



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Lake Icaira Wildlife Management Area

County: Adams

Lease Number 8313-3C-1-001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 1 and 2, Township 72 North, Range 34 West

Description

Description: 32 acres m/l acres row crop. 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. Cooperator may be required to assist with installation of dove plots that will be included in crop rotation on Field 2 on map. Field 2 will be alternating halves of dove plots and row crop each year. Cover crops will be required on row crop ground. No till farming will also be required on row crop ground. All seed must be neonicotinoid free. Approved management related offsets may be written into the lease in lieu of rent.

Annual Rent \$ 1622.50 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: French Creek (east), located 8 miles NE of Waukon

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0008

Lease Term March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2029 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 24,25/99N/5West

Description

40 acres/year m/l, on average for the 3 years. Consisting of 8 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. Four 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, 2025.

Annual Rent \$ 1,000

Terms

10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year.

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Lansing (south), located 3 miles N of Lansing

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0011 Lease Term March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2029 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 13,14,23/99N/4West

Description

135 acres/year m/l, on average for the 3 years, on 38 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, 2025.

Annual Rent \$ 12,825 on average Terms 10% of total lease due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year.

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Pine Creek, located 2 miles NE of Sattre

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0012 Lease Term March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2029 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 7,8/99N/7West

Description

37 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consisting of 15 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. Four 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, 2025.

Annual Rent \$ 640.10 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year.

DNR Contact George.Olson@DNR.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Waterloo Creek (west), located 1 mile S of Dorchester

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8312-2E-3-0014 Lease Term March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2029 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 24,25,35,36/100N/6West

Description

93 acres/year m/l, on average for the 3 years, on 20 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 9 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, 2025.

Annual Rent \$ 9,300 on average Terms 10% of total lease due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of that crop year.

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Yellow River State Forest

County: Allamakee

Lease Number 8541-00-0005 Lease Term 5 Years

Location (S/T/R) 28-97N-3W, 25-97W-4W, 2-96N-4W, 19-96N-3W, 29-96N-3W

Description

13 m/l acres of firebreaks to be seeded to alfalfa/oats. Tenant will be responsible for the seeding at the start of the contract. Strips will be as close to 20' wide as possible. Cuttings will be allowed during the timeframe of June 1 to September 15. These are firebreaks around native plantings at 5 separate locations in Yellow River State Forest. Some of these areas will be used for access for DNR staff year round, and may be used for snowmobile trails in the winter.

The acres for each area are as follows:

3 Acres m/l-Paint Creek Unit, Corrigan Farm

3 Acres m/l-Paint Creek Unit, Kelly Area

1.5 Acres m/l- Paint Creek Unit, Rock Pile area off of HWY 76

5.5 Acres m/l in 2 sepreate fields at the Yellow River Unit

Annual Rent \$ 5/Acre Terms Entire Rent is due on or before April 1st of Contract Year

DNR Contact Cody Barloon, (563)-586-2254, Cody.Barloon@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Tubaugh WMA

County: Appanoose

Lease Number 8314-4E-8-4946 Lease Term 2026-2031

Location (S/T/R) Section 9, Township 70 North, Range 16 West

Description

61.5 acres m/l containing 40.5 acres of row crop and 21 acres of forage. 10% of row crop acres must be left unharvested for a food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area Manager. No-till farming required. Hay can be harvested during the period pf July 15th to August 31 each year. Operator is also responsible for mowing parking lots and access trails on the area once per year in August for a deduction off the annual rent.

Annual Rent \$ 2103.10 Terms 15% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Wind and Waves

County: Appanoose

Lease Number 8460-00-20 Lease Term 2026-2032

Location (S/T/R) 4-5-8-9 T70N, R19W

Description

34 acres m/l row crop for crop year 2026. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop unharvested for wildlife food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area manager. No-till farming will be required. Starting crop year 2027 it will be seeded to alfalfa.

Annual Rent \$ 2720 first year then \$1700 Terms 15% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Dudgeon Lake WMA

County: Benton

Lease Number 8314-4A-1-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 10W 85, 86N 4-5, 8-9, 31

Description 148 acres m/l, 1 mile north of Vinton, IA

Annual Rent \$ 75/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: McCoy WMA

County: Boone

Lease Number 8315-5A-1-0001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) T83N, R26W, Sect. 21, 28, 29.

Description

63.1 acres, more or less, which contains 50.5 acres of row crop and 12.6 acres of forage. The operator may be requested to do custom tillage, herbicide, fertilizer and planting 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 apply 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 \$ 13,935.50 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

Nick Jordan

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DNR Contact 712-299-0380



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
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Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0018 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 27 & 34, T82 North, R26 West located 2 miles west and 1 mile north of Madrid, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 47.7 acres, more or less contains 47.7 acres of Row Crop of which 10% will be left for a food plot. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc)

Annual Rent \$ 11,925.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0022 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 4 & 9, T82 North, R26 West located 3 miles west and 2 miles south of Luther, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 51.8 acres, more or less contains 27.0 acres of Row Crop of which 10% will be required to remain unharvested and 24.8 acres of Forage. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 9230.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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Iowa DNR
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Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0024 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 7 & 20, T83 North, R26 West located 3 miles west and 2 miles south of Boone, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 107.7 acres, more or less contains 107.7 acres of Row Crop of which 10% will be required to remain unharvested. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 26,925.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0025 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 7, 17 & 18 T83 North, R26 West located 2 miles west and 2 miles south of Boone, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 120.3 acres, more or less contains 120.3 acres of Row Crop of which 10% will be required to remain unharvested. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.

