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# A LANDOWNER'S GUIDE TO GRASSLANDS STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS

## The Grasslands Stewardship Program

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



## Program Incentives

**BMPs may include:**



Perimeter and Cross Fencing



Establishing spring or fall pastures



Watering systems designed to improve cattle distribution



Seeding Native Prairie



Management of woody or invasive plants



Range Management Plan

## Terms of Stewardship Agreement:

Agreement Term is for 10 Years. Payment is one time when project is completed.

### Supporting Wildlife Habitat Conservation

A landscape with beef producers and cow/calf operations that have cattle grazing pastures, will be a landscape with an abundance of wildlife habitat.



## Management of Native Grasslands

Shrub encroachment on native Grasslands is a great concern to Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC). Shrubs, although native to Manitoba, reduce grazing potential and decrease habitat for ground nesting birds.



MHHC will work with landowners to have their Wolf Willow and/or Snowberry mowed on their native grasslands to increase grazing distribution as well as increase habitat for grassland nesting birds.

## Range Management Planning

MHHC provides Range Management Plans that evaluates the health of the pasture to maintain a balance between cattle requirements and grassland ecosystem functions, including benefits for wildlife and biodiversity.

## Need More Information?

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