



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Clear Creek (main), located 7 miles SW of New Albin

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0004 Lease Term 3 years (2025-27)

Location (S/T/R) 22,27/100N/5West

Description

77 acres/year m/l, on average for the 3 years, on 26 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay seeding. On average, 8 acres of the row crops are to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. A conservation plan is in place with the NRCS and must be followed. Access to all fields are as is, which is often narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before submitting request as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. Terms of the Habitat Lease Agreement will be strictly enforced; violations may be cause for termination. Tillage work, cover crops, and other practices may be required by the DNR, and work will be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates.

Annual Rent \$ 4,670 on average Terms 10% of total due at signing, crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year

DNR Contact Steven.Gastfield@DNR.iowa.gov



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Area: Lansing (north), located 5 miles NW of Lansing

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0001 Lease Term 3 years (2025-27)

Location (S/T/R) 2,11,12/99N/4West

Description

67 acres/year m/l, on average for the 3 years, on 14 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay seeding. On average, 7 acres of the row crops are to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. A conservation plan is in place with the NRCS and must be followed. Access to all fields are as is, which is often narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before submitting request as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. Terms of the Habitat Lease Agreement will be strictly enforced; violations may be cause for termination. Tillage work, cover crops, and other practices may be required by the DNR, and work will be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates.

Annual Rent \$ 3,015 on average Terms 10% of total due at signing, crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year

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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Yellow River State Forest-Yellow River Unit

County: Allamakee County

Lease Number 8723-00-0003 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 20, 29 Township 96 North, Range 3, 4

Description 59 Acres m/l acres of row crop in three separate fields all grouped together. The fields are 42 Acres, 3 Acres, and 14 acres.

Annual Rent \$ 250 Terms Each lease year one-half of rent is due on or before April 1st, remainder due December 1st of that lease year.

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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area:	Yellow River State Forest-Nelson Field
County:	Allamakee County

Lease Number	8723-00-10	Lease Term	3 Years
Location (S/T/R)	Section 35, Township 97 N, Range 4		

Description	40.25 m/l acres of row crop field. The renter will be required to leave two acres of standing crop for winter forage. The location of this will be chosen by local DNR staff. There is no access to this field though state ground. The only access available is through a privately owned neighboring crop field. It is the renter's responsibility to get access to the field.		
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Annual Rent	\$ 160	Terms	Each lease year one-half of rent is due on or before April 1st, remainder due December 1st of that lease year.
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Area: Forks

County: Appanoose & Wayne

Lease Number 8460-00-6-23 Lease Term 2025-2029

Location (S/T/R) Sections 6,7,1,12,8,9,17,21,28,29 T 70N R 19, 20 W

Description

This will be a 5 year lease. 125 acres m/lof row crop. 17 of those row crop acres will only be farmed for 3 years as a seedbed prep for native grassland restoration. 108 acres will be row crop all 5 years. There is 6 acres of hay that will be hay that can only be cut once after July 15 each of the 5 years. 10% of the 108 acres will be left unharvested each year for wildlife foodplots, area determined by area manager annually.

Annual Rent \$ 16,150 Terms 15% Due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Greg Schmitt Phone 641-203-6185, Email Greg. Schmitt@dnr.iowa.gov



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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Rathbun WMA

County: Appanoose County

Lease Number 8460-00-6-70 Lease Term 2025-2031

Location (S/T/R) Sections 30 T70N R19W

Description

20 acres m/1row crop. Operator will be required to leave 15 % of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. No-till farming will be required. Area currently landlocked by a private landowner. Permission from this landowner would need to be obtained prior to bidding.

Annual Rent \$ 1,000 Terms 15% Due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Heath Van Waus - 28248 415th St. Russel Iowa 50238, 641-203-6179, Heath.Vanwaus@dnr.iowa.gov



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Area: Rolling Cove

County: Appanoose

Lease Number 8460-00-6-28 Lease Term 2025-2031

Location (S/T/R) Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 30 T70N R18,19W

Description

85 Acres m/l row crop. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop unharvested for wildlife food plot. No-till farming will be required. Sunflower field rotation will be required by tenant. Cover crops will be required on all row crop acres. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area manager.

Annual Rent \$ 6800 Terms 15% Due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Bryan Masters - 28248 415th St. Russel Iowa 50238, 641-217-1058, bryan.masters@dnr.iowa.gov



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Area: Stephens State Forest

County: Appanoose

Lease Number 8722-00-0-0013 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 17-70N-16W

Description 40 acres of grass hay with a CSR2 of 56.9 located just North of Lake Sundown in Appanoose County.

Annual Rent \$ 45/ac Terms _____

DNR Contact Mac Chilton: 641-954-1869 / mac@growthland.com



**Iowa DNR
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Area: Big Marsh Behrend's Pasture

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0010 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T91N R17W Ripley township setion 16

Description This lease is for 100 acres m/l of pasture. Grazing will be scheduled to run from May 15 – October 1 each year. Generally, a total of 60 1,000 lb. cattle or its equivalent will be allowed to use the pasture throughout the grazing period. HOWEVER, livestock numbers will be increased or decreased to reach the desired intensity of grazing. The DNR will not provide alternative grazing if livestock are removed due to any cause including overgrazing, flooding, etc. The operator is responsible for day-to-day maintenance and operation of the grazing facilities. The DNR will provide materials needed for fence repair. The operator is responsible for all liability arising from the escape or accidental release of the livestock. Mineral blocks / supplemental feeding must be placed in bunks away from the watering facilities. Crossing fences may be installed at the DNR’s discretion to reach the desired level of grazing throughout the pasture. The DNR is not liable for loss of equipment, supplies, or livestock; nor, is the agency liable for damages caused by the livestock. The DNR may mow, or burn, or allow haying a portion of the pasture to remove vegetation that is too tall for DNR purposes. The operator must be prepared to remove livestock on short notice (2-3 days) if the pasture will become flooded by natural or man-made causes. The DNR is not responsible for loss or injury to livestock. The operator is responsible for damages caused by livestock escaping the pasture. The pasture is only accesible by river or adjacent landowner permission.

