Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: French Creek (Curtin), located 7 miles NE of Waukon

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0003 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 26/T99N/R5W

Description

15.9 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 5 fields, with a mix of established hay, brassica food plot and new hay to be seeded. 1.5 acres of a brassica mix will be planted by the tenant as food plot each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 636 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1 of each crop year.

DNR Contact george.olson@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Waterloo Creek (East), located 3 miles SE of Dorchester

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0006 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 30/T100N/R5W

Description

114.3 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 35 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 15 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 10,287.00 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact george.olson@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Rathbun MWA-Neumeyers

County: Appanoose

Lease Number 8460-00-6-72 Lease Term 2027-2032

Location (S/T/R) 19-20-29-30, T70N, R18W

Description	60 Acres m/l row crop. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop unharvested for wildlfe food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area manager. No-till farming will be required. This area is landlocked by a private landownwer. Permission from landownwer must be obtained prior to bidding.

Annual Rent $ 5100.00 Terms 15% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Bryan Masters - Iowa DNR 28248 415th St Russell, IA 50238
Phone: 641-217-1058 email: bryan.masters@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Little Sioux River

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-01-2029 Lease Term 3 year

Location (S/T/R) 14/95/36

Description	8.5 Acres of row crop. Access to this field will require permission to access from neighboring land owner. Field is located within Little Sioux 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 $ 2320.50 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2025

DNR Contact c/o Todd Perry, Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit, 3120 330th Ave, Ruthven, IA 51358
Phone – 712.837.4850 – Email – todd.perry@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Sny Magill/ North Cedar Wildlife Management Area

County: Clayton

Lease Number 8312-2B-22-0004 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 8 / Township 94 N / R 03 W

Description

Property is located 4 miles southwest of McGregor, IA and consists of 22.1 acres m/l. There will be approximately 14.8 acres of row crop and 7.3 acres of hay. On average, 2.5 acres of the row crops are to be left unharvested as food plot(s). Restriction on hay cutting dates and tillage will apply. Actual row crop/hay acres will vary from year to year.

*Access for this lease requires permission through an adjacent private landowner(s). Access permission is required to bid on this lease.

Annual Rent $ 2,200.00 Terms 10% Due at signing, balance due December 1st annually

DNR Contact Kyle Frommelt - 563-543-7120 - kyle.frommelt@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Barber Creek WMA

County: Clinton

Lease Number 8312-2B-6-01 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 3,4,5,32,33,34 T80N & T81N R 5E, located 3 miles SE of Grand Mound

Description	24.5 acres m/l containing 27.5 acres of row crops and 3 acres of custom food plots. Approximately 15% of row crop acres must be left unharvested until March 1st of the following year.

Annual Rent $ 980 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec 1st annually.

DNR Contact Kurt Cornilsen (563)357-3830, Kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Sand Creek WMA

County: Decatur

Lease Number 8313-3C-5-0005 Lease Term 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 16 and 17, Township 70 North, Range 27 West

Description	73.5 acres m/l containing m/l 42.7acres of row crop and m/l 30.8 acres of forage. 10% of rowcrop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contract. No till farming is required. Non-neonictinioid seed required. 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 $ 3044.50 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Dray Walter, 641-202-7541, dray.walter@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Backbone State Park - Ryan Tract

County: Delaware

Lease Number 8312-2B-28-2701 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 3 / Township 90 North / Range 06 West

Description	Property is located 3.5 miles south of Strawberry Point, IA and consists of 11.5 acres m/l. There will be approximately 11.5 acres of hay. Restriction on hay cutting dates and tillage will apply.

Annual Rent $ 600.00 Terms 10% Due at signing, balance due December 1st annually

DNR Contact Kyle Frommelt - 563-543-7120 - kyle.frommelt@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: East Swan Lake WMA

County: Emmet

Lease Number 8311-1C-2-0001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) T99N, R32W Sec 21, 22, 23

Description

56 acres more or less of row crop consisting of eight different fields and 14 acres of hay consisting of one field. The operator agrees to all terms on the lease's attached Management Plan. The operator agrees to leave 10 acres of row crop unharvested until March 1 of the following year in the location designated by the DNR. No fall tillage is allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Services rendered by the tenant during the period of the farm lease will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 11,039.80 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes WIldlife Unit 2203 Ingham Lake Rd. Wallingford, IA 51365
Phone-712.867.4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
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Area: Ingham-High WMA

County: Emmet

Lease Number 8311-1C-4-0001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) T98N, R33W Sec 1 and T98N, R33W Sec 12 and T98N, R32W sec 6 and T98N, R32W Sec 19

Description

25 acres more or less of row crop consisting of eight different fields. The operator agrees to all terms on the lease's attached Management Plan. The operator agrees to leave 3 acres of row crop unharvested until March 1 of the following year in the location designated by the DNR and plant 4 acres of no harvest food plot. No fall tillage is allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Services rendered by the tenant during the period of the farm lease will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 4668.60 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes WIldlife Unit 2203 Ingham Lake Rd. Wallingford, IA 51365
Phone-712.867.4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
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Area: Ryan Lake WMA

