

## SUMMARY OF GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT PRIVATE LAND OPEN TO SPORTSMEN PROGRAMS

The schedule below provides information regarding the programs, acres, landowner payments, and funding provided for the Game and Fish Department's private land open to sportsmen (PLOTS) program. The PLOTS program is a part of the Game and Fish Department's Private Land Initiative, which is intended to protect, conserve, and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for sustained public use.

PLOTS Program	Number of Acres in Program					Current Landowner Payments by Region	2011-13 Biennium Executive Budget Funding
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Working lands program	416,913	478,329	478,025	479,848	466,535	\$1 to \$3 per acre annually based on features such as habitat quality, conservation and management practices, habitat development, size and location of the tract	\$1,986,000
Habitat plot program	138,310	138,106	136,667	130,011	131,217	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing habitat - \$9 to \$14 annually per acre</li> <li>New habitat establishment - \$10 to \$45 annually per acre based on soil type and different regions</li> </ul>	\$2,500,000
Conservation reserve program (CRP) access program	310,978	370,599	372,871	352,167	349,409	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$6/acre annually - Southern and west central</li> <li>\$3/acre annually - Middle</li> <li>\$2/acre annually - Northern</li> </ul>	\$1,000,000
Wetland reserve program incentive	6,434	6,434	6,434	6,795	10,502	15 percent of geographic area rate cap value annually in exchange for walk-in public access. Geographic area rate cap is calculated by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This is calculated using an initial GARC value compared to the 2010 market analysis less the proposed grazing value and adjusted to fall within 80 percent to 90 percent of market analysis value. It is calculated using average value of land for nonirrigated cropland and the market analysis of land prices.	\$1,250,000
Private forest conservation program (PFCP)	13,942	13,099	13,099	12,452	12,039	\$9 to \$14 per acre annual payment - Limited to Pembina Hills, Turtle Mountains, and some river corridors	\$210,000
Food plot program	1,287	557	557	564	616	Establishment payment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 per acre annually - Small grains</li> <li>\$70 per acre annually - Row crops</li> </ul> Rental payments of \$9 to \$45 per acre annually based on soil type and region	\$176,500
Conservation reserve enhancement program (CREP)/Coverlocks program	13,941	14,144	14,144	14,015	14,015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$750 one-time signup incentive and annual rental payments - Only for southern-tier and western-tier counties</li> <li>50 percent cost-share to establish grass and trees</li> <li>Game and Fish Department will provide 100 percent of the cost to install a food plot</li> </ul>	\$2,500
Tree planting program	3,257	3,658	3,658	3,824	4,144	Option 1 (requires 10-year access agreement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 percent to 50 percent cost-share on trees, shrubs, and weed barrier fabric</li> <li>\$100 per acre one-time signup incentive</li> </ul> Option 2 (no access required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 percent cost-share on trees and shrubs only</li> </ul>	\$51,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>905,062</b>	<b>1,024,926</b>	<b>1,025,455</b>	<b>999,676</b>	<b>988,477</b>		<b>\$7,176,000</b>