



Ducks Unlimited  
Canada

# Programs

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) provides financial incentives for programs that preserve, protect and restore habitat on the land for waterfowl and wildlife. These programs also provide other benefits for improvement of soil health, prevention of soil erosion, and flood and drought prevention. **Here is a list of our current DUC programs that are offered in our priority areas:**

## Forage Programs

Ducks Unlimited Canada currently offers several types of 10- to 20-year forage programs, including:

### • Forage Incentive Programs

- DUC will help fund the establishment of any perennial forages
- Receive an additional rebate of \$100 per 50lb bag if seed is purchased from Nutrien Ag Solutions

### • Forage in Rotation Program – DUC agrologists work with you to implement forage into your crop rotation.

### • Marginal Areas Program – DUC agrologists work with you to address areas on your land that are growing poor crops due to excessive moisture or salinity. The remaining cultivated acres continue to be farmed to maximize your crop yield so you can profit on the most viable acres of your field.

- Payment amounts for 2025 forage programs are to be determined, please reach out to Jamie Holdstock (306) 450-7270 for more information.

## Wetland Restoration

If wetlands have been drained or altered on your land, we can help restore them to their natural levels. These projects can be combined with other programs such as our CE, lease or forage programs.

## Conservation Easements (CEs)

DUC signs a CE with the landowner, who agrees to protect the natural value of the land (wetlands, native prairie and tame grasslands) in perpetuity in exchange for DUC providing financial compensation. DUC easements pay roughly 35% of fair market value.

## Purchase of Land

DUC pays fair market value to purchase land for the purpose of restoring and protecting habitat. While we retain ownership of these lands in perpetuity, we work closely with local farmers and ranchers to manage these parcels as part of working landscapes. DUC also buys land through our Revolving Land Conservation Program. Once purchased DUC converts cultivated uplands to tame forage and restores drained wetlands before returning the land to market with a CE on title.

## Long-term Lease

The long-term lease program (minimum 10 years) provides annual compensation to landowners based on the crown land cultivation lease rates. DUC pays for all restoration (grassland and wetlands) and manages the land for the period of the lease.

## Rangeland Programs

DUC offers financial compensation (up to \$5,000/quarter) for 10-year term protection of existing wetland and upland habitat.

## Habitat Management

DUC-owned lands across Saskatchewan are managed through **haying and grazing** opportunities, most through multi-year grazing agreements with local producers. Through our tender process, haying and grazing opportunities are advertised in June each year, with producers gaining access to parcels on or after July 15. **Contact your local DUC office for more information on this program.**

*Some conditions apply. For more information contact DUC at **1-866-252-3825** or email [du\\_regina@ducks.ca](mailto:du_regina@ducks.ca)*





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## PROGRAM TARGET AREAS

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