County: Emmet

Lease Number 8311-1C-6-0001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) T99N, R33W Sec 27 and T99N, R33W Sec 34

Description: 46 acres more or less of row crop consisting of five different fields. The operator agrees to all terms on the lease's attached Management Plan. The operator agrees to leave 5 acres of row crop unharvested until March 1 of the following year in the location designated by the DNR. No fall tillage is allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Services rendered by the tenant during the period of the farm lease will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 8556.00 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes WIldlife Unit 2203 Ingham Lake Rd. Wallingford, IA 51365
Phone-712.867.4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Iowa Lake & Iowa Lake Marsh

County: Emmet & Kossuth

Lease Number 8311-1C-5-0001 Lease Term 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) T100N, R31W Sec 14 and T100N, R30W Sec 7

Description

58 acres more or less of row crop consisting of five different fields. 42 of the 58 acres need to be converted from native grasses to row crop. The operator agrees to all terms on the lease's attached Management Plan. The operator agrees to leave 8 acres of row crop unharvested until March 1 of the following year in the location designated by the DNR. No fall tillage is allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Services rendered by the tenant during the period of the farm lease will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 10936.00 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes WIldlife Unit 2203 Ingham Lake Rd. Wallingford, IA 51365
Phone-712.867.4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Smith Wildlife Refuge

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-0-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 9 T75N, R43W

Description	Includes 25.6 acres of cropland and 15.3 acre of alfalfa all 3 years.
Annual Rent	$ $242/ac. - Cropland $50/ac. - Alfalfa
Terms	10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn left for food plots, can be harvested after March 1st.
DNR Contact	Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Green Hill WMA

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-2-1 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 19 T70N, R41W

Description: Includes 49.1 acres of cropland, 26.3 acres of alfalfa, 112.5 acres of grass hay, and 8.8 acres of clearfield sunflowers that need to be planted and maintained in 2027. Includes 66.2 acres of cropland, 3.1 acres of alfalfa, 118.0 acre of grass hay, and 8.4 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted and maintained in 2028. Includes 47.6 acres of cropland, 27.5 acres of alfalfa, 138.3 acres of grass hay, and 8.8 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted and maintained in 2029. Includes 48.1 acres of cropland, 27.5 acres of alfalfa, 94.8 acre of grass hay, and 8.4 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted & maintained in 2030. Includes 47.9 acres of cropland, 27.5 acres of alfalfa, 119.3 acres of grass hay, and 8.4 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted and maintained in 2031.

Annual Rent: $ $207/ac. - Cropland
$50/ac. - Alfalfa
$10/ac. - Grass Hay

Terms: 10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn left for food plots, can be harvested after March 1st.

DNR Contact: Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Riverton WMA - Lease #1

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-5-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 8, T68N, R41W

Description	Includes 156.4 acres of cropland, 24 acre of grass hay, 5.9 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots to plant and maintain, and 7.2 acres of large tree clearing in 2027. Includes 157.4 acre of cropland, 33.4 acre of grass hay, and 3.8 acre of clearfield sunflower food plots to plant and maintain in 2028. Includes 149.6 acre of cropland, 7.8 acre of grass hay, and 5.9 acre of clearfield sunflower food plots to plant and maintain in 2029.
Annual Rent	$ 207/ac. - Cropland $10/ac. - Grass Hay
Terms	10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn for food plots, can be harvest after March 1st.
DNR Contact	Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Riverton WMA - Lease #2

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-5-2 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 7, T68N, R41W

Description	Includes 115.3 acres of cropland, and 23.2 acres of large tree clearing, in 2027. Includes 139.8 acres of cropland in 2028. Includes 179.2 acres of cropland in 2029.

Annual Rent $ 175/ac. Terms 10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn left for food plots, can be harvested after March 1st.

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Riverton WMA - Lease #3

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-5-3 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 18, T68N, R41W

Description: Includes 81.9 acres of cropland, 38.7 acres of grass hay, 14.3 acres of clearfield sunflowers that need to be planted and maintained, 16.7 acre of land smoothing, and 4.7 acres of large tree clearing in 2027. Includes 73.2 acres of cropland, 30.7 acres of grass hay, and 15.5 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted & maintained in 2028 . Includes 81.9 acres of cropland, 22.2 acres of grass hay, and 15.5 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted and maintained in 2029.

Annual Rent: $ $207/ac. - Cropland, $10/ac. - Grass Hay

Terms: 10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn left for food plots, can be harvested after March 1st.

DNR Contact: Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Lake Shawtee WMA - Lease #1

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-6-1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 24 T70N, R41W

Description: Includes 63.4 acres of cropland, 89.0 acres of grass hay, and 8.9 acres of clearfield sunflowers that need to be planted and maintained. Includes 50.6 acres of cropland, 102.1 acres of grass hay, and 9.5 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted & maintained in 2028 . Includes 51.8 acres of cropland, 68.2 acres of grass hay, and 8.9 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted and maintained in 2029.

