



Collaborative Stewardship

Ducks Unlimited and ND Department of Trust Lands
July 13, 2026

Ryan Taylor, DU director of public policy (ND/SD/MT)
Taylor Ranch, McHenry County, N.D.



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First Nation-Wide Organization Of Wildfowlers Completed

Louis H. Egan Is Chosen President By The Trustees

Representatives of State Committees Elect Full Slate of Officers—Appropriate \$100,000 to Start Field Work.

Representatives of thousands of America's duck hunters from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from both coasts of the great Mississippi met at Chicago, March 23-24, completed organization of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and launched the first national movement to history to preserve some of the country's finest field sports.

Never before have the wildfowlers of the United States been afforded the opportunity of coming together, through representatives of their own choosing, and for the good of their own particular game.

Never before have duck shooters in all parts of the country rallied in support of a common cause and a practical program for more waterfowl and better hunting.

The occasion was the first meeting of the enlarged permanent Board of Trustees of Ducks Unlimited since incorporation as a non-profit membership organization.

NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS REPRESENT EVERY SECTION OF THE U. S.

... Colorado	... Missouri	... New York
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LAWRENCE C. PHIPPS, Sr.
Vice-President—West Central Region

LOUIS H. EGAN
Elected National President

FREDERICK H. ECKER
Continues as National Treasurer

First Field Work Concentrated On Stopping Losses

Enormous Destruction of Nesting Ducks to Be Curtailed—Crow Control and Other Activities Planned.

Limiting preventable losses of wild ducks, which amount to as high as 40 per cent of all nests on some of the most important breeding areas in Canada, will be the first objective of Ducks Unlimited as field work is launched in the spring of this year.

Although the field program calls for restoration and management of former breeding areas, activities to increase duck crops on present nesting territory are expected to produce prompt results per dollar expended at the beginning. Such work can be carried out in some of the most important waterfowl concentration areas located on both provincial and private lands without expenditure of a penny for land rights.

Four principal factors checking the increase of ducks in their present breeding areas are: Crow and other predators; burning over of marshes; day

Canada Affiliate
Made at Winnipeg

Edward B. Pihlady, president Winnipeg attorney and sportsman, was chosen Secretary of the Canadian organization. Mr. Pihlady has handled local details.

First Payment of Membership Funds





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Conservation Through: 1938

Acres: 26,000



• Project Location







GRASSLANDS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE III

A project funded by North Dakota's Outdoor Heritage Fund in partnership with Ducks Unlimited.



**THIS PROJECT PROVIDES GRAZING INCENTIVES FOR STATE SCHOOL TRUST
AND PUBLIC LAND LESSEES.**



PROJECT AREA: NORTH DAKOTA (STATEWIDE)

- State School Trust Land
- Public Land
- Additional 15% cost-share incentive with PLOTS enrollment.



FUNDING: COST-SHARE ON GRAZING INFRASTRUCTURE AND VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT

- 75% cost-share for water improvements and grass seed
- 60% cost-share for fence



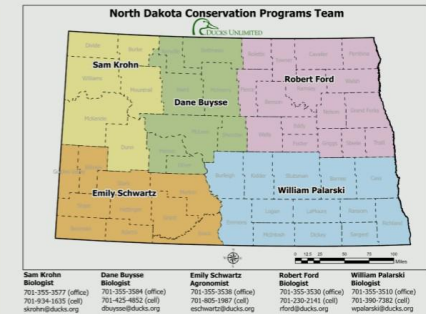
OBJECTIVES:

- Improve soil health on pastures
- Provide reliable water resources on leased land
- Increase plant diversity
- Planned rest recovery on paddocks to improve drought tolerance

