

Turtle & Mouse SOILMATES

“Caring for the Land, One Step at a Time”



SUMMER *Newsletter*





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Bottineau Field office has been reassigned a new office number. The old number is no longer in service.

**FSA 701-201-5019
NRCS & SCD 701-201-5020**

2027 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

**Mouse River SCD September 9th 8:00 AM at Office 104 1st
st W Westhope ND 58793**

**Turtle Mountain SCD- September 16th, 8:00 AM at the
Bottineau USDA Service Center in Bottineau, ND**





SUMMER ON THE LAND PLANTING SEASON 2026

Planting season 2026 was another busy and rewarding year for the Mouse River Soil Conservation District and Turtle Mountain Soil Conservation District. This season, our crews worked on a variety of projects to help local landowners establish healthy, long-lasting trees and shrubs.

We planted a wide selection of species, including pine, spruce, lilac, juneberry, oak, Amur maple, and junipers. Our work included preparing planting sites, machine planting trees on larger sites. We also installed fabric weed barriers around newly planted trees to help control competing vegetation and give trees a better start as they become established.

In addition to our planting projects, both districts held tree sales, providing landowners and community members with a variety of trees and shrubs for their own properties.

Planting season takes planning, preparation, equipment, and plenty of hands-on work, but the results will provide benefits for years to come through wind protection, wildlife habitat, erosion control, and improved landscapes.

We would like to thank all of the landowners, customers, and community members who participated in our 2026 planting season and supported the conservation work of both districts. We look forward to continuing these efforts and helping grow healthy, sustainable landscapes throughout our communities.



TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCD



Located in the eastern part of Bottineau County, the Turtle Mountain Soil Conservation District is separated from the Mouse River Soil Conservation District by the mighty Mouse River. Our commitment lies in the preservation and protection of our natural resources. We invite you to join us in our mission to promote sustainable land use practices, ensuring a healthy environment for future generations.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCD

BOARD MEETINGS

Third Wednesday of Each Month*

08:00AM - 10:00AM

Bottineau USDA Service Center
514 Thompson ST #2 Bottineau, ND 58318

*Please call ahead to ensure meeting dates/times have not changed.
701-201-5020

Rate Schedule for Services Offered by Turtle Mountain Soil Conservation District

Grass Seeding:*

- ♦ Drill with Owner's Tractor & District Operator \$ 30.00/acre (\$400.00 minimum)
(plus fuel cost)
- ♦ Drill with Rental Tractor & District Operator \$ 30.00/acre (\$400.00 minimum)
(plus NDSU rental rates)
(plus fuel cost)

*minimum 75 hp tractor needed for all grass seedings

Broadcasting/Harrowing :*

(in-between tree rows)

\$35.00/hr. plus seed cost

*1.50/mile equip. transportation fee
(roundtrip) for all grass seeding

Machine Tree Planting (Trees included):

\$ 40.00/100ft. (\$300.00 Minimum)

Hand Plant Trees:

\$ 2.50/each (\$3.00 for container)
\$ 55.00/bundle

Hand-Planting (District):

\$ 5.00/per tree, plus tree cost
(call for pricing/mileage)

Tree Tubes:

5'--\$5.00/tube--\$6.00 tube & stake
6'--\$6.00/tube--\$7.00 tube & stake
\$ 1.50/stake

Weed Barrier Installation:*

\$ 80.00/100ft (\$300.00 Minimum)

1.50/mile charge if site is not ready for trees and weed barrier

Weed Barrier (cut to order):

\$ 0.75/ft.
(\$200.00/roll)

Ground Staples:

5 for \$10.00/ \$70.00 box

Tree Row Cultivation (Tilling):

\$ 85.00/hr. (\$200.00 Minimum)
(\$300.00 Minimum Out of District)

Site Mowing:

\$ 75.00/hr. (\$200.00 Minimum)
(\$300.00 Minimum Out of District)

Liquid Plant Skydd:

\$ 25.00/quart

**Rates are subject to change
11/19/25*

**2027 Tree & Fabric season is just
around the corner...**

**Let us help you plan! Stop by the
office, give us a call, or email us and
we'll get you started!**



Turtle Mountain Soil Conservation District
514 Thompson St. #2
Bottineau, ND 58318
701-201-5020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Order Date: _____

2027 CONSERVATION TREES AND SHRUBS 2027

*Turtle Mountain SCD accepts no responsibility regarding survival of planting stocks and makes no provision for replacements.

*All payments are non-refundable and are due at the time of pick up.

*Any trees not picked up before or during the required pick-up time will be destroyed.

*By placing your initials here states that you have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the above. _____