Annual Rent \$ 30,075.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
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Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0026 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 6, T83N, R26W, Section 1, T83N, R27W & section 36, T84N, R27W Located 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Boone, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 180.3 acres, more or less contains 154 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must remain unharvested, 26.3 acres of Forage of which some acres will be required to be planted in 2026. Five acres of sunflowers where the Operator will be required to do custom work such as till, spray, plant and fertilize are a portion of the row crop acres only in 2027. Custom work will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 41,130.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0027 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 23, 25, 26, 35 and 36, T84 North, R27 West located 4 miles West of Boone, IA

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 173.4 acres, more or less contains 165.3 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must remain unharvested, 8.1 acres of Forage which was established in 2023. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply (mowing allowed July 15 th to Aug 15 th) and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winterwheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.)

Annual Rent \$ 42,135.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Boone County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0034 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 35, 36, and 2, T84 and 85 North, R27 West located 3 miles NW of Boone, IA

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 48.3 acres, more or less contains 48.3 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must remain unharvested. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.)

Annual Rent \$ 12,075.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Marsh WRP fire breaks West

County: Butler/Franklin

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

Location (S/T/R) T91N R18W Madison township sections 1,2,12 T92N R18W Pittsford township sections 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 amounts 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 \$ 1000 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.

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Area: Big Marsh WMA

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0001 Lease Term 5 Years

6 Miles South of Allison on HWY 14, and County Road C51. Parcels located in Ripley Township
Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 23, 24

Description

267 acres m/l of Row crop. Not all acres included in this lease will be farmed by the cooperator each year. Rent will only be charged on farmed acres. Some acres in this lease may be used for cover crop seed production. In the case of cover crop production, fields will be farmed on a shared basis with the DNR. The cooperator will be in charge of planting, fertilizing, and spraying. The DNR will provide the seed. The cooperator may harvest their half of each field any time after July 15 and no rent will be charged on these acres. 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. Rent may be paid in the form of but not limited to rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, and/or contracted services. Amounts and timing will be decided by the land manager. 10% of farmed acres not counting cover crop production acres must be left standing each year. Crop left standing may be harvested after March 15 each year. Crop rotation and field locations will be decided on a yearly basis by the land manager.

Annual Rent \$ 60/per acre Terms 10% of total contract due at signing, 50% of yearly balance due April 1, 50% due Dec. 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Marsh WMA

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0002 Lease Term 5 Years

6 Miles South of Allison on HWY 14, and County Road C51. Parcels located in Ripley Township
Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 23, 24.

Description

203 acres m/l of Row crop. Not all acres included in this lease will be farmed by the cooperator each year. Rent will only be charged on farmed acres. Some acres in this lease may be used for cover crop seed production. In the case of cover crop production, fields will be farmed on a shared basis with the DNR. The cooperator will be in charge of planting, fertilizing, and spraying. The DNR will provide the seed. The cooperator may harvest their half of each field any time after July 15 and no rent will be charged on these acres. 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. Rent may be paid in the form of but not limited to rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, and/or contracted services. Amounts and timing will be decided by the land manager. 10% of farmed acres not counting cover crop production acres must be left standing each year. Crop left standing may be harvested after March 15 each year. Crop rotation and field locations will be decided on a yearly basis by the land manager.

Annual Rent \$ 60/acre Terms 10% of total contract due at signing, 50% of yearly balance due April 1, 50% due Dec. 1

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2026

Area: Big Marsh WMA

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0003 Lease Term 5 Years

6 Miles South of Allison on HWY 14, and County Road C51. Parcels located in Ripley Township
Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 23, 24.

Description	106 acres m/l of Row crop and 9 acres of hay. Not all acres included in this lease will be farmed by the cooperator each year. Rent will only be charged on farmed/hayed acres. Some acres in this lease may be used for cover crop seed production. In the case of cover crop production, fields will be farmed on a shared basis with the DNR. The cooperator will be in charge of planting, fertilizing, and spraying. The DNR will provide the seed. The cooperator may harvest their half of each field any time after July 15 and no rent will be charged on these acres. Hay can not be cut until after July 15 of each year. Hay may be cut a second time before Sept. 15 each year. Ability to make a second cutting will be up to the land manager. Tenant will also be required to mow, rake, and bale designated fire breaks within the lease area. 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. Rent may be paid in the form of but not limited to rock, seed, fertilizer, chemical, culverts, and/or contracted services. Amounts and timing will be decided by the land manager. 10% of farmed acres not counting cover crop production acres must be left standing each year. Crop left standing may be harvested after March 15 each year. Crop rotation and field locations will be decided on a yearly basis by the land manager. For crop year 2026 fields 35, 41, and 47 will be in cover crop production.
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Annual Rent	\$ 150/acre row crop	10% of total contract due at signing, 50% of yearly balance due April
	50/acre hay	Terms 1, 50% due Dec. 1

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Area: Big Marsh WMA

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0005 Lease Term 3 years

6 Miles South of Allison on HWY 14, and County Road C51. Parcels located in Ripley Township

Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 23, 24.

Description

100 Acres of Canary Grass Pasture. Grazing a minimum of 40 head of cattle from May 15 through September 30. This lease will also come with the option of canary grass hay which may be cut one time after July 15. Amounts and location will vary and will be at the discretion of the land manager. Additional cattle may be utilized at the discretion of the land manager. A sand-point well, generator, and watering tanks will be provided. Operator must follow specific provisions as outlined in additional documentation.

Annual Rent \$ 1000 Terms 10% of total contract due at signing, 50% of yearly balance due April 1, 50% due Dec. 1

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Iowa DNR
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Area: Big Marsh WMA

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-01-0007 Lease Term 3 years

6 Miles South of Allison on HWY 14, and County Road C51. Parcels located in Ripley Township
Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 23, 24.

Description

6.5 miles of dike/ levee mowing, approximately 40 Acres of reed canary hay. Also tenant will be required to cut, rake, and bale any other areas around big marsh when available at the discretion of the land manager. Dikes must be hayed one time between July 15 and August 31. Dike edges and bottoms must also be mowed regardless if grass is taken for hay. Dikes may be hayed a second time at the discretion of the land manager. All hay bales must be removed by September 1, each year. Hay acres will vary from year to year.