Annual Rent: $ $207/ac. - Cropland
$10/ac. - Grass Hay

Terms: 10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn left for food plots, can be harvested after March 1st.

DNR Contact Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Lake Shawtee WMA - Lease #2

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8313-3E-6-2 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec. 19 T70N, R41W

Description: Includes 80.6 acres of cropland, 67.1 acres of grass hay, and 13.0 acres of clearfield sunflowers that need to be planted and maintained. Includes 69.1 acres of cropland, 97.4 acres of grass hay, and 10.0 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted & maintained in 2028. Includes 62.2 acres of cropland, 77.0 acres of grass hay, and 13.0 acres of clearfield sunflower food plots that need to be planted and maintained in 2029.

Annual Rent: $ $207/ac. - Cropland, $10/ac. - Grass Hay

Terms: 10% down payment at lease signing. 10% of corn left for food plots, can be harvested after March 1st.

DNR Contact: Zac Ripperger (712) 350-0350

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Lennon Mills WMA

County: Guthrie

Lease Number 8315-5A-20-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 5,8/79N-30

Description: The Lennon Mills WMA lease located 1 mile South of Panora, includes 31.8 +/- acres of row crop in 4 separate fields priced at $213 per acres. 10 % of row crops must be left unharvested until March 1 of the following year. The lease also includes 42 +/- acres of forage in 7 separate fields priced at $100 per acre. Forage cutting is restricted to July 15 through August 15.

Annual Rent: $ 9,876.06 due annually December 1st after 10% down payment

Terms: 10% down payment of total lease value due at signing and remaining balance due annually December 1. Total lease value amount is $32,920.20 and down payment amount is $3,292.02.

DNR Contact: Tanner Venteicher, 515-238-8839, tanner.venteicher@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Little Wall Lake WMA

County: Hamilton

Lease Number 8315-5A-5-0001 Lease Term 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 10, T86N, R24W - located 2 miles south of Jewell, Iowa

Description

70.5 acres, more or less, containing 20.8 acres of Row Crop that needs to be SEEDED TO HAY/FORAGE in two fields and 49.7 acres of Forage in five fields which includes 35.7 acres of native warm season grass hay and 14 acres of established alfalfa hay. Native grass hay is included in the lease but only cut when requested by the Land Manager. Restrictions on forage cutting dates (July 15-August 15) apply to all forage acres. (Except for new forage seedings). Fall tillage is not allowed. Prevented planting - any and all acres certified as prevented planting will be required to be planted to an approved and agreed upon cover crop at that years Forage or small grain rental rate. Operator may be requested to do custom work or purchase management materials for the area. Any expenses incurred through these requests would be used as a rental offset on the December 1st payment and would never exceed the value of the lease.

ALL INTERESTED TENANTS NEED TO EXPRESS INTEREST TO THE LAND MANAGER BY DECEMBER 1, 2026

Annual Rent $ 3,480.00 Terms 20% of the ENTIRE contract due at signing (NON-REFUNDABLE), balance due December 1st annually

DNR Contact Jason Carlberg: 712-299-0152, Email: jason.carlberg@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Crystal Hills WMA Dredge Spoil Site

County: Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D-11-0003 Lease Term 2 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 14, T97N, R25W

Description: Approximately 50 acres m/l of cool season grass and wetland pasture in one paddock. Grazing period will be from May 15 to October 1. Stocking rate will be 12 Animal Unit Equivalents for the duration of the grazing period. However, to meet management goals, the DNR 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 cattle.

Annual Rent $ 1,458 ($27/AUM) Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber 641-425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Eagle Flats WMA Grazing Lease

County: Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D-16-0004 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 36 T97N R25W & Sec 1 T96N R25W

Description

This grazing lease is for two paddocks (212 acres, 135 acres) at Eagle Flats WMA. Grazing period will be from May 15 to October 1 annually. Stocking rate will be 50 AUE in each paddock (100 AUE total) for the duration of the grazing period. However, to meet management goals, the DNR reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of animals during the grazing period. The DNR may also manipulate areas where dominant vegetation is canary grass or cattail in order to promote annual wetland plant growth on a small number of acres. The operator will be responsible for the day to day maintenance of the grazing facility, including providing supplemental water if needed. The operator is responsible for all liability arising from the escape of cattle.

Annual Rent $ $12,150 ($27/AUM) Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Brushaber 641-425-3580 nick.brushaber@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Round Lake WMA

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8313-3B-3-0001 Lease Term 2027-2029

Location (S/T/R) sec 12, 13, 14, 23, T80N, R45W

Description	66.80 acres more or less located 2 miles north of Mondamin, 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 required on 50% of the row crop acres. Systemic neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.). Crops include corn, soybeans, and sunflowers. Sunflower food plot inputs reimbursed based on actual input costs from invoices and custom farm rates as published by ISU.

Annual Rent $ 194/ac Terms 10% down payment, remainder due annually on Dec 1st.

