AND PLANTING

- Upon execution of agreement, free seed will be shipped directly to participants.
- Seed mixes provided will consist of grasses and forbs that provide high quality ground nesting bird habitat and forage for livestock.
- Participants will be responsible for seed bed preparation, planting and weed control during establishment.
- Grass or no-till drills are available through most local Conservation Districts.
- Pheasants Forever or SD Game, Fish and Parks habitat biologists are available to provide technical assistance.

ACCESS

- Hunting access will be by landowner permission.
- Landowners that enroll land in SD Game, Fish and Parks Walk-In Area program will receive a one-time, up-front incentive of \$10 per acre/year for the enrolled acres.

HAYING AND GRAZING

- No haying or grazing is allowed until after August 1 of the second growing season.
- Between August 1 and March 1, can hay 50% of the acres each year or the entire acreage every other year.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAXIMIZE HABITAT VALUE

- Plant adjacent to or near existing habitat such as wetlands, woody habitat, or food plots.
- Hay at 10" or higher to maintain nesting habitat on hayed acres.

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