Annual Rent \$ 2000 Terms 10% of total contract due at signing, 50% of yearly balance due April 1, 50% due Dec. 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Marsh WRP fire breaks East

County: Butler

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

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 amounts 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 \$ 1000 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.

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Iowa DNR
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Area: Blackmun Prairie WMA

County: Butler

Lease Number 8312-2A-17-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 3 Miles West of Austinville on County Road C65. SW1/4, W1/4 Sec. 19 Township 90N, Range 18W

Description

31 acres m/l containing 31 acres of Row crop. Un-harvested acres will be 3 acres each year; location of the un-harvested acres will be decided each year by the land manager. Un-harvested corn or beans may be harvested in the spring, according to the habitat lease.

Annual Rent \$ 5425 Terms 10% of total contract due at signing, 50% of yearly balance due April 1, 50% due Dec. 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: McIntosh, Wild Goose, and Ventura Marsh Wildlife Management Areas

County: Cerro Gordo

Lease Number 8311-1D- 02-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 16, T96N, R22W; Sec 29, T97N, R22W; Sec 19, T96N,R22W

Description

66.1 acres of row crop. Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 7 acres each year which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Operator agrees to close all cable gates when not on the area actively working. No fall tillage is allowed. No insecticide use is 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 \$ 11,504.70 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Lost Island

County: Palo Alto, Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-01-2028 Lease Term 3 Year

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

Description

100 acres m/l containing 90 acres row crop consisting of 13 individual fields. Fields will be located within Dewey's Pasture WMA, Blue Wing Marsh WMA, Fallow Marsh WMA, Perkins Marsh WMA, Barringer Slough WMA, Dan Green 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 \$ 23,148.75 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2025
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
2026

Area: Hawk Valley Mayer

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-02-2026 Lease Term 1 Year

Location (S/T/R) 14/96/36

Description

12.6 Acres of row crop. Access to this field will require permission to access from neighboring land owner. 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 \$ 2,385.00 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2025
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
2026

Area: Highbridge Dry Mud

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-03-2028 Lease Term 3 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 \$ 13,950.00 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
2026

Area: Little Sioux River

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-04-2028 Lease Term 3 Year

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

Description

115 acres m/l containing 80 acres row crop consisting of 11 individual fields and 33 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 \$ 22,796.25 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2025
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
2026

Area: Dan Green - Kirchner

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-05-2026 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. If funding for a floristic survey is granted on the property, there will not be grazing occurring on the property in 2026 and a full refund will be issued. 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, 2025
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
2026

Area: Spencer West

County: Clay

Lease Number 8311-1C-06-2028 Lease Term 3 Year

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

Description

50 acres m/l containing 15.5 acres row crop consisting of 2 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 \$ 7,257.50 Terms 10% due at contract signing, balance due December 1, 2025
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
2026

Area: Bloody Run WMA

County: Clayton

Lease Number 8312-2B-22-0003 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Giard / Township 95 North / Range 04 West

Description

Property is located 4 miles west of Marquette, IA and consists of 23 acres m/l. There will be approximately 10.5 acres of row crop and 12.5 acres of hay. On average, 3 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.

Annual Rent \$ 2500 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st annually

DNR Contact Kyle Frommelt - 563-543-7120 - kyle.frommelt@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Goose Lake WMA

County: Clinton

Lease Number 8312-2B-1-01 Lease Term 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) 83N 5E sections 20,28,29,32,33

Description

51 acres m/l located 1 mile west of Goose Lake. 40 Acres of row crop, and 11 acres of tillage/ food plots. Approximately 4 acres will be left unharvested until March 1 st the following year.

Annual Rent \$ 2,000 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1 st annually

DNR Contact Kurtis Cornilsen 563-357-3830 kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk and Dallas County

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0011 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 19, 20 and 30, T81 North, R25 West in Polk County and Section 24, T81 North, R26 West in Dallas County located 3 miles north of Granger, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 85.1 acres, more or less contains 66.3 acres of Row Crop of which 10% will be required to remain unharvested and 18.8 acres of Forage. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.)

Annual Rent \$ 16,399.70 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area Gibsville

County: Dallas

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0013 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26 T81N/R26W

Description

140.7 acres m/l. 100.3 m/l acres of row crop priced at \$255 per acre. Row crop acres will require 10% of crop to be left unharvested until the following March 1st. There will also be a 16.1 acre dove attractant field to be planted year 1 and 3 of the lease. Year 2 there will be dove attractant fields to be planted in 2 separate fields totaling 8.1 acres. 39.9 acres m/l of forage priced at \$100 per acre. Forage cutting dates are only allowed between July 15th and August 15th.

Annual Rent \$ 20,912.80 annually due December 1st after 20% down payment. Terms 20% of total lease value (total value \$78,423) due at signing with the remaining balance due annually by December 1st. Down payment is \$15,684.60.

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area Sub 1

County: Dallas

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0015 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 2, 3, 10, 11 and 13 T81N/R26W

Description

190.1 m/l acres of row crop. Row crop acres are \$255 per acre with 10% being unharvested until the following March 1st.

Annual Rent \$ 38,780.40 annually
after 20% down payment Terms 20% of total lease value (\$145,426.50) down payment of \$29,085.30
due at signing and remaining balance due annually December 1st.

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville WMA Hodges Lane

County: Dallas

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0016 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 2, T81N, R26W

Description

23.9 acres m/l total. 12.5 acres m/l of row crop priced at \$255 per acre. 10% of row crop must be left unharvested until the following March 1st. 11.4 acres m/l of forage priced at \$100 per acre. Forage cutting is only allowed from July 15th to August 15th.