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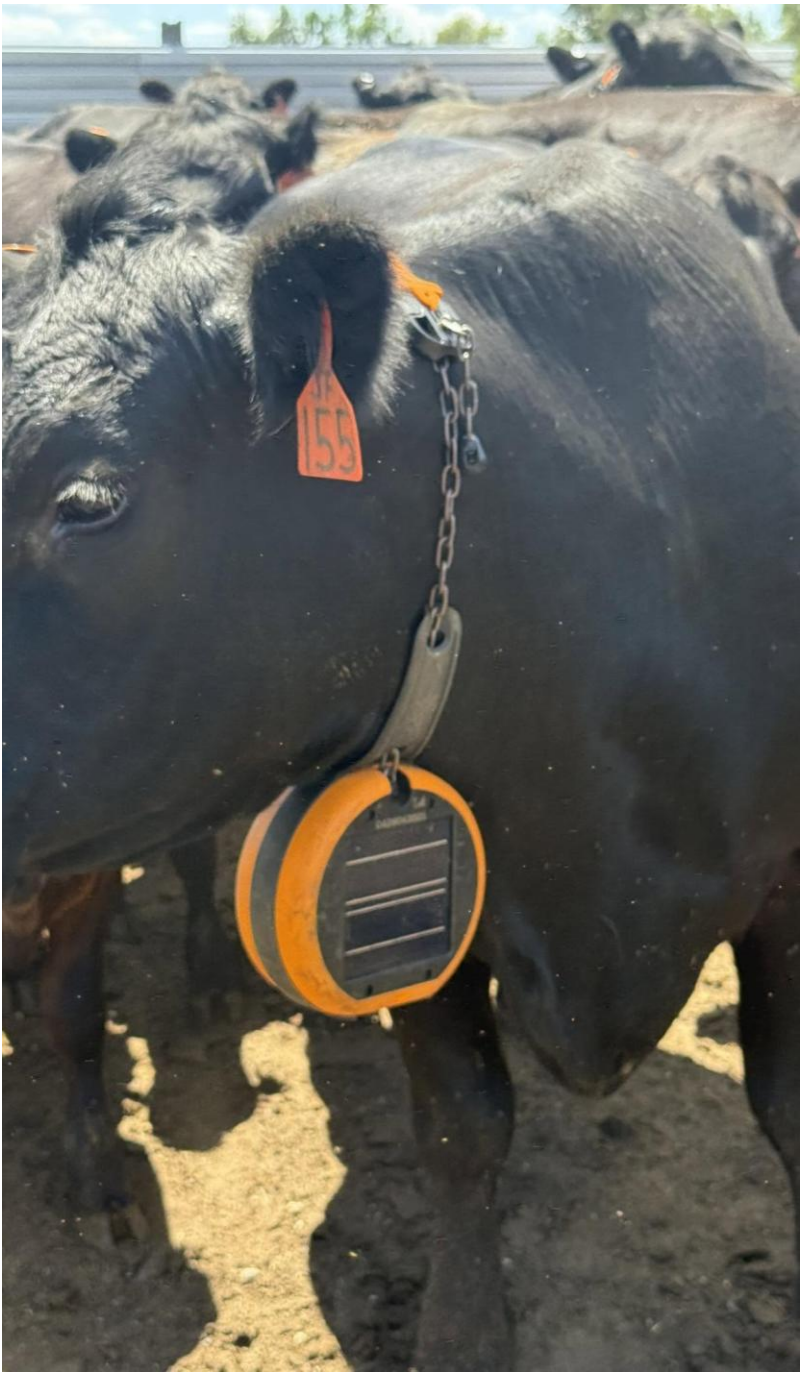


GEPP is funded by:









Innovative Working Lands Partnership



A voluntary conservation program providing innovative strategies to help sustain grass-based agriculture on public and private working lands for wildlife and people.

Program Options

Grass Seeding

- with 3 yr grass establishment payments

Virtual Fence Technology

- yr 1 startup & yr 2 management

Portable Grazing Infrastructure

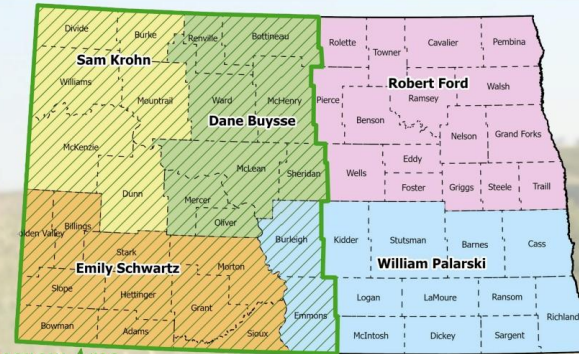
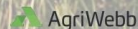
- Razer Grazers

Grazing Management Software

- AgriWebb

Traditional Grazing infrastructure

- fence and water systems



Program Area



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Technical Assistance

Experts from Ducks Unlimited, Department of Trust Lands, Pheasants Forever, and Partners for Fish and Wildlife are here to help

100%
Cost
Share

Grass Seed
Establishment Payments

75%
Cost
Share

Virtual Fence
Razer Grazers
Water Developments

60%
Cost
Share

Fencing Infrastructure

Basic Comparison (June 2026)

