The North Dakota Conservation Forage Program (CFP) will begin accepting producer applications starting June 7, 2021 through August 6, 2021.

**Mission**

CFP will work with North Dakota’s producers to restore marginal crop lands back to grasslands to improve forage availability and quality. By providing support through financial and technical assistance to landowners, CFP aims to accelerate grassland restoration and recover overall across the state.

**Objective**

The North Dakota Conservation Forage Program aims to improve forage availability/quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat by restoring and integrating grazing and/or haying land management techniques on privately owned land.

**Resources Available**

- 3-year establishment payments
- 60% forage seed mix cost share
- 50% grazing infrastructure cost share

*Cost share reimbursements are based off of and cannot exceed 2020 NRCS Field Office Technical Guide rates.*

North Dakota CFP is made possible with funding by:
Application Process

Collaborate with a technical service provider to complete the North Dakota Conservation Program producer application form.

Contact information by region can be found in the Conservation Forage Program Enrollment Guide. To view the enrollment guide visit dakota.audubon.org/conservation-forage-program.

Applicant's Responsibilities

- Commit: selected projects will enter into a project agreement with Audubon Dakota committing to maintain enrolled land in grassland habitat for at least 10 years from the signing date.
- Plan: work with an Audubon representative or project partner biologist to develop a restoration management plan. Plans will include site preparation, seed composition, seeding rate, timing, and post-planting management.
- Implement: complete seeding and any infrastructure installation.
- Manage: monitor and actively manage, which may include practices such as: weed control, haying, resting, and prescribed burning.

Special thanks to the following program partners for their roles in CFP development, producer enrollment, and project selection.