Annual Rent	\$ 3,462 due annually	Terms	20% down payment of total lease value (\$12,982.50) due at signing and remaining balance due annually December 1st. Down payment amount is \$2,596.50.
	December 1st after		
	20% down payment		

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Eldon WMA

County: Davis

Lease Number 8314-4E-1-001 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 4,5,9,10,15 and 16, Township 70 North, Range 12

Description

Approximately 200 acres m/l containing 135 acres m/l of row crop, 65 acres m/l of forage. 27 acres of row crop must be left unharvested for a food plot. 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 Crop Left

DNR Contact Keith Wilcox ph. 641-799-0793 Email: keith.wilcox@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Soap Creek WMA

County: Davis

Lease Number 8314-4E-7-001 Lease Term 2026-2030

Location (S/T/R) Section 17, Township 70 North, Range 15 West

Description

26 acres m/l containing 15 acres of row crop and 11 acres of forage. 1.5 acres of row crop must be left unharvested for a food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area Manager. Hay can be harvested during the period pf July 15th to August 31 each year. Operator is also responsible for mowing parking lots and access trails (approx. 2 acres total) on the area once per year in August for a deduction off the annual rent.

Annual Rent \$ 783.00 Terms 15% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

Lincoln Utt - Iowa DNR 25363 550th St. Centerville, IA 52544

DNR Contact Phone: 641-954-1624 email: lincoln.utt@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Dekalb Wildlife Management Area

County: Decatur

Lease Number 8313-3c-10-0001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 19, 20, 29, Township 70 North, Range 26 West

Description

141 acres m/l containing 45 acres of row crop and 86 acres of forage on average. 15% 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. Non-neonictinoid 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 \$ 4784.60 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk, 515-238-7194, josh.rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Grass and Birge Lake WMA

County: Emmet

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

Location (S/T/R) 13, 16 & 17 / T100N / R33W and 18 / T100N / R32W

Description

53 acres more or less of row crop consisting of three fields and 13 acres of hay consisting of two fields. The cooperators agree to leave 10 acres of row crop acres unharvested until March 1 in the location designated by the DNR. No fall tillage allowed. The operator agrees to control all noxious weeds on the entire cropland acres. Services rendered by tenant will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent \$ 10,589 Terms Cash Rent - 10% due at signing, balance due December 1st

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Glovers Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Fayette

Lease Number 8312-2E-33-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 15, Township 94 North, Range 8 West

Description

2026 - 27.9 acres of corn, 6 acres left unharvested for food plots until March, 21.9 acres of stalks have to be bailed this first year to prep the site for a native seeding, 6.8 acres of new hay seeding.

2027-28 - 6.8 acres of hay seeding baled after July 15th. Tillage to be done on 6 acres of food plots at the expense of the tenant. IA DNR will plant and spray the food plots.

Tenant is required to maintain the firebreaks on the area. Either by mowing or can bale the vegetation off and keep the bales at no cost.

Annual Rent \$ 150/acre Terms 2026-2028

DNR Contact Logan McEwan 319-882-4252



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Whitetail Flats WMA

County: Franklin

Lease Number 8311-1D-15-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 7, 18,19 T90N, R22W

Description

99.8 acres of row crop, 29.5 acres of hay. Operator agrees to establish 10 acres of the row crop as a food plot or delay harvest 10 acres of corn each year. Operator agrees to close all field entrance gates when not actively on the area working. Fall tillage is not allowed. Use of 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 \$ 14,255 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 10 annually

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: M. U. Payne WMA Lease 1

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8480-00-11-0001 Lease Term 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) T67N R43W Sec. 3, 10, 11

Description

Habitat Lease will include 191 acres of crop in 2026, 233 acres of crop in 2027, and 212 acres of crop in 2028. 10% of grain will be required to be left standing for food plots until March 1. Cover crops will be required. No neonicotinoid seed treatment allowed. Rent forgiven if insurance doesn't cover lost crop, due to flooding.

Annual Rent \$ \$209/ac. Terms See Description.

DNR Contact Matt Dollison (712) 350-0147



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: M. U. Payne WMA Lease 2

County: Fremont

Lease Number 8480-00-11-0002 Lease Term 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) T67N R43W Sec. 3, 10, 11

Description

Habitat Lease will include 173 acres of crop in 2026, 204 acres of crop in 2027, and 137 acres of crop in 2028. 10% of grain will be required to be left standing for food plots until March 1. Cover crops will be required. No neonicotinoid seed treatment allowed. Rent forgiven if insurance doesn't cover lost crop, due to flooding.

Annual Rent \$ \$209/ac. Terms See Description.

DNR Contact Matt Dollison (712) 350-0147



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: North Raccoon Wildlife Management Area

County: Greene

Lease Number 8315-5A-32-0001 Lease Term 5

Location (S/T/R) Jackson 2,3,10,11 and Bristol 33

Description

23.76 m/l acres of row crop in 3 separate fields. 5.25 m/l acres of forage seeding establishment in 2 fields. 10% of the row crop acres are to be left unharvested until March 1st of the following year. Row Crop price is \$232 per acre and forage price is \$100 per acre.

Annual Rent \$ 5,433.58 annually
after 10% down Terms 10% of total lease (total value \$30,186.60) due at signing and balance
payment due annually December 1st. Down Payment is \$3,018.66.

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Springbrook Wildlife Management Area

County: Guthrie

Lease Number 8315-5A-13-0003 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 4,9 T80N, R31

Description

84.5 acres m/l. 44.1 acres m/l row crop priced at \$215 per acre. 10% of row crop must remain unharvested until the following March 1st. 40.4 acres of forage priced at \$100 per acre. Forage cutting is only allowed between July 15th and August 15th.

Annual Rent

\$ 10,817.20 due
annually December 1st
after 20% down
payment.