Annual Rent \$ 1500 Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

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**Iowa DNR
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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Big Marsh Osborn

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0011 Lease Term 3 crop years

5 Miles West of Allison and 1½ mile South of Hwy 3. Sec. 6 Township 91N, Range 17W (Ripley

Location (S/T/R) Township)

55 acres m/l containing a 16.5 acre hay field and 38.5 acres of row crop. The DNR will reserve one field for a foodplot and 4 acres must be left un-harvested each year. Acres to be left un-harvested will be chosen by the land manager each year. These un-harvested acres may be harvested after March,1 the following year. Tillage work, cover crops, mowing, and other practices may be required by the DNR, and work will be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates. Crop rotation for each field is listed below:

Description	2025	2026	2027	Acres
Field 1	Hay	Hay	Hay	16.5
Field 2	Corn	Corn	Beans	18.5
Field 3	DNR	Corn	DNR	4
Field 4	Corn	DNR	Corn	4.5
Field 5	Corn	Corn	Corn	3
Field 6	Corn	Corn	Beans	9

Annual Rent \$ Row Crop \$150/acre. Hay \$50/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

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Area: Big Marsh WRP fire breaks East

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-0012-0001 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) T-91N R17W ripley township sections 15,16,17

Description

This lease will be for the cutting of hay on designated fire breaks on DNR property. Fire break locations will be mapped by DNR staff. Locations and amount may vary from year to year. The fire breaks are to be cut as close to 30FT wide as the cooperators equipment allows unless told otherwise.

Annual Rent \$ 1,000 Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

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Area: Shell Rock Bend

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-18-001 Lease Term 5

Location (S/T/R) 1 Mile South, ½ Mile Southeast of Shell Rock. E1/2, NW1/4 Sec. 13 Township 91N, Range 15W (Shell Rock Township)

Description

16.7 acres m/l containing 16.7 acres as hay. Restrictions for forage seeding rates and hay cuttings will apply. Tillage work, cover crops, mowing, and other practices may be required by the DNR, and work will be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates. Tenant will also be required to hay trails and fire breaks in locations designated by lease manager.

Annual Rent \$ 50/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

DNR Contact Adam Kulow 641-481-6027 adam.kulow@dnr.iowa.gov



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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Big Marsh WRP fire breaks West

County: Butler/Franklin

Lease Number 8312-2A-0013-0001 Lease Term 3

T91N R18W Madison township sections 1,2,12 T92N R18W Pittsford township sections

Location (S/T/R) 29,30,32,33,34,35,36

Description This lease will be for the cutting of hay on designated fire breaks on DNR property. Fire break locations will be mapped by DNR staff. Locations and amount may vary from year to year. The fire breaks are to be cut as close to 30FT wide as the cooperators equipment allows unless told otherwise.

Annual Rent \$ 1,000 Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

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Area: Wapsi Flats WMA

County: Chickasaw

Lease Number 8312-2A-19-2 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) Location is 6 miles west of Alta Vista. SW 1/4 of T--97N, R-14W, sec 32 of Deerfield Township.

Description

43.4 acres m/l containing 9.4 acres as hay. Restrictions for forage seeding rates and hay cuttings will apply. Tillage work, cover crops, mowing, and other practices may be required by the DNR, and work will be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates. Tenant will also be required to hay trails and fire breaks in locations designated by lease manager. Lease manager will determine the corn or soybean rotation for row crop acres.

Annual Rent \$ 100/acre forage \$150 Row Crop Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

DNR Contact Logan McEwan 319-882-4252 logan.mcewan@dnr.iowa.gov



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Area: Stephens State Forest

County: Clarke & Lucas

Lease Number 8722-00-00-3-0006 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 03/10/11/12-71N-24W & 07-71N-23W

Description

137 acres of cropland with a CSR2 of 60.6 located South and East of Woodburn in Clarke County.
 40.8 acres of cropland with a CSR2 of 46.8 located South and East of Woodburn in Clarke County.
 20.5 acres of cropland with a CSR2 of 55.8 located South and East of Woodburn in Clarke County.
 11 acres of cropland with a CSR2of 48 located South and West of Lucas in Lucas County.

Annual Rent \$ 95 Terms Tenant will leave 10% of crop standing at harvest. Letters will be sent prior to harvest regarding which 10% will be left standing.

DNR Contact Mac Chilton: 641-954-1869 / mac@growthland.com



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Area: Dan Green - Kirchner

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-05-20255 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 19/97/35

Description

145 acres m/l containing 145 acres of pasture in 1 field. The operator agrees to follow DNR stipulations for cattle stocking of 21.6 Animal Units, duration, and other special considerations including purging animals before stocking the pasture. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area.

Annual Rent \$ 797.50 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2024

c/o Todd Perry, Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit, 3120 330th Ave, Ruthven, IA 51358

DNR Contact Phone – 712.837.4850 – Email – todd.perry@dnr.iowa.gov



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Area: Dry Mud/Highbridge

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-03-20253 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 25/94/35

Description

62 acres m/l containing 62 acres row crop consisting of 3 individual fields. Fields will be located within Dry Mud WMA and Highbridge WMA. The Operator agrees to all terms listed on the attached Management Plan for the farm lease. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres.

Annual Rent \$ 9,820.80 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2024

c/o Todd Perry, Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit, 3120 330th Ave, Ruthven, IA 51358

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Area: Little Sioux River

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-04-20254 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 24/95/36

Description

130 acres m/l containing 94 acres row crop consisting of 11 individual fields and 36 acres of hay consisting of 2 individual fields. Fields will be located within Little Sioux WMA and Hawk Valley WMA. The Operator agrees to all terms listed on the attached Management Plan for the farm lease. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres.

Annual Rent \$ 15,642.00 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2024

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Area: Spencer West

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-02-20252 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 5/96/37

Description

67.5 acres m/l containing 38.5 acres row crop consisting of 6 individual fields and 29 acres of hay consisting of 3 individual fields. Fields will be located within Tuttle WMA, Reiter WMA, O'Neil WMA, and PF WMA. The Operator agrees to all terms listed on the attached Management Plan for the farm lease. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres.