DNR Contact John McAndrews 712-420-5667

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: loess Hills State Forest - Spencer Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0001 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 28 & 29, Township 81N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 27.0 to 40.0 crop acres 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 all row crop acres. Cover Crop expenses will be credited up to $45/acre against the second half rent payment. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease. The cost of soil sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

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

Rent $240/row crop acre, if there would be forage at any point in the lease term the rental rate would be $125/acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 9,600.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
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Area: Loess Hills State Forest - S-R-S-F Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0005 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 15, Township 80N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 31.0 row crop acres each year - see map for more info. Operator must follow the listed crop rotation on the map, no-till required on all acres. A winter hardy cover crop is required each year following all row crop acres. Cover Crop expenses will be credited up to $45 per acre against the second half rent payment. This farm will require a 2.4 acre foodplot to follow the rotation of the rest of the row crop acres. A food plot credit will apply for those expenses. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease. The cost of soil sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

This lease is landlocked. Any interested applicant must secure access to this farm through a neighboring landowner prior to being placed in the drawing for this lease.

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

Rent $200/row crop acre, or $100/forage acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 6,200.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
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Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Kay Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0011 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 22, Township SON, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 23.0 crop acres each year - see map for more info. 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 all row crop acres. Cover Crop expenses will be credited up to $45/acre against the second half rent payment. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease. The cost of soil sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

This lease is landlocked. Any interested applicants must secure access to this farm through a neighboring landowner prior to being placed in the drawing for this lease.

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

Rent $205/row crop acre, if there would be forage at any point in the lease term the rental rate would be $125/acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 4,715.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Van Ness Tract

County: Monona

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0017 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 36, Township 82N, Range 44W, Monona County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 12.0 forage acres each year - see map for more info. New tenant will inherit current stand of alfalfa. Tenant will be able to hay the current alfalfa, or have one year of corn before seeding the farm back to alfalfa for remainder of lease term. Farmer will pay for seeding and drilling. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease, and forage testing each year of the lease. The cost of soil sampling, and forage sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

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

Rent $125/forage acre, or $220/row crop acre if one year of corn is required during the lease term. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 1,500.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Shearer Tract

County: Monona

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0018 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 34, Township 82N, Range 44W, Monona County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 17.0 row crop acres each year - see map for more info. This farm will be in a straight corn/soybean rotation. 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 all row crop acres. Cover Crop expenses will be credited up to $45/acre against the second half rent payment. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease. The cost of soil sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

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

Rent $220/row crop acre, if there would be forage at any point in the lease term the rental rate would be $125/acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 3,740.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Nuzum North/Harper Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0020 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 36, Township 82N, Range 44W, Monona County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 74.0 forage acres each year - see map for more info. New tenant will inherit current stand of alfalfa. Tenant will be able to hay the current alfalfa, or have one year of corn before seeding the farm back to alfalfa for remainder of lease term. Farmer will pay for seeding and drilling. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease, and forage testing each year of the lease. The cost of soil sampling, and forage sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

This lease is landlocked. Any interested applicant must secure access to this farm through a neighboring landowner prior to being placed in the drawing for this lease.

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

Rent $100/forage acre, or $200/row crop acre if one year of corn is required during the lease term. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 7,400.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Orson Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0036 Lease Term March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2032 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 32, Township 81N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 34.0 forage acres each year - see map for more info. New tenant will inherit current stand of alfalfa. Tenant will be able to hay the current alfalfa, or have one year of corn before seeding the farm back to alfalfa for remainder of lease term. Farmer will pay for seeding and drilling. Farmer will be expected to pay for basic farm improvements, any expenses will be credited to rent due. Farmer must also have soil grid sampling completed in year one of the lease, and forage testing each year of the lease. The cost of soil sampling, and forage sampling will be credited against the rent due. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

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

Rent $125/forage acre, or $220/row crop acre if a year of corn is required during the lease term. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent $ 4,250.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50% Due December 1st

DNR Contact Chad Mccollester, Farm Manager - (712) 525-9201, or (712) 249-5245 or agrivalleyfarm@gmail.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Turkey River, 2 miles south of Cresco

County: Howard

Lease Number 8312-2E-45-0001 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 21,36/T98N/R11W

Description

56 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 19 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 8 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 4480 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact sean.kenan@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Three Rivers WMA

County: Humboldt

Lease Number 8311-1C-21-0001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) T91N, R27W Sec 14 and T91N, R27W Sec 24

Description: 14.9 acres more or less of row crop consisting of three different fields. The operator agrees to all terms on the lease's attached Management Plan. The operator agrees to leave 4.7 acres of row crop unharvested until March 1 of the following year in the location designated by the DNR. No fall tillage is allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Services rendered by the tenant during the period of the farm lease will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 3054.50 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st

DNR Contact Prairie Lakes WIldlife Unit 2203 Ingham Lake Rd. Wallingford, IA 51365
Phone-712.867.4130 Email: alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Cone Marsh WMA

County: Louisa

Lease Number 8314-4B-1-0001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 11,14, Township 76North, Range 5W

Description	3 fields totaling 35.7 acres m/l of hay/forage, 3 miles West of Conesville, IA.

