



ND PHEASANTS FOREVER

North Central Soil Health & Habitat Program



THE PROBLEM

Salt-impacted soils (excess levels of salts in the soil solution) are an increasing concern for North Dakota farmers, with an estimated 5.8 million acres affected in the state. The salts limit a crop's ability to take up water resulting in symptoms similar to drought-stress. This not only reduces yields, but in many cases, leaves barren areas in fields that are susceptible to soil erosion.

THE PROGRAM

The North Central Soil Health and Habitat Program seeks to address salinity issues impacting soil health in Benson, Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, and Ward counties through cost-sharing seed for cover crop and grass mixes. Growing green in these areas allows water to move through a plant and transpire without raising salts to the surface, reducing inputs on those acres while lowering salt levels and providing wildlife habitat.



PROGRAM DETAILS

- 60% cost-share on cover crop and grass mixes
- Customized seed mixes provided by Pheasants Forever staff
- Flexible short-term contracts
- Haying or grazing permitted outside of the primary nesting season (April 15-August 1)

BENEFITS



Decrease Input
Costs

Rehabilitate Salt-
Impacted Areas



Reduce Soil
Erosion

Create Wildlife
Habitat



PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions or interested in learning more about the North Central Soil Health and Habitat Program? Contact Joey Rasco with Pheasants Forever at jrasco@pheasantsforever.org or (636) 295-1398