Annual Rent \$ 5,798.10 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2024

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Area: Schrader Wildlife Management Area

County: Crawford

Lease Number 8313-1B-07-0001 Lease Term March 1st, 2025 - March 1st, 2028

Location (S/T/R) SECTION 5 T84N R37W

Description

29.1 acres m/l containing 16.5 acres row crop and 12.6 acres of forage consisting of 6 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest of 0.0 acres of row crop, which may occur after March 1 of following crop year. The operator must prepare, fertilize, plant and spray 4.2-4.5 acres of sunflowers, and 2.9-4.9 acres of sorghum. Food plot seed will be provided by DNR. Forage may only be cut once during the period between July 15 and August 15 of each year and no storage of hay bales on area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres of the Schrader WMA. Services rendered in the description will affect annual rental rate. The annual rental rate is based on an average of the 3 year lease.

Annual Rent \$ 1,457.01 Terms A percentage due upon lease signing and remainder to be paid on or before December 1 of lease year

DNR Contact Jeff Feisel- Black Hawk Wildlife Unit, 2392 230th St. Early, IA 50535
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Area: Bell Branch WMA

County: Davis

Lease Number 8314-4E-13-001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sec.34/T70N/R14W

Description 130 Acres m/l containing 130 acres of pasture. Restrictions on pasturing dates may apply.

Annual Rent \$ 5000 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec.1 annually.

DNR Contact Keith Wilcox ph.641-799-0016 email: keith.wilcox@dnr.iowa.gov



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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Decatur

Lease Number 8313-3C-05-0004 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 6, 7, 8, 17, 18 Richland Twp T70N R27W

Description

166 acres m/l containing 101 acres of row crop, 41 acres of forage and 7 acres of idle on average. 10% of row crop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contact. Cover crops will be required on most fields. No till farming required with the exception of organic farming. Non-neonictinoid seed required. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower fields every year at their expense. The average acreage of sunflower fields is 7 acres. Seven acres of hay to be seeded by tenant. Average row crop acres and rent will vary from year to year. Management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent.

Annual Rent \$ 6049.20 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk 641-783-2166 Josh.Rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



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Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Anderson Prairie & Four Lake WMA

County: Emmet & Dickinson

Lease Number 8311-1C-12-0002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Emmet Township 34/T100N/R34W Richland Township 13/T99N/R35W

Description

40 acres M/L consisting of 7 fields. Three of the fields are currently in row-crop rotation and four fields are currently hay to be converted to row-crop. The operator agrees to delay harvest up to 25% of row-crops. The operator agrees to prepare and plant 4 acres of sunflowers by May 10th and not harvest. No fall tillage allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Servies provided by the operator at the direction of the DNR will be deducted from the annual rent.

Annual Rent \$ 5800 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit 712-867-4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov



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Area: Twelve Mile Lake-Morlins

County: Emmet

Lease Number 8311-1C-16-0002 Lease Term 1 years

Location (S/T/R) Twelve Mile Lake Township 20/T98N/R34W

Description

25 acres M/L acres of native grasses and forbs available to Hay. Hay may only be cut once during the period of July 15th to August 15th.

Annual Rent \$ 800 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit 712-867-4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov



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Area: Volga River State Recreation Area

County: Fayette

Lease Number 8540-3G-01-001 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 3.5 miles south and 1 mile east of West Union. Sec 3,10,11 Twn 93N, Range 8W

Description

206.9 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2025. 173.6 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2026. 166 acres m/l of row crop and hay 2027. Restrictions on hay cuttings will apply. Tillage, fertilizer, mowing and other practices may be required by the DNR. Work may be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates. This lease must allow access to farmer of lease 5 on area.

Annual Rent \$ 150/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

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Area: Volga River State Recreation Area

County: Fayette

Lease Number 8540-3G-01-003 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 1.5 miles east of Fayette. Sec 14,21,26 Twn 93N, Range 8W

Description

175.6 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2025. 137.2 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2026. 134.1 acres m/l of row crop and hay 2027. Restrictions on hay cuttings will apply. Tillage, fertilizer, mowing and other practices may be required by the DNR. Work may be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates.

Annual Rent \$ 175/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, custom work, or contractor payment.

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Area: Volga River State Recreation Area

County: Fayette

Lease Number 8540-3G-01-004 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 3 miles southeast of West Union, south on Imperial. Sec 2,3 TwN 93N, Range 8W

Description 62.9 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2025. 25.1 acres m/l of hay in 2026. 25.1 acres m/l of hay 2027.
Restrictions on hay cuttings will apply. Tillage, fertilizer, mowing and other practices may be required by the DNR. Work may be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates.

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Area: Volga River State Recreation Area

County: Fayette

Lease Number 8540-3G-01-002 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 3.5 miles south and 2 mile east of West Union. Sec 10,11,15,14 Twn 93N, Range 8W

Description

192.2 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2025. 161.3 acres m/l of row crop and hay in 2026. 141.6 acres m/l of row crop and hay 2027. Restrictions on hay cuttings will apply. Tillage, fertilizer, mowing and other practices may be required by the DNR. Work may be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates.

Annual Rent \$ 175/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, custom work, or contractor payment.

DNR Contact Jason Auel 319-213-2815 jason.auel@dnr.iowa.gov, Rylan Retallick 563-425-4161 rylan.retallick@dnr.iowa.gov, or Austin Lette 563-425-4161 austin.lette@dnr.iowa.gov.



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Volga River State Recreation Area

County: Fayette

Lease Number 8540-3G-01-005 Lease Term 2

Location (S/T/R) 3 miles south and 1-2 miles east of West Union. Sec 2,3, TwN 93N, Range 8W

Description

50.5 acres m/l of row crop in 2025. 50.5 acres m/l of soybeans in 2026. Tillage, fertilizer, mowing and other practices may be required by the DNR. Work may be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates. This lease must access east field through Lease 1.

Annual Rent \$ 150/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contractor payment.

DNR Contact Jason Auel 319-213-2815 jason.ael@dnr.iowa.gov, Rylan Retallick 563-425-4161 rylan.retallick@dnr.iowa.gov, or Austin Lette 563-425-4161 austin.lette@dnr.iowa.gov.



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Restoration Marsh

County: Floyd

Lease Number 8312-2A-20-0001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) 5 Miles North of Floyd, Iowa. Section 27, Township 97n, Range 16w, Floyd County, Iowa

26 acres m/l of Row crop. Approximately 3 acres of row crop must be left un-harvested each year as a food plot. The areas to be left for food plots will be chosen by the land manager. These un-harvested acres may be harvested after March 1, the following year. A three year crop rotation is attached. Half of the acres of field 4 will be required to have the soil prepped for planting by the cooperater but will be left for the DNR to plant as a food plot. The cooperater will also be required to fertilize these acres at a rate specified by the land manager.