Annual Rent $ 2856.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Heritage Hills WMA - Wooley Tract

County: Madison

Lease Number 8314-4D-0-4923 Lease Term 2027-2029

Location (S/T/R) 6, T73N, R27W

Description	20 acres m/l row 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 $ 3000 Terms 10% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Heath Van Waus – Iowa DNR, 28248 415th Street Russell, IA 50238
Phone – 641-203-6179, email: Heath.vanwaus@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1014 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S11 T77N R21W

Description	35 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 200/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1986 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S16 T76N R19W

Description	110 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1988 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S9 T75N R20W

Description	40 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1990 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S26, 27 T75N R21W

Description	100 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1991 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S16 T75N R20W

Description	125 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1992 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S10, 16 T75N R20W

Description	120 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1993 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S9, 10 T75N R20W

Description	70 acres row crop m/l for the 1st two years and 150 acres year 3. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Loess Hills WMA (north lease)

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-6-0001 Lease Term 2027-2029

Location (S/T/R) sec 2 & 3, T84N, R44W

Description	71.3 acres more or less located 5 1/2 miles northwest of Castana, 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 required on 50% of the row crop acres. Systemic neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.). Alfalfa cutting dates not before July 1 and not after Sept 1. Crops include corn, soybeans, and alfalfa.

Annual Rent $ 214/ac Terms 10% down payment, remainder due annually on Dec 1st.

DNR Contact Doug Chafa 712-420-2437

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Loess Hills WMA (south lease)

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-6-0003 Lease Term 2027-2029

Location (S/T/R) sec 21 & 28, T84N, R44W

Description	100 acres more or less located 4 miles west of Castana, 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 50% of the row crop acres. Systemic neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.). Alfalfa cutting dates not before July 1 and not after Sept 1. Approximately 1/3 corn, 1/3 soybeans, 1/3 alfalfa.

Annual Rent $ 214/ac Terms 10% down payment, remainder due annually on Dec 1st.

DNR Contact Doug Chafa 712-420-2437

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Turin WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-6-0004 Lease Term 2027-2029

Location (S/T/R) sec 27, 33 & 34, T84N, R44W

Description	93.14 acres more or less located 2 miles southwest of Castana, 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 required on 50% of the row crop acres. Systemic neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.). Alfalfa cutting dates not before July 1 and not after Sept 1. Crops include corn, soybeans, and alfalfa.

Annual Rent $ 214/ac Terms 10% down payment, remainder due annually on Dec 1st.

DNR Contact John McAndrews 712-420-5667

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Waterman Creek WMA

County: Obrien

Lease Number 8311-1A-08-0002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 4; T95N; R39W and Sec 2;T99N; R36W

Description: 22.7 acres more or less of row crop across 6 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest of up 25% of row crops for annual food plots, the locations of which will be determined by DNR staff annually. The delayed harvest fields may be harvested after March 1 the following year. The operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emerge herbicide, and plant 4-5 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed. There is about 5 acres of hay. The operator agrees to cut and bale any hay fields once between July 15 and August 15 of each year. NO storage of hay bales on the area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance gates at the end of each day when leaving the site. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds within the cropland acres of the the lease. *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.The services provided by the operator are rental offsets and will be deducted from the annual rent posted below.The services rendered by the operator will be deducted from the annual rent posted below.

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

DNR Contact Ben Christensen, Phone: 712-330-5721, Email: ben.christensen@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Waterman Prairie WMA - North

County: Obrien

Lease Number 8311-1A-10-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 14, 15, 23 T94N; T94N; R39W; and Sec 19; T94N; R38W

Description

52 acres more or less of row crop across 13 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest of up 25% of row crops for annual food plots, the locations of which will be determined by DNR staff annually. The delayed harvest fields may be harvested after March 1 the following year. The operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emerge herbicide, and plant 6-7 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed. There is about 4.2 acres of hay. The operator agrees to cut and bale any hay fields once between July 15 and August 15 of each year. NO storage of hay bales on the area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance gates at the end of each day when leaving the site. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds within the cropland acres of the the lease. *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. The services rendered by the operator will be deducted from the annual rent posted below.

Annual Rent $ 8211.00 approx. Terms 10% of contract due at signing, remaining balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Ben Christensen, Phone: 712-330-5721, Email: ben.christensen@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Waterman Prairie WMA - South

County: Obrien

Lease Number 8311-1A-10-0002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 27,34,35; T94N; T94N; R39W; and Sec 5; T93N; R39W

Description: 53 acres more or less of row crop across 9 individual fields. The operator agrees to delay harvest of up 25% of row crops for annual food plots, the locations of which will be determined by DNR staff annually. The delayed harvest fields may be harvested after March 1st the following year. The operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emerge herbicide, and plant 4 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of any insecticide is not allowed. There is about 5.9 acres of hay. The operator agrees to cut and bale any hay fields once between July 15 and August 15 of each year. NO storage of hay bales on the area is allowed. The operator agrees to close all field entrance gates at the end of each day when leaving the site. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds within the cropland acres of the the lease. *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.The services rendered by the operator will be deducted from the annual rent posted below.

