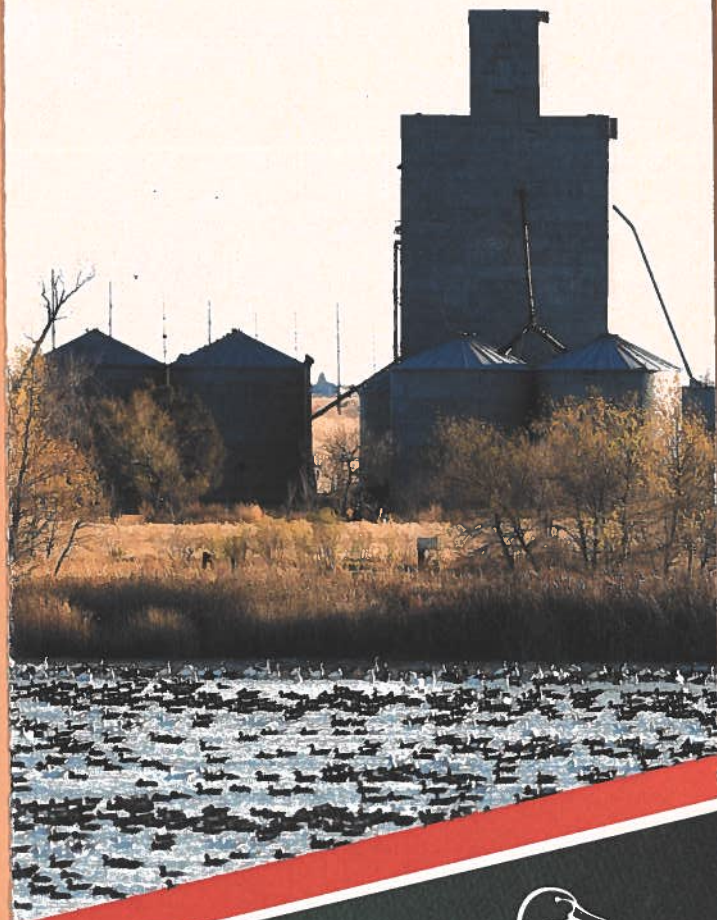


CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES PARTNERSHIP

Supporting Agriculture Practices
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HOW DOES THIS GRANT HELP FARMERS?

This program can help a producer boost revenues and meet on-farm objectives. DU Private Land Biologists will work with you to provide technical assistance tailored to your on-farm goals and explore financial incentives to offset input costs.

PORK CARES FARM IMPACT REPORT

Producers enrolling in the Advancing U.S. Pork Sustainability Grant must complete a Pork Cares Farm Impact Report—this document quantifies and summarizes the effects of on-farm practices such as tillage, cover cropping, and manure management on erosion, greenhouse gas emissions, and carbon sequestration. Eocene Environmental Group will work with producers to complete the Farm Impact Report. Visit www.porkcheckoff.org/grants for more details and to sign up for a Pork Cares Farm Impact Report. A free Return on Investment (ROI) tool is also available to producers from Eocene Environmental Group.



THE SIX PRACTICES:

COVER CROPS

Program Overview

- \$40 per acre
- \$50 per acre for historically underserved producers
- Payments made once a year for 3 of 5 years
- Seed a cover crop mix of 3 or more species
- Technical assistance provided 5 years

On-Farm Benefits

- Improves soil health & permeability
- Reduces erosion & nutrient loss
- Improves water quality
- Increases drought resistance
- Lowers input costs
- Provides food & habitat for wildlife

LIVESTOCK INTEGRATION

Program Overview

- 60% of material cost for temporary fencing & above ground infrastructure
- One-time payment for new acres
- Graze livestock on cover crop acres

On-Farm Benefits

- Defers producer's feed costs
- Improves soil fertility & nutrient cycling

CONSERVATION TILLAGE (NO-TILL)

Program Overview

- \$6 per acre per year for early adopters of no-till if manure management practices are also adopted
- \$10 per acre per year for producers new to no-till
- 5-year commitment
- Payments made once per year for all 5 years
- Seed into undisturbed residue without tillage

On-Farm Benefits

- Reduces erosion & improves water quality
- Lowers carbon emissions caused by tilling
- Maintains or increases soil health & organic matter
- Increases the amount of moisture available to crops
- Reduces compaction & input costs

EDGE-OF-FIELD BUFFERS

Program Overview

- \$500 per acre
- \$600 per acre for historically underserved producers
- 5-year commitment
- Payment made once for new acres planted
- Include at least 3 species of native grasses
- 50 to 150 foot wide buffers

On-Farm Benefits

- Reduces erosion
- Improves water quality
- Provides wildlife & pollinator habitat
- Increases carbon sequestration

MANURE MANAGEMENT

Program Overview

- 1.25 cents per gallon up to 1 million gallons
- \$12,500 per year maximum payment
- One payment per year available for 5 years
- Second pumping of agitated slurry from swine manure storage structure

On-Farm Benefits

- Improves soil fertility & nutrient cycling
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions with decreased storage time

IN-BARN LED LIGHTING

Program Overview

- 80% of the material cost of one-time replacement
- One-time payment for any new facility
- Replace traditional hog barn lighting with LED

On-Farm Benefits

- Electric bill savings
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions



Ducks Unlimited is collaborating with five partner organizations to offer commodity crop and livestock producers in Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri *technical assistance* and *financial incentives* for the implementation of climate-smart agriculture practices with the Advancing U.S. Pork Sustainability Grant. This 5-year, \$35 million grant program is an exciting new opportunity administered by the National Pork Board through the USDA's Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities Program.

WHY DU WANTS TO PARTNER WITH YOU

Management practices on agricultural lands have a direct effect on wetlands, waterfowl, and other wildlife. DU recognizes the U.S. Corn Belt as a high-priority landscape for wetland and waterfowl conservation. To further conservation goals in this region, DU is promoting initiatives that encourage greater adoption of regenerative agriculture practices. The Climate-Smart Commodities Program offers producers incentives for practices that improve soil health, air and water quality, and create wildlife habitat. In addition to environmental benefits, adoption of these practices offer producers and rural communities tangible economic benefits.



WHO QUALIFIES?

Any commodity crop or livestock producer in Minnesota, Iowa or Missouri can complete the Farm Impact Report and receive technical assistance for the practices covered by the grant. Grant partners will work with the producer to determine eligibility and rates for payments.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

To learn more about the Advancing U.S. Pork Sustainability Grant and receive technical assistance with cover cropping, livestock integration, no-till, and edge-of-field/perennial grass buffers contact the Ducks Unlimited Biologist in your state!

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