Description

Annual Cash rent for Crop Type: Corn \$75/acre, soybeans \$75/acre
 Year 2019: \$1,725.00
 Year 2020: \$1,725.00
 Year 2018: \$1,725.00
 Terms: 10% of contract total due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually
 Crop Rotation

	ACRES			Total
	Corn	Beans	Field 4 disk	
2025	23	0	N	23
2026	23	0	S	23
2027	0	23	N	23

Annual Rent \$ 75/acre Terms 10% down. Three December payments. Rent could be paid in the form of cash, rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, custom work, or contrator payment.

DNR Contact: Adam Kulow
 Phone: 641-481-6027

DNR Contact Email: adam.kulow@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Auldon Bar Wildlife Area

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8480-00-8-001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 17,18,19,30 of Township 70 and Range 43W, T69NR43W06

Description

204-236 acres m/l. Up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperater is responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperator is responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ 170/acre crop
\$80/acre alfalfa Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Copeland Bend Wildlife Area

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8480-00-8-001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T68NR43WSec25,30, T69NR43W06,18,26,35

Description

98-157 acres m/l. Up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperater is responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperator is responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ 170/acre crop
\$80/acre alfalfa Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Forney Lake Wildlife Area

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-1-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 14,15,21,22,23,24,28 Sidney West T70N R43W

Description

181-240 acres m/l. Up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperators are responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperators are responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ 170/acre crop
\$80/acre alfalfa Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Gabrielson Wildlife Management Area

County : Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D-9-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 9, 15, 16 T97N, R23W

Description

52.5 acres of row crop. The Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 5.7 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of and insecticide is not allowed.

*Annual rent may be offset with habitat work related activities on the area. Examples of habitat work may include but are not limited to, prairie restoration, brush and tree removal, tree piling, invasive species control, chemical purchase, access and parking lot repairs, wetland restoration/maintenance, cover crops, additional food plots, and fence removal.

Annual Rent \$ 3975.48 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec 1. annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber (515) 360-2559 (641) 425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: 8-Mile Pits, Jason Smith, & Meredith Marsh Wildlife Management Areas

County : Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D11-1 Lease Term 2 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 1, T97N, R25W; Sections 5,7, T97N, R24W

Description

59.6 acres of row crop. The Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 7 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emergent herbicide, and plant 8.2-12.4 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). Operator agrees to plant a forage crop in the assigned field adjacent to the sunflower plot. This field will be cut and baled annually between August 1st and August 31st. Bales will be removed immediately. 2.8 acres of hay that can be cut once after July 15th. Operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed.

*Annual rent may be offset with habitat work related activities on the area. Examples of habitat work may include but are not limited to, prairie restoration, brush and tree removal, tree piling, invasive species control, chemical purchase, access and parking lot repairs, wetland restoration/maintenance, cover crops, additional food plots, and fence removal.

Annual Rent \$1,241.16 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due Dec 1. annually

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**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Eagle Flats Wildlife Management Area

County : Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D-16-1 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 6- T96, R24W

Description

47.4 acres of row crop. The Operator agrees to 10 acres of delayed harvest of corn which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed.

*Annual rent may be offset with habitat work related activities on the area. Examples of habitat work may include but are not limited to, prairie restoration, brush and tree removal, tree piling, invasive species control, chemical purchase, access and parking lot repairs, wetland restoration/maintenance, cover crops, additional food plots, and fence removal.

Annual Rent \$ 1,758.40 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually.

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber (515) 360-2559 (641) 425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Gladfelter Marsh Wildlife Management Area

County : Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D-17-1 Lease Term 1 year

Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 27, T97N, R25W

Description

10 acres of row crop. Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 2 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. 43.7 acres of hay that can be cut once after July 15th. Operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed.

*Annual rent may be offset with habitat work related activities on the area. Examples of habitat work may include but are not limited to, prairie restoration, brush and tree removal, tree piling, invasive species control, chemical purchase, access and parking lot repairs, wetland restoration/maintenance, cover crops, additional food plots, and fence removal.

Annual Rent \$ 2126.05 Terms 10% due at signing, balance Due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber (515) 360-2559 (641) 425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Goodell and Schuldt Wildlife Management Areas

County : Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D-01-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 21, T94N, R23W and Section 25, T95N, R24W

Description

28.5 acres of row crop. The Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 9.6 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 the following year. Operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the working day when working on the area. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any pesticide is not allowed.

*Annual rent may be offset with habitat work related activities on the area. Examples of habitat work may include but are not limited to, prairie restoration, brush and tree removal, tree piling, invasive species control, chemical purchase, access and parking lot repairs, wetland restoration/maintenance, cover crops, additional food plots, and fence removal.

Annual Rent \$ 287.25 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec.1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber (515) 360-2559 (641) 425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Jensen Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0028 Lease Term March 1, 2025 - February 28, 2030 - 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 28, Township 81 North, Range 44 West, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 48.4 drilled forage grass year one, oats/alfalfa remainder of lease - see map for more info. Operator must follow a strict corn/soybean rotation on any row crop acres no-till required. A winter hardy cover crop is required each year following row crop acres. Cover crop expenses will be credited up to \$45/acre against the second half rent payment. Farmer expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Must be present at lease drawing .

Request additional information for maps and required row crop rotation for lease term. Must call or email to placed on the list if interested in lease.

Rent : \$215/row crop acre and \$125/alfalfa acre . Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 6,050.00 Terms 50% due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager

DNR Contact Office # (712) 525-9201, Cell # (712) 249-5245, email: agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Nuzum Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0010 Lease Term March 1 , 2025 - February 28, 2030 - 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 16 & 17, Township 81 North, Range 44 West Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 62.4 to 55.0 row crop acs each year - see map for more info. The year that DNR use is listed you can expect to leave this field unplanted. DNR will be seeding season long cover crops that will provide habitat for wildlife and are expected to improve the overall health of the soil. Operator must follow the listed crop rotation on the map, no-till required on all row crop acres. A winter hardy cover crop is required each year following row crop acres. Cover crop expenses will be credited up to \$45/acre against the second half rent payment. Farmer expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Must be present at lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row crop rotation for lease term . Must call or email to placed on the list if interested in lease.