Annual Rent $ 8438.00 approx. Terms 10% of contract due at signing, remaining balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Ben Christensen, Phone: 712-330-5721, Email: ben.christensen@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2007 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S 4, 5, 32 T77-78N R22W

Description	170 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2008 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S 3, 4 T77N R22W

Description	200 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2008.5 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S 3, 4 T77-78N R22W

Description	240 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2009 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S 2, 3, 34 T77N R22W

Description	240 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2010 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S 6 T77N R21W

Description	130 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Mount Ayr WMA

County: Ringgold

Lease Number 8313-3C-3-0001 Lease Term 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 16, 17, 18, and 19, Township 68 North, Range 30 West

Description	113.9 acres m/l containing acres of row crop. 10% of rowcrop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contract. No till farming is required. Non-neonictinioid seed required. 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. Operator is required to fertilize sunflower plots with a minimum of 40-40-40/acre.

Annual Rent $ 4509.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Dray Walter, 641-202-7541, dray.walter@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Fogle Lake WMA

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	53.2 acres m/l containing acres of row crop. 10% of rowcrop will be left unharvested for a food plot to be designated by DNR contract. No till farming is required. Non-neonictinioid seed required. 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. Some portions of crop fields may be seeded down during the lease, and amendments will be made to the lease to reflect these acres. Operator is required to fertilize sunflower plots with a minimum of 40-40-40/acre.

Annual Rent $ 3192.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Dray Walter, 641-202-7541, dray.walter@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Princeton WMA

County: Scott

Lease Number 8312-2B-2-0001 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) Sections 23, 24, 26, 35 Township 80 North, Range 5 East

Description	79.5 acres m/l containing 56 acres of row crop/forage and 23.5 acres of custom food plots. Custom food plot work will typically consist of tillage. 15% of row crop acres must be left unharvested until March 1. Cover crops will be required on all harvested acres, as well as any prevent plant acres.

Annual Rent $ 3,200 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec 1st annually.

DNR Contact Kurt Cornilsen, (563)357-3830, Kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Colo Bogs WMA

County: Story

Lease Number 8315-5A-5-0002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T83N, R21W, Sec.# 2,11

Description	20.5 acres, more or less, which contains 10.5 acres of row crop and two 5 acre food/habitat plots. The operator will be required to establish quality corn food plots in year one to be left for the entirety of the lease. This custom work will be in lieu of cash rent due for the remaining crop field for the entirety of the lease. No fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the operator. Prevented planting acres claimed will be required to be planted to an approved and agreed on cover crop at that crop year's forage or small grain rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 0.00 Terms 10.5 ac. of row crop (3 years) in exchange for 10 ac. (1 year) custom work.

DNR Contact Nick Jordan, John.jordan@dnr.iowa.gov, 712-299-0380

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Hendrickson Marsh WMA

County: Story, Marshall

Lease Number 8315-5A-4-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T82N, R20 &R21W, Sect. (6, 12, 1, 2). Located 3 miles east and 2 miles north of Collins, IA.

Description	159.1 acres, more or less, which contains 71.1 acres of row crop (6.8 ac. custom), 88 acres of forage (native grass hay and alfalfa grass hay). The operator may be requested to do custom tillage, herbicide, fertilizer and planting or purchase management materials for the area which will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. 10% of the row crop acres must be left unharvested as described in the addenda. Restrictions on forage cutting dates may apply (July 15-August 15) and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the operator. Prevented planting acres claimed will be required to be planted to an approved and agreed to cover crop at that crop year's forage or small grain rental rate.

Annual Rent $ 14,200.50 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec.1 annually

DNR Contact Nick Jordan, John.jordan@dnr.iowa.gov, 712-299-0380

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: 12 Mile Wildlife Management Area

County: Union

Lease Number 8313-3C-6-0001 Lease Term 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 1, 26, 27, 35, Township 73 North, Range 30 West

Description	54.8 acres m/l containing 19 acres of row crop, 21 acres of forage, and 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 crop will be required on most fields. No till farming is required. Non-neonicotinoids seed required. 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 but will not exceed the annual rent. Restrictions on forage cutting dates exist.

Annual Rent $ 2,235.20 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Skylyr Stewart, 712-330-5685, skylyr.stewart@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Lake Sugema WMA

County: Van Buren

Lease Number 8314-4E-8-2027 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 1,4,5,6,6,7,8,9,14,15,16,17,18,21,22 and 23, Township 68 North, Ranges 10 and 11 west

Description	150 acres m/l containing 150 acres of row crop in m/l 25 fields. ~30 acres of row crop must be left unharvested for a food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area Manager. Cooperator will be required to clip or mow and bale up to 20 acres a year of native grass seeding's at the discretion of the land manager. Or drill/seed 20 acres of small grains with seed provided by the Iowa DNR.

Annual Rent $ None Terms 20% of row crop will be left unharvested

DNR Contact Kyle Syfert, Ph, 515-500-7675, Email: kyle.syfert@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Fox Hills WMA

County: Wapello (Agency & Washington TWP)

Lease Number 8314-4E-2-2027 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 7, 8, 12, and 13, Township 71 North, Ranges 12 and 13 West

Description	110 acres m/l containing 64 acres of row crop and 47 acres of forage. 13 acres m/l of row crop must be left unharvested for a food plot until the following spring. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area Manager. Restrictions on forage cutting dates may apply.