Terms

20% of the total lease value (\$40,564.50) will be due at signing and the remaining balance due annually December 1st. Down payment is \$8,112.90.

DNR Contact

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Middle Raccoon Shearer

County: Guthrie

Lease Number 8315-5A-24-0002 Lease Term 5

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 30, 31, 32 T79N, R29

Description

25.6 m/l acres of forage priced at \$100 per acre. Forage cutting is only allowed between July 15th and August 15th.

Annual Rent \$ \$2,304 due annually 10% down payment of total lease value (total value \$12,800) due at
December 1st after signing and remaining balance due annually December 1st. Down
10% down payment. Terms payment amount is \$1,280.

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Middle Raccoon Trent

County: Guthrie

Lease Number 8315-5A-24-0008 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 9, 10, 15, T79N R30

Description

120.84 m/l acres total. 61 m/l acres of row crop priced at \$215 per acre. 10% of row crop must remain unharvested until the following March 1st. 50.1 m/l acres of forage priced at \$100 per acre. Forage cutting only allowed between July 15th and August 15th. 9.73 m/l acres of forage seeding priced at \$75 per acre and will increase to \$100 per acre during year 2 of the lease. Forage seeding cutting allowed as needed before September 1st of that crop year.

Annual Rent \$ 15,213.53 due annually December 1st after 20% down payment. Terms 20% down payment of total lease value (\$57,050.75) due at signing and remaining balance due annually December 1st. Down payment amount is \$11,410.15.

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Elk Grove WMA

County: Guthrie

Lease Number 8315-5A-26-0002 Lease Term 5

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 T80N R33

Description

108.9 m/l acres total. 65.6 m/l acres of row crop priced at \$215 per acre. 10% of row crop to remain unharvested until the following March 1st. Row crop will be reduced to 46.2 m/l acres year 2 as 3 fields will then be forage seeding. 19.4 m/l acres will be forage seeding priced at \$75 per acre during year 2. Year 3 those acres will be included in the forage acres. 43.3 m/l acres of forage priced at \$100 per acre. Forage acres will increase to 62.7 acres in year 3 and remain through the end of the lease. Forage seeding cutting is allowed anytime before September 1st and Forage cutting dates are allowed between July 15th and August 15th.

Annual Rent \$ \$13,241.76 due annually December 1st after 20% down payment. Terms 20% of the total lease value (\$82,761) will be due at signing with the remaining balance due December 1st annually. Down payment amount is \$16,552.20.

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area

County: Hamilton

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

Location (S/T/R) Section 11, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22, T87 North, R26 West, located north of Stratford, Iowa

Description

158.8 acres, more or less contains 116.3 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested, 42.5 acres of Forage.

Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the operator. Depending on timing, cover crops may be broadcast, aerially seeded or drilled. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 30,882.70 Terms 20% of entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Jason Carlberg jason.carlberg@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area

County: Hamilton

Lease Number 8315-5A-3-0006 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 1, 25, 19, 30 and 31, T87 North, R27 West, located 2 miles North of Stratford, Iowa

Description

BOONE FORKS WMA – 202 acres, more or less contains 136 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested, 48 acres of Forage and 18 acres of IDLE. Sunflower food plot will be designated by the land manager where the operator will be required to do custom work (tillage, herbicide, fertilizer). Custom work expenses will be an allowance on the December 1 st payment. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the operator. Depending on timing, cover crops may be broadcast, aerially seeded or drilled. Prevented planting-any and all acres claimed will be required to be planted to cover crop at that crop year's Forage or Small Grain rental rate (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 35,944 Terms 20% of entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Jason Carlberg jason.carlberg@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Gladfelter Marsh Wildlife Management Area

County: Hancock

Lease Number 8311-1D- 17-1 Lease Term 3 years

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

Description

10 acres of row crop. 43.7 acres of hay. Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 2 acres of row crop each year which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Hay may be cut 1 time after July 15 with all bales being removed by September 1. 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 \$ 6,414 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 10 annually

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Deer Island WMA

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8313-3B-1-0001 Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Sections 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, T81N, R45W

Description

50 acres, more or less, of crop ground located about 3 miles west of Little Sioux and 8 miles south of Blencoe. 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 neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 195 / acre
\$9750 / year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Storm-Remington Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0002 Lease Term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 23, Township 81N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 19.0 row crop acres - 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 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 the soil sampling will be credited against rent due. No fall anhydrous application allowed. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row 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 \$210/row crop acre and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 3,990.00 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
2026

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Haggerman Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0008 Lease Term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Section 12, Township 81N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: 19.0 forage acres each year - see map for more info. This farm will be seeded to Native Prairie Hay, a CRP CP-25 mix will be used as a minimum seed requirement. Farmer will pay for seeding and drilling. Farmer will only be able to take one cutting per year after July 15th. Farmer 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 the soil sampling, and forage sampling will be credited against 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 \$20/forage acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 380.00 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
2026

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Christensen-Holsapple Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0009 Lease Term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 13, Township 81N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 68.0 to 83.0 row 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 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 the soil sampling will be credited against rent due. No fall anhydrous application allowed. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row 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 \$210/row crop acre and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 14,280.00 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
2026

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Powell-Pisgah-Gochenour Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0013 Lease Term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 18 & 19, Township 81N, Range 43W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 44.0 to 48.0 row 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, and operator will be expected to plant into the green growing cover crop 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 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 the soil sampling will be credited against rent due. No fall anhydrous application allowed. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row 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 and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 8800.00 Terms 50% Due April 15\ 50% Due December 1st

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Powell-Little Sioux-Carrigan Tract

County: Harrison

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0026 Lease Term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 20, 21 & 28, Township 81N, Range 44W, Harrison County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 60.0 to 64.0 row 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 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 the soil sampling will be credited against rent due. No fall anhydrous application allowed. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row 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 \$210/row crop acre and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 13,440.00 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
2026

Area: Green Island WMA

County: Jackson

Lease Number 8312-2B-8-01 Lease Term 3 years (2026-2028)

Location (S/T/R) T85N-6E-12,13,18,19,24

Description

102.5 acres m/l located 0.5 miles east of Green Island consisting of 102.5 acres of row crops with approximately 10% to be left unharvested until March 1 st the following year.

