

FARM LESS. MAKE MORE.

Ducks Unlimited Canada's new **Marginal Areas Program** increases your profits while farming fewer acres. It provides a financial solution to unproductive land within annually cropped fields by seeding perennial forages.

Forages improve profitability, increase pollinator habitat and biodiversity, reduce herbicide-resistant weeds, act as buffer zones to meet product label guidelines and manage clubroot issues. This program is just one way DUC is partnering with Alberta growers to increase the profitability of their land.

***Receive \$150/acre on eligible land and
get a pollinator-friendly seed pack!***



Let's make every acre count. Call us today.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MARGINAL AREAS PROGRAM

Why should I consider the Marginal Areas Program?

The Marginal Areas Program provides an option for farmers who've identified areas on their farm where:

- + You are realizing a negative ROI
- + Access is limited due to size of equipment
- + You are looking to establish clubroot management areas
- + You want to establish habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, sequester carbon, etc.

Why is DUC delivering this program?

Increasing perennial cover on the landscape benefits biodiversity, beneficial insects and wildlife, including waterfowl. Environmental benefits also include carbon sequestration and improving soil and water quality.

What seed mixture do I have to seed to qualify?

Farmers can source seed through the retail of choice. DUC provides establishment advice to program participants. The pollinator-friendly seed pack is sourced from a reputable seed company on the prairies and includes a mixture of short- and long-lived perennial species that improve the value of the stand for pollinators specifically.

How much is the financial incentive?

DUC provides an incentive of \$125/acre and supplies a bonus pollinator-friendly seed pack. The farmer is responsible for buying the forage seed mixture, establishing and maintaining the forage stand. The \$125/acre incentive will be paid after establishment is confirmed.

What are the terms of agreement?

- + There are no restrictions on use. Program participants can graze, hay, mow, or leave idle
- + Co-operators retain management decisions for and outside of identified program parcels

Ducks Unlimited Canada supports farmers making more money by farming less land, and providing habitat at the same time.



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