



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-year forage programs, including:

- **Forage Incentive Programs**
 - Pays \$35 per acre for establishment of any perennial forages
 - Receive an additional rebate of \$100 per 50lb bag if seed purchased from Nutrien Ag Solutions
- **Forage in Rotation Program** – DUC agronomists work with you to implement forage into your crop rotation. Rotational forage is one tool to combat clubroot, and with DUC offering \$35 per acre, it's a win-win.
- **Marginal Areas Program** – DUC agronomists work with you to address areas on your land that are growing poor crops due to excessive moisture or salinity. DUC will pay \$125 per acre to seed these areas to forage. 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.

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. If you would like to try a CE, ask us about our end-term agreement.

Purchase of Land

DUC purchases land for the purpose of restoring and protecting habitat on the parcels. DUC pays fair market value for land and retains ownership of these lands in perpetuity. DUC also buys land as part of our **Revolving Land Conservation Program (RLCP)**, where we purchase the land, restore any upland or wetland habitat on the parcels and then sell the land with a CE.

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 provides financial assistance to landowners for costs associated with constructing a new perimeter barbed wire fence (up to a maximum of \$5,000) in exchange for protecting the wetlands and upland habitat on the parcel
- DUC manages its lands through haying and grazing tenders, and invites producers to use portions of our land in exchange for a fee, then invests those proceeds back into local conservation programs. Contact your local DUC office for more information on this program.

Some conditions apply.
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