

# Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program

North Dakota

## Sign-Up Deadline - May 28, 2021

The **Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program** is a new funding opportunity available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). When enrolled, producers are eligible for payment on cropped wetlands, two acres or less in size as identified on the National Wetland Inventory, and with intact hydrology. The payment rate will differ by region.

### How It Works

Producers within the Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota, that have unmanipulated wetlands of 2 acres or less within working cropland, will be able to sign up for this new opportunity. NRCS will work with applicants to determine which wetlands are eligible based off the National Wetlands Inventory. Once the wetlands are deemed eligible, producers will then need to decide which level of management is appropriate for their operation.

Payment rates for North Dakota are identified with the 3 levels below. **Historically Underserved rates will be 25% higher** than the general rate listed. Contracts can be up to 5 years in length.

Level 1, Year 1 (327): \$148.85 per acre  
Level 1, Years 2-5 (644): \$167.22 per acre  
Level 2, Years 1-5 (644): \$161.10 per acre  
Level 3, Years 1-5 (644): \$118.40 per acre

**For more information on the different levels, and to get the full details on the program, please contact your local NRCS office.**

