

MN FARM BILL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP

Staffing Guidance

The purpose of the MN Farm Bill Assistance Partnership is to accelerate the implementation of conservation programs in Minnesota by adding capacity to consult with landowners in the delivery of habitat programs on private land. The end result is more acres of grass and wetlands for water quality and wildlife habitat. The following is a listing of general requirements and activities relating to the work priorities of the FBAP committee (DNR, BWSR, NRCS and Pheasants Forever). Should you have any specific questions about eligible duties, please contact Jason Beckler at 507-537-6615 or jason.beckler@state.mn.us.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Staff employed through this funding should possess experience and/or education in wildlife science or natural resource conservation related field.
- This is added capacity designed to proactively outreach/consult with private landowners regarding resource priorities and programs that work to address concerns related to wildlife, water, soil.
- Oversight will be provided by the FBA Coordinator (Jason Beckler) who will work with local partners and individual staff on hiring, reporting, training, and work load priorities.

DUTIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- Marketing and consultation with farmers and landowners on conservation programs that achieve clean water, grass and wetland cover: Programs such as RIM, RIM-WRP, CRP, CCRP, WRP, WLI, WHIP, CRP Re-enrollment, MN Clean Water Funding, MN Prairie Conservation Plan, Prairie Bank, FWS Habitat Easements
- Contracts, Easements and Conservation plans for these programs
- Practice implementation via vendors
- Mid-contract management planning/consulting or vegetation enhancement activities (with less habitat, can we produce more wildlife yield on our remaining acres!)
- Guidance of landowners on non-FBA activities to appropriate staff/programs
- Attendance at training events and meetings necessary to stay up to date on private lands program offerings.

DUTIES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- Non-wetland/grassland CCRP practices (waterways, windbreaks etc.)
- Tree planting/matting-SWCD tree program
- Grass planting-SWCD drill program
- Conducting a prescribed burn
- Construction management of general conservation practices