Rent: \$220/row crop acre and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 12,100 Terms 50% due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Pisgah Complex Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0007 Lease Term March 1 , 2025 - February 28, 2030 - 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 25, 30, 31, Township 81 North, Range 43 & 44 West, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 105.2 to 93.0 row crop acs each year - see map for more info. The year that DNR use is listed you can expect to leave this field unplanted. DNR will be seeding season long cover crops that will provide habitat for wildlife and are expected to improve the overall health of the soil. Operator must follow the listed crop rotation on the map, no-till required on all row crop acres. A winter hardy cover crop is required each year following row crop acres. Cover crop expenses will be credited up to \$45/acre against the second half rent payment. Farmer expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Must be present at lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row crop rotation for lease term. Must call or email to placed on the list if interested in lease.

Rent: \$220/row crop acre and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 22,132.00 Terms 50% due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager

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**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: East Fork Des Moines River-Behounek

County: Humboldt

Lease Number 8311-1C-22-0002 Lease Term 2 years

Location (S/T/R) Humboldt Township 8/T93N/R28W

Description

42 acres M/L of grazing consisting of an 8 acre paddock and a 34 acre paddock. The operator will need to follow the stocking rates set forth in the lease. To meet management goals, the land manager reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of animals during the grazing period. The operator is responsible for the day to day maintenance and operation of the fence and is responsible for all liability arising from the escape of cattle. The operator must be on site within 30 minutes in the event of an escape. Permission must be obtained from the city of Livermore to access the pasture.

Annual Rent \$ 800 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit 712-867-4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: East Fork Des Moines River-Behounek

County: Humboldt

Lease Number 8311-1C-22-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Humboldt Township 8/T93N/R28W

Description

12 acres M/L acres of row-crop consisting of one field. There is no public access to the field, permission from the neighboring landowner must be obtained. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the crop land acres. No fall tillage is allowed. Services provided by the operator at the direction of the DNR will be deducted from the annual rent.

Annual Rent \$ 1900 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit 712-867-4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 31-32/81N/8W

Description 146.4 acres m/l west of Greencastle Ave. and Swan Lake Rd.

Annual Rent \$ \$75/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 4-5,32-33/80-81N/8W

Description 230.42 acres m/l by the Oxford Wells

Annual Rent \$ \$75/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0004 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 35-36/81N/8W

Description 127.11 acres m/l west of Greencastle Ave and Swan Lake Road intersection

Annual Rent \$ \$75/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0005 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 20-21, 28-29/81N/8W

Description 189.28 acres m/l South of Baxter Ave. and Amana Road intersection

Annual Rent \$ \$150/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0006 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 25-26/81N/8W

Description 158.38 acres m/l SW of Amana Road and Falcon Ave. intersection

Annual Rent \$ 90/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0007 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 24-25/81N/8W

Description 156.75 acres m/l West of Greencastle Ave.

Annual Rent \$ 85/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Oxford Junction Wildlife Area

County _____

: Jones

Lease Number 8312-2B-9-0001 Lease Term 2025-2027

Location (S/T/R) Sections 26, 27 T83 R 1W

Description

130 acres M/L consisting of 105 acres of pasture and 10 acres of custom food plots.

Annual Rent \$ 750 on average Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec 1st annually.

DNR Contact Kurt Cornilsen Phone: 563-357-3830 Email: kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Chain of Lakes WMA

County: Linn

Lease Number 8314-4A-4-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 21-22/84N/8W

Description 43.2 acres m/l, one mile east of Palo, Ia

Annual Rent \$ \$75/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Palisades-Kepler State Park - Van Velkinburg Property

County: Linn

Lease Number _____ Lease Term 5 years, 2025 to 2029

Location (S/T/R) Section 2, Township 81N, Range 5W

Description

47.58 acres of low quality agricultural ground, with a field access on the south east side of the property. The tenant will be allowed to use the ground for row crop or hay production. If the tenant grows row crops, they will be required to leave two acres of standing crop for winter forage. If the tenant grows hay, they will be required to plant a two acre unharvestable food plot for winter forage. The location of the winter forage plot needs to be approved by DNR Staff. The tenant will be allowed to use fertilizer and herbicide in accordance with product label application rates. Any other land improvement practices need to be approved by DNR Staff, before the work is done. The tenant will not be allowed to install tile in the ground. The annual rent is based on \$175.00 per acre and rounded to the nearest 5 dollar mark.

Annual Rent \$ 8,325 Terms 15% Due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Lucas Wagner, 700 Kepler Drive, Mt. Vernon, IA 52314, 319-895-6039



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Wood Duck Bottoms WMA

County: Linn

Lease Number 8314-4A-6-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 28-30, 32/85N/8W

Description 45.7 acres m/l, 5 miles SW of Center Point, IA

Annual Rent \$ \$115/acre Terms 20% down annual rent due on December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz 319-350-0342



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

County: Linn/Benton

Lease Number 8540-3F-1-0001 Lease Term 4 Years - 2025 season-2028 season

Location (S/T/R) Benton 1-84N-9W Linn 31-85N-8W, 6-84N-8W Township Fayette

Description

142 acres m/l of row crop. All acres will be on a Soybean-Corn rotation, all beans for 2025, corn 2026, beans 2027, corn 2028. 14 acres m/l (10%) of row crop must be left unharvested for wildlife food plots each year, designated by DNR contract. Cover crops will be required on all row crop fields every year. No-till farming will also be required. Tenant will not be allowed to use insecticide treated seed (fungicides are allowable). All requirements and fertilizer are included in per/acre rent at \$150/acre per year with no deductions. DNR contact can provide maps and field #s at request, Farm 8025 Tracts 10490, 10491.

Annual Rent \$ 21,300 Terms 4 years- 1/2 payment due April 1st, 1/2 payment due December 1st

DNR Contact Matt Bonar- Park Manager 319-436-7716



Iowa DNR
 Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
 2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Southeast Iowa-

County: Lucas

Lease Number 8722-00-0-0001 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 5/6-71N-23W

Description

128.8 acres of Cropland with a CSR2 of 72.9 and 37 acres of grass hay with a CSR2 44.2 located South and West of Lucas in Lucas County.
 Subject acres are land locked. Prospective tenants must obtain written permission from the neighbor to access the farm.