Annual Rent $ None Terms 20% of row crop will be left unharvested

DNR Contact Kyle Syfert Ph.515-500-7675 email: kyle.syfert@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2004 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) S 8, 9, 17 T77N R22W

Description	200 acres row crop m/l. All acres in this lease are in the Red Rock Flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plot. The operator agrees to close field entrance cable gates at the end of each day.

Annual Rent $ 220/ac Terms 20% due at signing, balance due December 1

DNR Contact Casey Trine - Iowa DNR 656 Carpenter St Monroe IA 50170 - 515-238-5835 - casey.trine@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0001 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 17, 21, 22, 28, 33 -T88N-R27W (Washington Township)

Description

2027: 145.5 row crop acres, 29.5 forage acres.
2028: 140.0 row crop acres, 29.5 forage acres.
2029: 140.0 row crop acres, 29.5 forage acres.

Operator may be required to remove trees and clear land to make it fit for production of row crops and forage. Operator may be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plots. No fall tillage allowed. Cover crops may be required. Soil sampling required in year one. For dove attractant plots, operator may be required to grow sunflowers and winter wheat, which may include tillage, planting, 30" wide row crop cultivation in sunflowers, and timely weed control spraying in both sunflowers and winter wheat. Established hay must be cut/baled between July 15 and September 1. dates may be restricted. Operator may be required to perform custom farming work on cover crop seed plots. This lease consists of many small fields, and field access is "as-is," which can be narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before expressing interest in this lease as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to December 1. Operator may be required to maintain firebreaks by cutting trees/brush and mowing/baling (can keep the bales at no cost).

Prospective operators must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 31,587.50 2027
$30,432.50 2028
$30,432.50 2029 Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0002 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 27, 34 -T88N-R27W (Washington Township)

Description

2027: 198.5 row crop acres, 37 forage acres.
2028: 173.5 row crop acres, 37 forage acres.
2029: 180.5 row crop acres, 37 forage acres.

Operator may be required to remove trees and clear land to make it fit for production of row crops and forage. Operator may be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plots. No fall tillage allowed. Cover crops may be required. Soil sampling required in year one. For dove attractant plots, operator may be required to grow sunflowers and winter wheat, which may include tillage, planting, 30" wide row crop cultivation in sunflowers, and timely weed control spraying in both sunflowers and winter wheat. Established hay must be cut/baled between July 15 and September 1. dates may be restricted. Operator may be required to perform custom farming work on cover crop seed plots. This lease consists of many small fields, and field access is "as-is," which can be narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before expressing interest in this lease as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to December 1. Operator may be required to maintain firebreaks by cutting trees/brush and mowing/baling (can keep the bales at no cost).

Prospective operators must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 42,980.00 2027
$37,730.00 2028
$39,200.00 2029 Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0003 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 2,3,9,10,11,14,16,26,34,35 -T87N & T88N-R27W (Washington & Webster Townships)

Description

2027: 181 row crop acres, 55 forage acres.
2028: 175 row crop acres, 55 forage acres.
2029: 132 row crop acres, 55 forage acres.

Operator may be required to remove trees and clear land to make it fit for production of row crops and forage. Operator may be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plots. No fall tillage allowed. Cover crops may be required. Soil sampling required in year one. For dove attractant plots, operator may be required to grow sunflowers and winter wheat, which may include tillage, planting, 30" wide row crop cultivation in sunflowers, and timely weed control spraying in both sunflowers and winter wheat. Established hay must be cut/baled between July 15 and September 1. dates may be restricted. Operator may be required to perform custom farming work on cover crop seed plots. This lease consists of many small fields, and field access is "as-is," which can be narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before expressing interest in this lease as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to December 1. Operator may be required to maintain firebreaks by cutting trees/brush and mowing/baling (can keep the bales at no cost).

Prospective operators must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 39,935.00 2027
$38,675.00 2028
$29,645.00 2029 Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0004 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 3,4,20,21,33 -T87N & T88N-R27W (Washington & Webster Townships)

Description

2027: 199 row crop acres, 17.5 forage acres.
2028: 181 row crop acres, 35.5 forage acres.
2029: 181 row crop acres, 35.5 forage acres.

Operator may be required to remove trees and clear land to make it fit for production of row crops and forage. Operator may be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plots. No fall tillage allowed. Cover crops may be required. Soil sampling required in year one. For dove attractant plots, operator may be required to grow sunflowers and winter wheat, which may include tillage, planting, 30" wide row crop cultivation in sunflowers, and timely weed control spraying in both sunflowers and winter wheat. Established hay must be cut/baled between July 15 and September 1. dates may be restricted. Operator may be required to perform custom farming work on cover crop seed plots. This lease consists of many small fields, and field access is "as-is," which can be narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas before expressing interest in this lease as accommodations will not be made or allowed for equipment that will not fit. The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to December 1. Operator may be required to maintain firebreaks by cutting trees/brush and mowing/baling (can keep the bales at no cost).

