



NORTH DAKOTA

## PRAIRIE MANAGEMENT TOOLBOX

## ABOUT

The Prairie Management Toolbox provides technical and financial assistance to producers for improving grassland habitat and forage quality.



## COST-SHARE AVAILABLE FOR:

### Establishing rotational grazing systems

Financial assistance available

- Fence: 60% of current EQIP rate
- Water development: 60% of actual cost

### Invasive woody species removal on grasslands

90% financial assistance available. Landowner responsible for remaining 10% and long-term maintenance.

Through the Prairie Management Toolbox, Audubon aims to increase resiliency and biodiversity of existing grassland acres for the benefit of grassland birds and wildlife.

Audubon will collaborate with enrolled producers to develop a habitat management plan to outline management priorities and strategies to achieve range and habitat goals. This technical assistance also includes resource surveys conducted by Audubon to evaluate management goals related to increasing native vegetation, avian, and pollinator diversity.

## ENROLL TODAY

Enrolled acres will have a 10-year term protection established.

### Did you know?

- Grassland birds have lost more than half of their populations in the last 50 years
- Managed grazing is often necessary to maintain healthy grasslands
- North Dakota is part of the Prairie Pothole Region, a geography characterized by many natural wetlands of varying sizes and shapes, and widely regarded as North America's "Duck Factory" due to the large amount of ducks that breed in the area each spring and summer

### Why remove invasive woody species?

- Reduces herbaceous production, limiting stocking rates and capacities of grasslands.
- Problematic for North Dakota's grassland birds. Causes habitat avoidance, increases nest predation by tree-perching predators.
- As little as 10% light reduction caused by invasive woody species can reduce wildflower flowering by 35% - which had a major negative impact on our critical pollinator species!



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