Annual Rent \$ 20653.75 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1 st annually

DNR Contact Kurtis Cornilsen 563-357-3830 kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Green Island WMA

County: Jackson

Lease Number 8312-2B-8-02 Lease Term 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) 7,8,19,20,29 T85N R6E

Description

230 acres m/l located 0.5 miles east of Green Island consisting of 230 acres of row crops and small grains with approximately 10% to be left unharvested until March 1 st the following year

Annual Rent \$ 7,328.00 Terms 10% due at signing, balance due December 1 st annually

DNR Contact Kurtis Cornilsen 563-357-3830 kurtis.cornilsen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0009 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 31

Description 123 acres m/l, between Greencastle road and Babcock access

Annual Rent \$ 55/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0010 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 31-32

Description 177 acres m/l, east side of Babcock access road

Annual Rent \$ 55/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0011 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 31-32

Description 163 acres m/l, north of Half Moon Ave. and Swan Lake road intersection.

Annual Rent \$ 55/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0012 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 27, 32-33

Description 203 acres m/l, North of Swan Lake Road

Annual Rent \$ 75/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0013 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 33-34

Description 83 acres m/l, North of James Ave. and Swan Lake Road intersection

Annual Rent \$ 130/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0014 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 27, 33-34

Description 70 acres m/l, North of James Ave. and Swan Lake Road intersection

Annual Rent \$ 160/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0015 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 27, 34

Description 129.61 acres m/l, North of Half Moon Ave. and Swan Lake Road intersection

Annual Rent \$ 170/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Hawkeye WMA

County: Johnson

Lease Number 8450-00-4-0016 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 7W 81N 19-20

Description 147 acres m/l, South of Amana Road

Annual Rent \$ 55/acre Terms 20% down day of lease signing with rent payment on or before December 1

DNR Contact David Kutz-319-350-0342



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1010 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 21W Sec. 25

Description

60 m/l acres row crop. 5 acres of this lease only has private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 55 acres of this lease are hay acres and are not to be row cropped for the terms of the lease. Operator will be required to leave 10% of 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1015 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 76N 20W Sec. 3

Description

7 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease only have private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1020 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 20W Sec. 9

Description

35 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are located within Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. This lease only has private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1995 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 76N 20W Sec. 34

Description

90 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are located within 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1999 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 76N 20W Sec. 10, 11

Description

35 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are located within Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. This lease only has private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2012 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 20W Sec. 20

Description

45 m/l acres row crop. 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2013 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 21W Sec. 10

Description

80 m/l acres row crop. 60 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Marion

Lease Number 8315-00-2-PV1 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 75N 21W Sec. 3, 4

Description

165 m/l acres row crop. 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 \$ 200/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
2026

Area: Loess Hills WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-6-0007
(north Hargroves) Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Sec 23, T85N, R44W

Description

45 acres more or less located 0.5 miles east of Ticonic, 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 neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 230 / acre
\$10,350 / year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Louisville Bend WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-7-0001 Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Sections 25, 30, T83N, R45W

Description

67 ac more or less located 4 miles south of Onawa. 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 \$ 230 / acre
\$15,410 / year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Tieville Bend WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8313-3B-18-0001 Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) (Sections 5, 8, 31, 32), (Townships 83, 84, North), R46W

Description

80 acres more or less located 5 miles west 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 \$ 230 / acre
\$18,400 / year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Blackbird Bend WMA

County: Monona

Lease Number 8480-00-1-0001 Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Sections 25, 36, T84N, R37W

Description

53 acres more or less 8 miles west 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 neonictinoid insecticides are prohibited in any form (seed treatment, foliar, etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 230 / acre
\$12,190 / year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Loess Hills State Forest - Rice Tract

County: Monona

Lease Number 8724-00-1-0022 Lease Term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031 - 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 Township 82N, Range 44W, Monona County, Iowa

Description

Cropping plan for lease term: Ranges from 125.0 to 130.0 row crop acres, and 33.0 forage 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 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 the soil sampling will be credited against rent due. No fall anhydrous application allowed. Must be present or have a representative at the lease drawing.

Request additional information for maps and required row 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 and \$125/alfalfa acre. Operator does not pay rent on DNR food plot acres.

Annual Rent \$ 32,725.00 Terms 50% Due April 1st, 50 % Due December 1st

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



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Tyrone WMA

County: Monroe

Lease Number 8314-4D-7-4909 Lease Term 2026-2030

Location (S/T/R) 2-3-4, T71N, R18W43.5

Description

43.5 acres m/l row crop and 48.5 acres m/l hay. Operator will be required to leave 10% of row crop unharvested for wildlife food plot. Areas left unharvested will be determined each year by the area manager. No-till farming will be required. Hay can be harvested during the period of July 15th to August 31 each year. Operator is also responsible for mowing parking lots and access trails on the area once per year for a deduction off the annual rent.

Annual Rent \$ 1087.50 Terms 15% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

Bryan Masters - Iowa DNR 28248 415th St Russell, IA 50238

DNR Contact Phone: 641-217-1058 email: bryan.masters@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Southeast Iowa

County: Monroe

Lease Number 8722-00-0-2-011 Lease Term 3

Location (S/T/R) 21-73N-19W

Description 32 acres of cropland with a CSR2 of 58.4 located near Weller in Monroe County.

