SURFACE MANAGEMENT

The Surface Management Division manages more than 706,000 surface acres owned by the various trust funds under the Board's control. The major source of income from these trust lands comes from agricultural leases (grassland, crop and hay land uses), with significant revenue generated from rights-of-way, surface damage agreements, and construction aggregate mining. The objective of surface management is to obtain a "fair market" return from the trust lands while maintaining or improving the condition and value of the land.

SURFACE ACRES BY COUNTY

As of June 30, 2021

COUNTY	ACRES	COUNTY	ACRES	COUNTY	ACRES
Adams	17,097.52	Golden Valley	28,983.55	Ramsey	2,056.50
Barnes	2,803.32	Grant	33,519.57	Ransom	1,120.00
Benson	12,005.78	Griggs	1,741.24	Renville	1,910.12
Billings	30,922.04	Hettinger	9,892.50	Richland	400
Bottineau	3,271.94	Kidder	28,643.79	Rolette	6,226.08
Bowman	29,310.48	LaMoure	1,435.72	Sargent	1,128.17
Burke	16,116.21	Logan	9,410.68	Sheridan	25,826.44
Burleigh	27,904.28	McHenry	22,720.56	Sioux	23,411.56
Cass	40	McIntosh	6,209.87	Slope	23,605.98
Cavalier	556.47	McKenzie	64,586.70	Stark	6,150.13
Dickey	3,981.51	McLean	20,890.99	Stutsman	15,627.81
Divide	20,778.96	Mercer	15,113.05	Towner	8,076.00
Dunn	25,673.31	Morton	18,101.82	Walsh	160
Eddy	10,292.81	Mountrail	32,445.59	Ward	10,798.98
Emmons	13,533.97	Nelson	2,694.45	Wells	5,251.89
Foster	3,111.51	Oliver	7,588.41	Williams	38,382.45
Grand Forks	1,274.77	Pierce	13,664.93	Total	706,480.00

SURFACE ACRES BY TRUST FUND

As of June 30, 2021

TRUST FUND	ACRES
Common Schools	631,628.78
School for the Blind	3,481.69
Capitol Building	10,034.45
School for the Deaf	4,830.44
Ellendale State College	4,919.00

SURFACE ACRES BY TRUST FUND (CONT.)

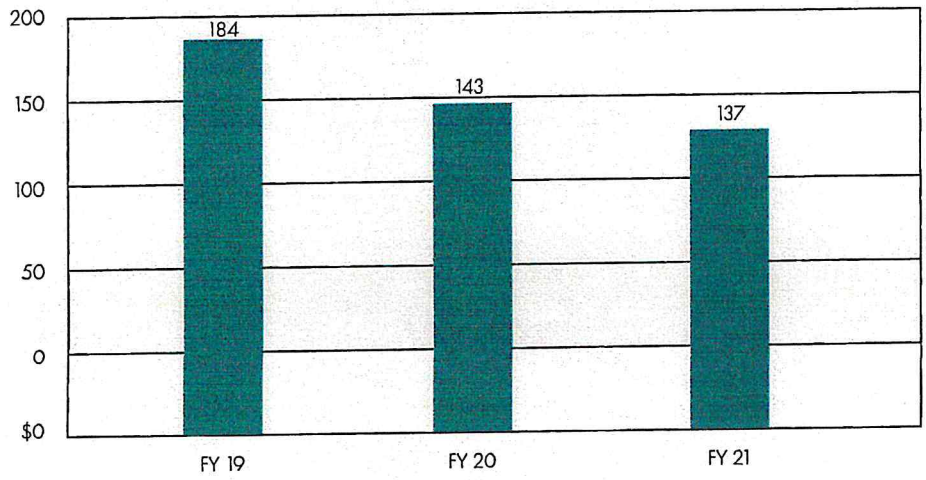
	As of June 30, 2021
State Hospital	2,206.11
ND Youth Correctional Center	3,584.42
School of Mines [1]	3,330.38
North Dakota State University	15,120.23
Veterans Home	2,753.69
U.N.D.	8,897.98
Valley City State University	640
ND State College of Science	3,712.94
Mayville State University	640
Valley City/Mayville [2]	6,825.89
Farm Loan Pool [3]	3,714.00
Indian Cultural Education	160
TOTAL	**706,480.00**

1 The benefits of the original grant to the School of Mines are distributed to the University of North Dakota.

2 Receipts from acreage held jointly by Valley City and Mayville State Universities are allocated 62.5% to Valley City and 37.5% to Mayville.

3 Receipts from this acreage are allocated to the permanent trusts that have an interest in the Board's Farm Loan Pool.

During the 2019-2021 biennium the Department acquired 50.2 acres through rights-of-way and abandoned railroad reversion and conveyed 179.1 acres through public purpose sales and abandoned railroad disclaimer.

The table below illustrates the surface acres by county managed by the Department.

RIGHTS-OF-WAY & SURFACE DAMAGE AGREEMENTS ISSUED