Annual Rent \$ 110/ac & \$55/ac Terms Tenant will leave 10% of crop standing at harvest. Letters will be sent prior to harvest regarding which 10% will be left standing.

DNR Contact Mac Chilton: 641-954-1869 / mac@growthland.com



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Stephens State Forest

County: Lucas

Lease Number 8722-00-0-0006 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 04-71N-23W

Description 23 acres of grass hay with a CSR2 of 37.6 located South and West of Lucas in Lucas County.

Annual Rent \$ 37.50/ac Terms _____

DNR Contact Mac Chilton: 641-954-1869 / mac@growthland.com



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Stephens State Forest

County: Lucas

Lease Number 8722-00-0-1-0013 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 34-72N-23W

Description 18 acres of grass hay with a CSR2 of 45 located South of Lucas in Lucas County.

Annual Rent \$ 30/ac Terms _____

DNR Contact Mac Chilton: 641-954-1869 / mac@growthland.com



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Heritage Hills WMA

County: Madison County

Lease Number 8314-4D-1-4920 Lease Term 2025-2031

Location (S/T/R) Sections 32 T74N R27W

Description

75 acres m/1row crop. Operator will be required to leave 15% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. No-till farming will be required. Sunflower fields will be required by tenant Cover crops will be required on all row crop areas. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area manager.

Annual Rent \$ 11,100 Terms 15% Due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Heath Van Waus - 28248 415th St. Russel Iowa 50238, 641-203-6179, Heath.Vanwaus@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hull WMA

County: Mahaska

Lease Number 8314-4E-12-01 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sec.19&20/T75N/R16W

Description

56 acres m/l containing 56 acres of row crop. 14 acres of row crop must be left unharvested for a food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area Manager. Access is limited and written permission from the neighboring landowner to access the property is required in order to be eligible for the lease.

Annual Rent \$ None Terms 25% of Row Crop will be Left Unharvested

DNR Contact Keith Wilcox ph.641-799-0016 email: keith.wilcox@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Noddleman Island

County: Mills

Lease Number 8480-00-9-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T71N R43W S 17,19,20

Description

175-236 ac m/l up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperators are responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperators are responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ \$190/ac crop
\$100/ac hay Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Noddleman Island

County: Mills

Lease Number 8480-00-9-2 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T71N R43W S 17,19,20

Description

93.5-170 ac m/l up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperators are responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperators are responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ \$190/ac crop
\$100/ac hay Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Saint Mary's Island Island

County: Mills

Lease Number 8480-00-10-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T73,72N R44W S 2,25,26,35,36

Description

201-233 ac m/l up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperators are responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperators are responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ \$190/ac crop
\$100/ac hay Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Saint Mary's Island Island

County: Mills

Lease Number 8480-00-10-2 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T73,72N R44W S 2,25,26,35,36

Description

138-183 ac m/l up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperators are responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperators are responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ \$190/ac crop
\$100/ac hay Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Saint Mary's Island Island

County: Mills

Lease Number 8480-00-10-3 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T73,72N R44W S 2,25,26,35,36

Description

131-239 ac m/l up to 10% to be left as a wildlife food plot. No till farming will be required, tillage may be necessary after idle rotation or possible flooding, and that will need to be approved by lease manager. Cover crops of Winter Wheat or Triticale are required on all crop fields and fields going into idle rotation at a rate of 1 bu/acre applied before October 15. The cooperators are responsible to control all noxious weeds in all crop and idle fields. Cooperators are responsible for access maintenance and mowing of roadsides and parking lots once before August 1 and again before September 1. If interested a list of other requirements will be provided.

Annual Rent \$ \$190/ac crop
\$100/ac hay Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger 712-350-0350



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Badger Lake WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-4-0001 Lease Term 3 yrs, 2025-2027

Location (S/T/R) Sections 28, 29, and 33, T85N, R46W

Description

55 acre more or less of crop land on Badger Lake WMA, located 5 miles west of Whiting, IA. 20% of row crop must be left unharvested until March 1 of the following year for wildlife. No-till practices and conservation plan required. Winter hardy cover crops will be required on half of the row crop acres. Systemic neonicotinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 235/ac (\$12,925/year) Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Loess Hills WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-6-0002 Lease Term 3 yrs, 2025-2027

Location (S/T/R) Sections 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, and 17, T84N, R44W

Description

166 ac more or less of crop ground on the Loess Hills WMA, located 3 mi NW of Castana. 20% of row crop must be left unharvested until March 1 of the following year for wildlife. No-till practices and conservation plan required. Winter hardy cover crops will be required on half of the row crop acres. Systemic neonicotinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 235/ac (\$39,010/year) Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Doug Chafa (712) 420-2437



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Louisville Bend COE

County: Monona

Lease Number 8480-00-13-0001 Lease Term 3 yrs, 2025-2027

Location (S/T/R) Secitions 31 and 6, T83N and T82N, R45W

Description

50.8 acres more or less of crop ground on Louisville Bend WMA, located 5miles SW of Onawa IA. 20% of row crop must be left unharvested until March 1 of the following year for wildlife. No-till practices and conservation plan required. Winter hardy cover crops will be required on half of the row crop acres. Systemic neonicotinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 235/ac (\$11,938 / Year) Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Wiese Slough WMA

County: Muscatine

Lease Number 8314-4B-2-20002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 18, Township 78 North, Range 2W

Description

35.5 acres m/l of row crop year 1, 23.5 acres m/l years 2 and 3. Corn and bean rotation. 10% of crop must be left unharvested for a wildlife food plot designated by DNR contact.

Annual Rent \$ 3550.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Travis Russell, 563-260-9864, travis.russell@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Lost Island

County: Palo Alto, Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-01-20251 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 28/97/34

Description

130.65 acres m/l containing 119.65 acres row crop consisting of 14 individual fields and 11 acres of hay consisting of 1 individual field. Fields will be located within Dewey's Pasture WMA, Blue Wing Marsh WMA, Fallow Marsh WMA, Perkins Marsh WMA, Barringer Slough WMA and DU Marsh WMA. The Operator agrees to all terms listed on the attached Management Plan for the farm lease. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres.

