

Conservation Forage Program Enrollment Guide

Apply- Complete the application to the best of your ability. Applicants are encouraged to seek assistance when planning grass planting projects from a natural resource conservation planner or technical service provider. Incomplete applications may not be accepted. Please contact Audubon Dakota or visit your local NRCS, Soil Conservation District, or US Fish and Wildlife Service office for assistance with the planning and application process. Contact information by region is listed in the section below.

Commit- If your project is selected, you will be required to sign a project agreement with Audubon Dakota to ensure project completion and to commit to maintaining the enrolled land in grassland habitat for at least 10 years from the signing date. This document will also include project cost estimates for the seed mix, seeding, annual payments, and grazing infrastructure (if applicable). The agreement must be executed before the grass planting can begin and incentive payment is delivered.

Plan- Working with your Audubon representative or project partner biologist, develop a restoration management plan that includes site preparation, seed composition, seeding rate, timing, and post-planting management. If you are also planning to incorporate grazing, your conservation planner will help you plan the infrastructure needed for the project. Management goals and plans for the established seeding may also be established at this time.

Contacts by region are listed below:

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Implement- Complete the seeding following guidelines laid out in your seeding plan. Once seeding and any infrastructure installation has been completed, submit all project receipts to Audubon Dakota to receive cost-share payment and annual payment.

- a. Audubon Dakota, email Jodi Meisch: Jodi.meisch@audubon.org
- b. Mailing Address: 3002 Fiechtner Drive, Unit A. Fargo, ND 58103

Manage- Monitor the seeding for success, watch for noxious weeds, and prepare for active management to continue improving the seeding through time. Active management may include weed control (clipping, mowing, spraying), haying, resting, or prescribed burning. Each of these management actions will have potential benefits and drawbacks, so having a management plan in place will increase your chances of a successful, diverse grassland!

Monitor and Enjoy- Keep monitoring the grassland through the first 5-7 years of establishment, as new species express themselves. Enjoy the color and chorus of a diverse, healthy prairie!