Prospective operators must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 42,402.50 2027
$39,252.50 2028
$39,252.50 2029 Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0005 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 17-T88N-R27W (Washington Township)

Description	41 row crop acres annually. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop acres unharvested for wildlife food plots. THIS IS A RESTRICTED ACCESS LEASE. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE OPERATOR MUST SHOW THAT THEY HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE FIELDS ACROSS PRIVATE LAND.

Annual Rent $ to be determined Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0006 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Section 17-T88N-R27W (Washington Township)

Description	7 forage acres annually. THIS IS A RESTRICTED ACCESS LEASE. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE OPERATOR MUST SHOW THAT THEY HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE FIELDS ACROSS PRIVATE LAND.

Annual Rent $ to be determined Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8520-1M/01/0007 Lease Term 3 years (2027-2029)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 9,16-T87N-R27W (Webster Township)

Description	25.11 forage acres annually. THIS IS A RESTRICTED ACCESS LEASE. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE OPERATOR MUST SHOW THAT THEY HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE FIELDS ACROSS PRIVATE LAND.

Annual Rent $ to be determined Terms 10% of contract at signing, balance due December 1 annually

DNR Contact Brent Larson, 515-576-3671, brent.larson@sundermanfarm.com

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Hogsback Marsh Wildlife Management Area

County: Winnebago

Lease Number 8311-1D-12-2 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 21,28/100N/23W

Description

19.5 acres of row crop. Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 5 acres of row crop each year which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. The operator agrees to close all cable gates when not on the area working. No fall tillage allowed. No insecticide use 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 $ 3,654 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Nathan Carter 515-918-1636 nathan.carter@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Harmon Lake Wildlife Management Area

County: Winnebago

Lease Number 8311-1D-14-0002 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 20, 21, T100, R24W

Description	22.7 acres of row crop. The Operator agrees to delayed harvests of row crop from 5 to 7.4 acres, which may be harvested after February 28 of following year. Operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply sunflower tolerant pre-emergent herbicide to, and plant 6-9 acres of sunflowers each year prior to March 15 (seed provided by DNR). 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 $ 221 Terms 10% total lease value due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Nate Mead 641-425-3008 nate.mead@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Falcon Springs, Located 5 miles NW of Decorah

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0002 Lease Term March 1 2027-February 28,2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 35,36/T99N/R9W

Description

34 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consisting of 10 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. 5 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. Access to all fields are as is, which is often narrow, steep, long, winding and across creeks. Be sure to physically inspect areas 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1.

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 2,380 on average Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year.

DNR Contact sean.kenan@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: North Bear Creek (North) located 2.5 miles NE of Highlandville

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0002 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 23/T100N/R7W

Description

32.5 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 10 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 4 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1.

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 1,625 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact sean.kenan@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: South Bear Creek (Bigler), located 2 miles E of Highlandville

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0004 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 35,36/T100N/R7W

Description

25.1 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 3 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 3 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1.

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 502 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact george.olson@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: South Bear Creek (HQ), located in Highlandville, IA

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0005 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 28,33/T100N/R7W

Description

21.1 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 12 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 3 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. Dates for cutting established hay will be limited to July 15 to September 7. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1.

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 423 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact sean.kenan@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Trout River, located 5 miles SSE of Decorah

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0006 Lease Term March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2030 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 33,34/T98N/R7W

Description

14.1 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 5 fields, with a mix of row crop and small grains. On average, 3 acres of the row crops will be chosen to be left unharvested as food plot(s) each year. 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.

The operator may be billed for area expenses not to exceed the annual rent. Some practices may require payment to a contractor/vendor prior to Dec.1

Prospective tenant must state interest in this lease to DNR Contact by December 1, 2026.

Annual Rent $ 211.50 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact george.olson@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Elk Creek WMA West of I-35

County: Worth

Lease Number 8311-1D-05-0004 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 15, 16, 17, 22, T99N, R21W

Description

63.6 acres of row crop. The operator agrees to delayed harvest of 10 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of following year. 12.5 acres of hay that can be cut once after July 15. Operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emerge herbicide, and plant 8-8.6 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). 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 insecticides 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 $ 3,555.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Isaac Ensminger, 641-231-1776, isaac.ensminger@dnr.iowa.gov

Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2027

Area: Elk Creek WMA East of I-35

County: Worth

Lease Number 8311-1D-05-0012 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 15, 16, 17, 22, T99N, R21W

Description

67.3 acres of row crop in 2027. 51.2 acres of row crop in 2028 and 2029. The operator agrees to delayed harvest of 5 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of following year. 5.7 acres of hay in 2027 that can be cut once after July 15. 21.8 acres of hay in 2028 and 2029 that can be cut once after July 15. Operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emerge herbicide, and plant 9.9-12.6 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). 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 insecticides 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 $ 4,755.80 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Isaac Ensminger, 641-231-1776, isaac.ensminger@dnr.iowa.gov