	 VF software	 Connectivity	 Collar battery	 Herd size	 Pasture size	 Up front cost	 Yearly cost
eShepherd from 	Gallagher from computer or mobile app	Multiple base stations OR Cellular	Solar charged 7-10 years*	20+	~45ft X 45ft No max	\$250-300/collar** \$5,000-6,000/ base station (if necessary)	Base station: \$18/neckband Cellular: \$24/neckband
Halter.	Mobile app AND computer	Direct-to- satellite	Solar charged 5-7 years*	100+	~32sq ft/ animal No max	\$1,500 deployment/ shipping fee	\$96/collar
 monil	Mobile app	Cellular	Solar charged 5 years*	6+	30ft diameter No max	\$312-320/collar** + shipping (includes year 1 subscription)	\$32-40/collar**
 Nofence <i>Also available for small ruminants</i>	Nofence from computer or mobile app	Cellular	Solar charged 5-10 years*	5+	0.5 ac - 25,000 ac	\$309-349/collar** (includes year 1 subscription)	\$35-45/collar**
VENCE Merck Animal Health	HerdManager from computer or view mode only mobile app	Multiple base stations	Replaceable one-time use ~6 months	100+	>200 ac No max	\$10,000-12,500/ base station	\$40/collar + \$10/battery/ collar***

*According to vendor

**Variable pricing based on herd size

***Year-round use requires ≥ 2 batteries/collar/year





TAILGATE Tech Talks

Join us for ranch-side conversations about technology in grazing systems. North Dakota ranchers will share real-world experiences using technology for grazing management.

August 18

Gurr Lake Angus
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

August 27

S Bar S
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

August 20

USFS Shyenenne National Grasslands
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

September 23

Black Leg Ranch
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Details: ndsu.ag/tailgatetalks

NDSU | EXTENSION



Ducks Unlimited Innovative Grazing Demonstration

June 3, 2026 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Neil and Jan Effertz EZ Ranch

17350 HWY 1804 | Bismark, ND 58503

RSVP: Tanner Gue | tgue@ducks.org | (701) 595-6945

Join Ducks Unlimited and partners for a hands-on grazing workshop featuring Range Ward equipment and technology. Razer Grazer and Power Grazer demonstrations will begin with a brief overview of Range Ward and their approach to modern grazing systems.

Participants will have the opportunity to see this equipment in action, with a walkthrough of each unit highlighting key similarities and differences to help producers determine what best fits their operation.



Additional demonstrations will cover practical tools to expand fencing capacity beyond standard setups, including the use of step-in posts and Power Braid reflective rope.

Attendees will also hear from Neil Effertz and his experience with virtual fence technology.

Attendees will gain insight into how these

systems can improve efficiency while supporting both operator ease and wildlife-friendly practices in the field.



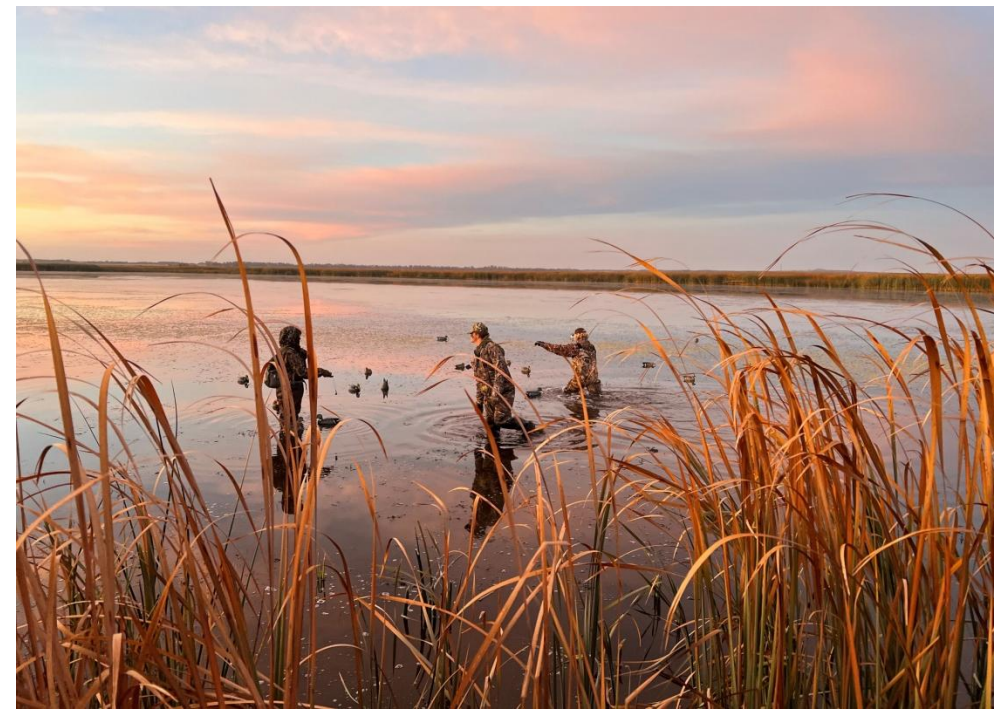
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