Annual Rent \$ 90/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
2026

Area: Big Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8315-5A-2-0013 & 8410-00-1-0003 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 9 and 15, T81 North, R25 West, located 3 miles north and 1 mile west of Polk City, Iowa

Description

BIG CREEK WMA – 89.3 acres, more or less contains 43.3 acres Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested, 46 acres of Forage and up to 13 acres of sunflowers where the operator will be required to do custom work to till, plant, spray and fertilize. Custom work will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required on all row crop acres and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 14,082.7 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8315-5A-2-0014 & 8410-00-1-0004 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 15, T81 North, R25 West, located 3 miles north and 2 miles west of Polk City, Iowa

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 130.5 acres, more or less contains 68.6 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested, 61.9 acres of forage. 5 acres of sunflowers (1 st and 3rd year of lease) will be planted where the Operator will be required to do custom work such as till, plant, spray, and fertilize. Custom work will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 21,213.40 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8315-5A-2-0015 & 8410-00-1-0005 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 22 and 27, T81 North, R25 West, located 1 mile north and 1 mile west of Polk City, Iowa

Description

BIG CREEK WMA – 135.5 acres, more or less contains 109.8 acres Row Crop which 10% must be left unharvested and 40.8 acres of Forage. Up to 10 acres of sunflowers/winter wheat are a portion of row crop acres where the operator will be required to do custom work such as till, plant, spray and fertilize. Custom work will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 28,126.00 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Creek Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8315-5A-2-0017 & 8410-00-1-0007 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 22 and 27, T81 North, R25 West, located 1 mile north and 1 mile west of Polk City, Iowa

Description

BIG CREEK WMA – 105.9 acres, more or less contains 93.8 acres Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested and 12.1 acres of forage. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 21,752.20 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8410-00-1-0008 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 1, and 6, T80 North, R24 West in Polk County. Eastside of Polk City, Iowa.

Description

SAYLORVILLE WMA – 62.9 acres, more or less contains 62.9 acres of Row Crop of which 10% will be required to remain unharvested. Fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Depending on timing, cover crops may be broadcast, aerially seeded or no-till drilled. Prevented planting- any and all acres claimed will be required to be planted to an approved and agreed to cover crop at a negotiated Small Grain rental rate (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ 13,775.10 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Sycamore Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8420-00-0-8420 Lease Term 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Section(s) 5,8,9,16 and 17, Township 79N North, Range 24 W

Description

The DNR has approximately 161.1 acres of farm land in Polk County located approximately 2 miles east of Johnston and 1 mile north of Des Moines in Saylor Township. The land consists of approximately 152.3 acres of row crop and 8.8 acres of forage. Crop rotations are set by Iowa DNR and cover crops are required. There are also restrictions on forage cutting dates and fall tillage.

Annual Rent \$ 40,278.3 Terms March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2029

DNR Contact Sarah Klein Address : 8794 NW 125th Polk City, IA 50226 Phone: 515-984-6473



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1004 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 22W Sec. 2,3

Description

240 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1006 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 78N 22W Sec. 31

Description

100 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are in Red Rock flood pool and subject to frequent flooding. This lease only has private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Polk

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2005 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 78N 23W Sec. 25

Description

45 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are located within the Red Rock flood pool and are subject to frequent flooding. This lease only has private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Saylorville Wildlife Management Area

County: Polk

Lease Number 8315-5A-2-0016 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Section 22 and 27, T81 North, R25 West, located 1 mile north and 1 mile west of Polk City, Iowa

Description

BIG CREEK WMA – 36.4 acres, more or less contains 27.8 acres Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested and 8.6 acres of forage. There will be 5.7 acres of habitat plot where the operator will be required to do custom work such as till, plant, spray and fertilize. Custom work will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the Operator. Prevented planting-any and all 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 (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.)

Annual Rent \$ 6,948.20 Terms 20% of the entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 st annually

DNR Contact Josh Gansen 712-330-6685 Email: Joshua.Gansen@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Ringgold Wildlife Management Area

County: Ringgold

Lease Number 8313-3c-2-0001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 12, 13, 14, 24, 25, 26, Township 67 North, Range 28 West

Description

236 acres m/l containing 171 acres of row crop, 5 acres of forage and 8 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. Non-neonictinoid seed required. Cooperator will be required to fertilize sunflower and sorghum fields every year at their expense. The average acreage of sunflower fields is 18.3 acres. The average acreage of sorghum is 16.6 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. Restrictions on forage cutting dates exist.

Annual Rent \$ 5658.40 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk, 515-238-7194, josh.rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Mt Ayr Wildlife Management Area

County: Ringgold

Lease Number 8313-3c-3-0001 Lease Term 5 years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 17 18, Township 68 North, Range 30 West

Description

118 acres m/l containing 95 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 11.8 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 \$ 3779.20 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Josh Rusk, 515-238-7194, josh.rusk@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: V&W Petersen WMA

County: Shelby

Lease Number 8313-3B-17-0001 Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Section 3, T81N, R38W

Description

70 acres, more or less, of crop ground located about 2 miles SW of Manilla, Iowa. 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 \$ 192 / acre
\$13,440 / year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Big Sioux River Groth, Andersen & Miller WMA Tracts

County: Sioux

Lease Number 8311-1A-06-0003 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) T97N, R48W and T96N, R47W, sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, Sioux County, IA

Description

24 acres more or less containing 4 individual fields. This includes about 21 ac of row crop and 3 ac of small grain/hay. 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. These delayed harvest fields may be harvested after March 1st of the following crop year. The operator agrees to cut and bale any hay fields only once during the growing season. Forage may only be cut between July 15th and August 15th of each year and 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 Big Sioux River WMA tracts of Groth, Anderson and Miller. Services rendered in the description will affect the annual rental rate.

Annual Rent \$ 6346.00 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

Ben Christensen

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Lake Sugema WMA

County: VanBuren

Lease Number 8314-4E-8-004 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sec.7/T68N/10W

Description 30 Acres m/l containing 30 acres of pasture. Restrictions on pasturing dates may apply.

