

WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

CANADA GOOSE ABATEMENT BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

CRITERIA...

- ▶ Producer must have experienced goose depredation 2 out of the last 5 years, or be recommended by the local Wildlife Damage Specialist as an area that has the potential to incur significant crop damage.
- ▶ Designed for landowners or lessees that are financially dependent on agriculture.
- ▶ Must be a 10-year or up to 15-year contract.
- ▶ Must be a minimum width of 60 ft. and a maximum width of 120 ft.
- ▶ Producer must have a signed contract with Farm Service Agency (FSA) to be eligible. Eligible USDA programs follow: CP-21, CP-22, CP-29, or CP-30.
- ▶ The Producer agrees to allow reasonable, free public hunting access to non-family members who obtain proper permission.
- ▶ Producer cannot charge for goose hunting on any land that he/she owns or leases.

TYPES...

TYPE A – Contracts that allow UNLIMITED public access.

- Requires a minimum of 40 acres (does not have to be all buffer strip acreage) of land to be enrolled in the Walk-In-Area (WIA) Program and must have access from a public right-of-way
- USDA cost shares grass seeding at 90%, GFP will cost share the remaining 10%
- Producer receives 180% of rental rate (120% from USDA, and 60% from GFP)
- Producer receives \$300/acre one-time Signing Incentive (\$100/acre from USDA and \$200/acre from GFP)

TYPE B – Contracts that allow free reasonable access to non-family members.

- USDA cost shares grass seeding at 90%, GFP will cost share the remaining 10%
- Producer receives 140% of rental rate (120% from USDA, and 20% from GFP)
- Producer receives \$200/acre one-time Signing Incentive (\$100/acre from USDA and \$100/acre from GFP)

A. PROCESS – Interested producers should be made aware of approximate payments (USDA and GFP)

- Producer agrees and signs USDA contract
- Producer then signs GFP contract and if contract is **TYPE A**, then WIA contract must also be signed
- Payments will be made to Producer, October 1.

Contract Type	Access Required	Payments	Signing Incentives
Type A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have USDA contract • UNLIMITED public access(requires WIA contract) • WIA must have public right-of-way access and be a MIN of 40 acres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180% of USDA average rental rate(USDA provides 120% + 60% from GFP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 per acre (\$100/acre from USDA and \$200/acre from GFP)
Type B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have USDA contract • Reasonable, free public access to non-family members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 140% of USDA average rental rate (USDA provides 120% +20% from GFP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 per acre (\$100/acre from USDA and \$100/acre from GFP)

PAYMENT EXAMPLES...

TYPE A- Producer has 3.2 acres of eligible buffer strips and the USDA rental rate (specified on contract) is \$123/acre

- Producer's TOTAL annual payment (USDA + GFP=180%) = \$147.6 (USDA portion 120%) + \$73.8 (GFP portion 60%) = 221.40 x 3.2 acres = **\$708.48**
- One-time signing incentive = \$100/acre (USDA) + \$200/acre (GFP) = \$300 x 3.2 acres = **\$960**
- Total Payment for 1st year only = \$1,668.48 (plus additional 10% for seeding cost)**

TYPE B- Producer has 3.2 acres of eligible buffer strips and the USDA rental rate (specified on contract) is \$123/acre

- Producer's TOTAL annual payment (USDA + GFP=140%) = \$147.6 (USDA portion 120%) + \$24.6 (GFP portion 20%) = 172.20 x 3.2 acres = **\$551.04**
- One-time signing incentive = \$100/acre (USDA) + \$100/acre (GFP) = \$200 x 3.2 acres = **\$640**
- Total Payment for 1st year only = \$1,191.04 (plus additional 10% for seeding cost)**

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS...

WDM contracts with private shooting preserves, commercial and fee hunting areas, and no hunting areas are not allowed under current policy, but field staff have the flexibility to make case-by-case evaluations under the following guidelines (*any services provided outside these guidelines must be pre-approved by the WDM Review Team*):

- ▶ **Licensed Shooting Preserves:**
 1. If the reported depredation and subsequent assistance lie outside the designated boundaries of the preserve, **and**
 2. If the reported depredation is not a direct result of the preserve operation.
- ▶ **Commercial Hunting Operations:**
 1. If the species responsible for the reported depredation is not one of the species being commercialized, **and**
 2. If the landowner allows reasonable, free, hunting access to non-family members involving the species of complaint, **and**
 3. If the reported depredation is not a direct result of the commercial hunt operation.
- ▶ **No Hunting Areas:** If hunting is not allowed for safety reasons and if the WDM project is intended to significantly minimize depredation either for the landowner or a neighbor who has experienced chronic depredation.