

Grasslands Stewardship Program

The Grasslands Stewardship Program provides financial support to livestock producers for Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) that ensures cattle operations 'keep grazing' while providing benefits to wildlife and biodiversity.

A healthy pasture is resilient to drought, sequesters carbon and maintains wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

Grassland Stewardship Agreements

Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) assists livestock producers with implementing Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) on their summer pasture.

Program Incentives

Eligible BMPs include water site development, fencing, woody and invasive species management, establishment of native and tame grass pastures.

Grazing Management Plans

MHC conducts Grassland Health Assessments to measure pasture productivity and improve economic potential. Based on the assessment, MHC can develop a grazing plan to increase pasture productivity, animal performance and economic return, all while supporting habitat and ecosystem functions.

Supporting Wildlife Habitat Conservation

A landscape with beef production will be a landscape with an abundance of wildlife habitat.



FAQ

What are the landowner requirements to participate in this program?

The landowner should be a Beef Producer in Manitoba, in need of infrastructure improvements and/or seeking information on grassland management on their summer pastures.

Is the landowner financially compensated for BMPs at the time of signing the agreement?

An agreement is signed outlining the project and the infrastructure that MHC will support. A payment to the landowner is made after the project is completed and the infrastructure is installed.

What is the payment based on?

MHC has completed research to determine an accurate value of the BMPs. The payment is primarily for the reimbursement of infrastructure materials.

Is MHC going to install BMP infrastructure on my land?

The Landowner is responsible for installing the infrastructure as part of the project. The landowners contribution to the project is the work to install the infrastructure.

What is the term length of the Grassland Stewardship Agreements?

The landowner and MHC agree that the infrastructure will stay in place or be utilized for a period of 10 yrs.

How flexible are the grazing plans?

Plans sometimes change and grazing plans are no different. MHC will support a landowner to evaluate and modify the grazing plans as required.



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