Annual Rent \$ 15,773.34 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2024

c/o Todd Perry, Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit, 3120 330th Ave, Ruthven, IA 51358

DNR Contact Phone – 712.837.4850 – Email – todd.perry@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Lizard Lake Wildlife Management Area

County: Pocahontas

Lease Number 8313-1B-11-0001 Lease Term March 1st, 2025 - March 1st, 2028

Location (S/T/R) SECTION 22 T91N R31W

Description

6.5 acres m/l containing 6.5 acres row crop (Year 1 & 2) and 6.5 acres of forage (Year 3) consisting of 2 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest of 0.0 acres of row crop, which may occur after March 1 of following crop year. The operator must prepare, fertilize, plant and spray 0 acres of sunflowers, and 0 acres of sorghum. Food plot seed will be provided by DNR. Forage may only be cut once during the period between July 15 and August 15 of each year and no storage of hay bales on area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres of the Lizard Lake WMA. Services rendered in the description will affect annual rental rate. The annual rental rate is based on an average of the 3 year lease.

Annual Rent \$ 698.91 Terms A percentage due upon lease signing and remainder to be paid on or before December 1 of lease year

DNR Contact Jeff Feisel- Black Hawk Wildlife Unit, 2392 230th St. Early, IA 50535
Phone- 712-330-8414- Email- jeffrey.feisel@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Leo Shimon Marsh/Towhead Lake Wildlife Management Area

County: Pocahontas/Calhoun

Lease Number 8313-1B-5-0001 Lease Term March 1st, 2025 - March 1st, 2028

Location (S/T/R) Sect 9 T90N R34W; Sect 23, 24 T89N R34W

Description

83.9 acres m/l containing 76.2 acres row crop and 7.7 acres of forage consisting of 9 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest up to 25% of acres of row crop, which may occur after March 1 of following crop year. The operator must prepare, fertilize, plant and spray 3.8-6.2 acres of sunflowers, and 0 acres of sorghum. Food plot seed will be provided by DNR. Forage may only be cut once during the period between July 15 and August 15 of each year and no storage of hay bales on area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres of the Shimon Marsh/Towhead Lake WMA. Services rendered in the description will affect annual rental rate. The annual rental rate is based on an average of the 3 year lease.

Annual Rent \$ 10,535.83 Terms A percentage due upon lease signing and remainder to be paid on or before December 1 of lease year

DNR Contact Jeff Feisel- Black Hawk Wildlife Unit, 2392 230th St. Early, IA 50535
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**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Ringgold, Decatur

Lease Number 8313-3C-05-0003 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 7 Richland Twp T70N R27W Section 12 Union Twp T70N R28W

Description

179 acres m/l containing 110 acres of row crop, 42 acres of forage and 16 acres of idle on average. 10% of row crop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contact. Cover crops will be required on most fields. No till farming required with the exception of organic farming. Non-neonictinoid seed required. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower fields every year at their expense. The average acreage of sunflower fields is 4.1 acres. Twenty acres of hay to be seeded by tenant. Average row crop acres and rent will vary from year to year. Management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent. Restrictions on forage cutting dates exist.

Annual Rent \$ 6625.20 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk 641-783-2166 Josh.Rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Fogle Lake Wildlife Management Area

County: Ringgold

Lease Number 8313-3C-9-0001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 31 Township 70 North, Range 30 West

Description

Description: 52 acres m/l containing 23 acres row crop and 29 acres forage. 10% of row crop must be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contact. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower food plots. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply. Cooperator may be required to assist with installation of dove food plots that will be included in crop rotation. Cover crops will be required on row crop ground. No till farming will also be required on row crop ground. Actual row crop/hay acres and rent will vary from year to year. All seed must be neonicotinoid free. Management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent.

Annual Rent \$ 1560.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Dray Walter 641-783-2166 dray.walter@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Kellerton Wildlife Management Area

County: Ringgold

Lease Number 8313-3C-12-0007 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 10, 15 Athens Twp T68N R28W

Description

133 acres m/l containing 76 acres of row crop, 26 acres of forage, and 9.5 acres of idle on average. 10% of row crop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contact. Cover crops will be required on most fields. No till farming required with the exception of organic farming. Non-neonictinoid seed required. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower fields every year at their expense. The average acreage of sunflower fields is 7.4 acres. Average row crop acres and rent will vary from year to year. Management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent. Forage cutting dates restricted to July 1 to August 1.

Annual Rent \$ 6859.80 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk 641-783-2166 Josh.Rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Mount Ayr Wildlife Management Area

County: Ringgold

Lease Number 8313-3C-03-0001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 17, 18 Waubonsie Twp Sections 16, 19 Rice Twp T68N R30W

Description

97 acres m/l containing 72 acres of row crop on average. 10% of row crop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contact. Cover crops will be required on most fields. No till farming required with the exception of organic farming. Non-neonictinoid seed required. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower fields every year at their expense. The average acreage of sunflower fields is 11.3 acres. Average row crop acres and rent will vary from year to year. Management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent.

Annual Rent \$ 3250.80 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk 641-783-2166 Josh.Rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Burrows Pond/Kiowa Marsh/Tomahawk Marsh Wildlife Management Area

County: Sac

Lease Number 8313-1B-03-0001 Lease Term March 1st, 2025 - March 1st, 2028

Location (S/T/R) Sect 9 T87N R36W; Sect 11, 12 T88N R37W; Sect 19, 29 T89N R36W

Description

128.8 acres m/l containing 119.7 acres row crop and 9.1 acres of forage consisting of 22 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest up to 25% of acres of row crop, which may occur after March 1 of following crop year. The operator must prepare, fertilize, plant and spray 17.4-21.4 acres of sunflowers, and 0-7.2 acres of sorghum. Food plot seed will be provided by DNR. Forage may only be cut once during the period between July 15 and August 15 of each year and no storage of hay bales on area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds, as defined by Iowa law, on the entire cropland acres of the Burrows Pond/Kiowa Marsh/Tomahawk Marsh WMA. Services rendered in the description will affect annual rental rate. The annual rental rate is based on an average of the 3 year lease.