Annual Rent \$ 1200 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec.1 annually.

DNR Contact Keith Wilcox ph. 641-799-0793 Email: keith.wilcox@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1009 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 20W Sec. 31

Description

15 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are located within the Red Rock flood pool and are subject to frequent flooding. This lease only has private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1021 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 76N 22W Sec. 3, 9, 10

Description

24 m/l acres row crop. 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-1022 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 77N 23W Sec. 25

Description

25 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease only have private property access and Operator will need to gain permission from private land owner to access these acres. 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Red Rock WMA

County: Warren

Lease Number 8440-00-2-2019 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) 76N 22W Sec. 17

Description

50 m/l acres row crop. All acres of this lease are located within the Red Rock flood pool and are 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 \$ 200/ac Terms 20% due at contract signing, balance due December 1

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Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Coffey Marsh North

County: Wayne

Lease Number 8460-00-6-43 Lease Term 2026-2030

Location (S/T/R) 11 T69N, R20W

Description

6 Acres m/l of hay that can be harvested during the period pf July 15th to August 31 each year. This field is land-locked and must obtain permission and access through the neighbor.

Annual Rent \$ 180 Terms 15% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

Bryan Masters - Iowa DNR 28248 415th St Russell, IA 50238

DNR Contact Phone: 641-217-1058 email: bryan.masters@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Rathbun Lake WMA (Promise City Bridge)

County: Wayne

Lease Number 8460-00-6-44 Lease Term 2026-2030

Location (S/T/R) 10 & 15 T69N R20W 61 acres

Description

61m/l acres of forage crop rotations. Operator will be required to leave 10% of the forage crop unharvested for wildlife food plots. Areas left unharvested will be determined by the area manager. Forage crops can be harvested after July 15 each year. There are 2 DNR managed dikes in associaton with this lease. Dikes will be baled or mowed in a time frame determined by the area manager. When the areas are baled there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 per round bale. If the vegetation is not suitable for baling the operator will be directed to mow the the tops of the dikes 25 feet wide in a timely manner by the area manager.

Annual Rent \$ 2440.00 Terms 10% due on contract signing, balance due December 1

Greg Schmitt- Iowa DNR 28248 415th St. Russell, IA 50238

DNR Contact Phone: 641-203-6185 email: Greg.Schmitt@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area

County: Webster

Lease Number 8315-5A-3-0004 Lease Term 3 Years

Location (S/T/R) Sections 4, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17, T86 North, R27 West, located 3 miles east of Dayton, Iowa

Description

BOONE FORKS WMA – 87 acres, more or less contains 66.1 acres of Row Crop of which 10% must be left unharvested, 18.1 acres of Forage and 7-8 acres of sunflowers where the operator will be required to do custom work including tillage, herbicide, and fertilizer. Custom work expenses will be an allowance on the rent due in the fall. Restrictions on forage cutting dates apply and fall tillage is not allowed. Fall cover crops (winter wheat, rye, radish, turnips etc.) will be required by the land manager and will be the responsibility of the operator. Depending on timing, cover crops may be broadcast, aerially seeded or drilled. Prevented planting-any and all acres claimed will be required to be planted to an approved cover crop at that crop year's Forage or Small Grain rental rate. (sorghum, forage sorghum, wheat, oats, turnips, radishes etc.).

Annual Rent \$ \$19,128.20 Terms 20% of entire contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 1 annually

DNR Contact Jason Carlberg jason.carlberg@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Coon Creek (north), located 7 miles NE of Decorah

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0015 Lease Term March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2029 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) Sections 2, 35, 36/ T 98, 99N/ R 7 W

Description

63.5 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 17 fields, with a mix of row crop, established hay, and new hay to be seeded. On average, 7 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, 2025.

Annual Rent \$ 1905.00 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact Sean Kenan Sean.Kenan@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: UIR Kendallville, located 1 mile east of Kendallville

County: Winneshiek

Lease Number 8312-2E-96-0018 Lease Term March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2029 (3 crop years)

Location (S/T/R) 33, 34/T100 N/R10W (Fremont Township)

Description

26.7 acres/year m/l, for 3 years. Consists of 11 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, 2025.

Annual Rent \$ 1,335.00 Terms 10% of total due at signing. Crop year remainder due Dec. 1st of each crop year.

DNR Contact Sean Kenan Sean.Kenan@dnr.iowa.gov



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: IPS "Interstate Power Systems"

County: Woodbury

Lease Number 8313-3B-8-0000 Lease Term 3 years 2026-2028

Location (S/T/R) Sections 5, 32, T86N, R47W

Description

94 acres, more or less, of row crop and alfalfa located approximately 3 miles west of Salix 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 \$ 202/ acre
\$18,988 / Year Terms 10% down, remainder due annually on Dec 1.

DNR Contact Liam Bell (712) 420-5637



Iowa DNR
Lease to Beginning Farmers Program
2026

Area: Morse and Elm Lake Wildlife Management Areas

County: Wright

Lease Number 8311-1D-05-0001 Lease Term 3 years

Location (S/T/R) Sec 33, T93N, R24W; Sec 21, Sections 11, 15, 21, 28 T92N, R24W

Description

67.9 acres of row crop and 5.5 acres of hay in this lease. Operator agrees to delayed harvest of 8 acres of row crop which may be harvested after February 28 of the following year. Hay will be cut and baled annually between August 1st and August 31st. Bales will be removed immediately. Operator agrees to prepare, fertilize, apply a sunflower tolerant pre-emergent herbicide, and plant 4.8 acres of sunflowers each year (seed provided by DNR). Operator agrees to close all field entrance cables when not actively on the area working. Fall tillage is not allowed. Insecticide use 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 \$ 6,755 Terms 10% of contract due at signing, balance due Dec. 10 annually

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