Annual Rent \$ 12,853.91 Terms A percentage due upon lease signing and remainder to be paid on or before December 1 of lease year

DNR Contact Jeff Feisel- Black Hawk Wildlife Unit, 2392 230th St. Early, IA 50535
Phone- 712-330-8414- Email- jeffrey.feisel@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area:	Lost Grove Wildlife Area		
County :	Scott		

Lease Number	8312-2B-5-01	Lease Term	2025-2027
Location (S/T/R)	Sections 1 ,2, 33, 34 T 79, 80N, R 4E		

Description	83 acres M/L consisting of an average of 41.5 acres row crops, 30 acres small grains/ forage, and 11.5 acres of food plots. Approximetly 10% of row crop acres must be left unharvested until March 1st each year.		
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Annual Rent	\$ 13500 on average	Terms	10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec 1st annually.
DNR Contact	Kurt Cornilsen Phone: 563-357-3830 Email: kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov		



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area:	Lost Grove Wildlife Area		
County :	Scott		

Lease Number	8312-2B-5-02	Lease Term	2025-2027
Location (S/T/R)	Sections 1,2,3,12 T 79N, R 4E		

Description	93 acres M/L consisting of an average of 50 acres row crops, 17 acres small grains/ forage, and 26 acres of food plots. Approximately 10% of row crop acres must be left unharvested until March 1st each year.		
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Annual Rent	\$ 14250 on average	Terms	10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec 1st annually.
DNR Contact	Kurt Cornilsen Phone: 563-357-3830 Email: kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov		



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Mitchell Marsh Wildlife Management Area

County: Union

Lease Number 8313-3C-11-0001 & 8560-4K-12-501 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 13, 26 Spaulding Twp T73N R31W

Description

30 acres m/l containing acres of row crop on average. 10% of row crop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contact. Cover crops will be required on most fields. No till farming required with the exception of organic farming. Non-neonictinoid seed required. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower fields every year at their expense. The average acreage of sunflower fields is 5 acres. Average row crop acres and rent will vary from year to year. Management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent.

Annual Rent \$ 2025.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk 641-783-2166 Josh.Rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1007 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T77, R21 S17, 20

Description

45 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are in Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres un-harvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area.

Annual Rent \$ \$150/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine – Iowa DNR, 656 Carpenter St – Monroe, IA 50170

DNR Contact Phone – 641.238.5835 – Email – casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T77, R22 S14, 23

Description

65 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are in Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres un-harvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area.

Annual Rent \$ \$155/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine – Iowa DNR, 656 Carpenter St – Monroe, IA 50170

DNR Contact Phone – 641.238.5835 – Email – casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2003 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T77, R22 S26, 35

Description

55 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are in Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres un-harvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area.

Annual Rent \$ \$155/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine – Iowa DNR, 656 Carpenter St – Monroe, IA 50170

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**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2017 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T77, R22 S3, 4

Description

130 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are in Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres un-harvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area.

Annual Rent \$ \$175/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine – Iowa DNR, 656 Carpenter St – Monroe, IA 50170

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**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hogsback, Brights Lake, Northern Prairie Worth CCB, Lande River Access Winnebago CCB

County: Worth and Winnebago Counties

Lease Number _____ Lease Term 4 Year Lease (2025-2029)

Location (S/T/R) NE Winnebago County- T100N/R23W/Sec 14, 9, 27, 28 NW Worth County- T100N/R22W/Sec 8,9,17

Description

This is a 4 year project to graze 3 paddocks annually, total acres grazed over 4 years is approximately 1,453. These paddocks range in size from 58 acres m/l to 168 acres m/l and are comprised of a mixture of native perennial vegetation and cool season exotic grasses (brome and canary grass). Animal units vary from 53.6 to 90 but do not vary significantly per year, the average animal unit is 76.1. The grazing period is May 1 to Sept 15 with two paddock changes per year. However, to meet management goals, the land managing entity reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of animals during the grazing period. The operator will be responsible for the day to day maintenance and operation of the grazing facility, including providing supplemental water if needed. The operator is also responsible for all liability arising from the escape of the cattle and will need to be able to be onsite within 30 minutes in the event of an escape. Fencing will be electrified high tensil wire.

This project is going through the approval process, it is very likely that this project will happen but is not guaranteed. DNR representative will contact operator once final approvals are granted.

Annual Rent \$ 8,218.8/ year (\$24/AUM) Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber 641-829-3285 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Hogsback Wildlife Management Area - Langeson Tract

County : Winnebago

Lease Number 8311-1D-39-1 Lease Term 1 year

Location (S/T/R) Section 9, T100N, R23W

Description

37 acres of row crop. The Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 4 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Operator agrees to close all field entrance cable gates at the end of the day when working on the area. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed.

*Annual rent may be offset with habitat work related activities on the area. Examples of habitat work may include but are not limited to, prairie restoration, brush and tree removal, tree piling, invasive species control, chemical purchase, access and parking lot repairs, wetland restoration/maintenance, cover crops, additional food plots, and fence removal.

Annual Rent \$ 5438.20 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber (515) 360-2559 (641) 425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov



**Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025**

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: South Bear Creek (Shuros), located 1 mile east of Highlandville

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0003 Lease Term 3 years (2025-27)

Location (S/T/R) 35/100N/7West

Description

27.4 acres/year m/l, on average for the 3 years, on 12 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay seeding. On average, 4 acres of the row crops are to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. A conservation plan is in place with the NRCS and must be followed. Access to all fields are as is, which is often narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before submitting request as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. Terms of the Habitat Lease Agreement will be strictly enforced; violations may be cause for termination. Tillage work, cover crops, and other practices may be required by the DNR, and work will be offset from end of year rent based on ISU Extension custom rates.

Annual Rent \$ 1,370 Terms 10% of total due at signing, crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year

DNR Contact Steven.Gastfield@DNR.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2025

Prospective Tenant must state interest to DNR Contact by December 1, 2024

Area: Brown's Lake & Mile-Long Island

County: Woodbury

Lease Number 8313-3B-8-0001 Lease Term 3 yrs, 2025-2027

Location (S/T/R) sections 32 & 33, T87N, R47W

Description

66 ac of crop land at the Brown's Lake and Mile-Long Island WMAs about 2 miles west of Salix. 20% of row crop must be left unharvested until March 1 of the following year for wildlife. No-till practices and conservation plan required. Winter hardy cover crops will be required on half of the row crop acres. Systemic neonicotinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 235.00/ac (\$15,510/yr) Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637