Quantity	Species	Potential Height	Growth Rate	Life Span	Description
<u>Large Trees & Conifers</u>					
_____	Black Hills Spruce	30-60'	MED	LONG	Large conifer, very dense and pyramidal when young
_____	Black Walnut	35-60'	MED	LONG	Large oval to rounded, somewhat open-crowned tree
_____	Boxelder	30-60'	FAST	LONG	Relatively fast-growing, medium to tall tree of irregular form
_____	Bur Oak	40-70'	SLOW	LONG	Large, long-lived tree with a broad crown at maturity
_____	Colorado Blue Spruce	30-65'	MED	LONG	Broad conifer, pyramidal tree with stiff horizontal branches
_____	Cottonwood, Native	50-99'	FAST	LONG	Largest, fastest growing tree in ND, native to moist soils
_____	Cottonwood, Male	50-99'	FAST	LONG	Largest, fastest growing tree in ND, native to moist soils
_____	Golden Willow	40-50'	N/A	N/A	Large low branching tree with a broad round crown
_____	American Linden	50-70'	MED	LONG	Medium to large, native, hardy shade or windbreak tree
_____	Little-Leaf Linden	30-50'	MED	LONG	Medium to large, smaller leaves than American Linden
_____	Hackberry	40-60'	MED	LONG	Medium sized native tree with unique stucco-like bark
_____	Hybrid Poplar	40-60'	FAST	MED	Narrow-crowned, fast-growing, short-lived tree
_____	Silver Cottonwood	40-60'	FAST	MED	Medium to large, green top leaves with white pubescent under
_____	Ponderosa Pine	50-70'	MED	LONG	Large conifer, pyramidal when young, irregular oblong with age
_____	Scotch Pine	25-50'	MED	LONG	Medium to large conifer, orange-brown peeling bark
_____	Siberian Larch	30-60'	MED	LONG	Large pyramidal conifer, needles turn yellow and shed in fall
_____	Quaking Aspen	25-60'	FAST	MED	Native to Turtle Mountains, black/white bark, small, round leaf
<u>Shrubs & Small/Medium Trees</u>					
_____	Buffaloberry	6-14'	MED	MED	Medium, thorny shrub, silver foliage, red berries used for jellies
_____	Caragana	6-14'	MED	LONG	Tall, long lived, tolerant shrub with yellow flowers and pods
_____	Chokecherry, Amur	12'-30'	MED	MED	Attractive bark, yellow fall color, black fruit, tiny white flowers
_____	Common Chokecherry	12-25'	MED	MED	Medium suckering hardy tree, fruit used for jellies and jams
_____	Eastern Redcedar	30-45'	SLOW	LONG	Small conifer with a short trunk and irregular, pyramidal crown
_____	Hardy Apricot	10-15'	MED	MED	Small, fast-growing tree with white flowers and edible fruit
_____	Hawthorn	15-20'	SLOW	MED	Small dense tree with white flowers, red fruit, and thorns
_____	Maple, Amur	15-20'	MED	MED	Small tree with bright red fall colors susceptible to 2,4-D
_____	McDermid Pear	25-35'	MED	LONG	Hardy pear, white flowers, semi-glossy foliage and edible fruit
_____	Midwest Crabapple	10-25'	MED	LONG	Small to medium shrub, white flowers, yellow to red fruit
_____	Native Plum	8-10'	MED	SHORT	Native tall shrub/small tree, suckering, thorny, edible fruit
_____	Ohio Buckeye	20'-40'	MED	MED	A medium-sized tree with an oval to rounded crown
_____	Rocky Mt. Juniper	20-40'	SLOW	LONG	Small to medium conifer, dense pyramidal crown, blue berries
_____	Seaberry	10-15'	MED	MED	Sometimes short-lived shrub, yellow flower, orange edible fruit

Shrubs & Small/Medium Trees Continued

Quantity	Species	Potential Height	Growth Rate	Life Span	Description
_____	Schubert Chokecherry	12-25'	MED	MED	Similar to Common C., but with purple foliage, edible fruit
_____	Siberian Crabapple	10-25'	MED	LONG	Small flowering tree, white flowers, yellow or red fruit
_____	Elderberry	8-15'	MED	LONG	Multi-stem, white flowers w/ purple berries, good for jam/syrup
_____	Black Chokeberry	2-6'	N/A	N/A	White flowers, red-black berries, red autumn color
_____	Common Lilac	8-12'	MED	LONG	Medium to large suckering shrub, white to purple flowers
_____	Black Currant	3-6'	MED	SHORT	Small shrub, with very dark purple, edible fruit
_____	Golden Currant	3-6'	MED	SHORT	Small shrub with yellow flowers and tart but edible fruit
_____	Hansen Hedge Rose	4-6'	MED	MED	Medium to tall shrub rose, pink flowers and red rose hip fruit
_____	Hazel - American	4'-12'	MED	MED	Medium to tall shrub, suckering, wildlife friendly, edible nut
_____	Juneberry	6-15'	SLOW	MED	Medium to tall suckering shrub, white flowers, dark edible fruit
_____	Nanking Cherry	6-10'	MED	SHORT	Fast-growing, short-lived shrub, white flowers, edible red fruit
_____	Redosier Dogwood	7-10'	FAST	MED	Medium to large spreading shrub, red bark, white flowers
_____	Silky Dogwood	8-12'	N/A	N/A	Medium sized shrub, clustered white flowers, blue fruit
_____	Russian Almond	3-5'	SLOW	SHORT	Low suckering shrub, pink to rosy flowers, small almonds
_____	Sandbar Willow	6-10'	FAST	MED	Medium sized shrub native along riverbanks, yellowish flower
_____	Sand Cherry	2-4'	N/A	N/A	Small, fast-growing, short-lived shrub, edible fruit.
_____	Honeysuckle	6-9'	MED	MED	Medium sized shrub, with pinkish-white flowers, likes many soils
_____	Villosa Lilac	6-10'	MED	MED	Blooms later than common lilac, non-suckering, pink flowers
_____	Arrowwood Viburnum	5-10'	MED	MED	Small white flowers in flat-topped clusters, attracts pollinators



**5 TREE & SHRUB MINIMUM ON ALL ORDERS!
-THANK YOU -**



- ❖ ALL TREES AND SHRUBS ARE BARE ROOT STOCK, CERTAIN SPECIES ARE AVAILABLE IN CONTAINER/PLUGS
BARE ROOT STOCK ARE \$2.50 EACH. CONTAINER/PLUGS ARE \$3.00 EACH.

**MOST OF THE TREES/SHRUBS COME IN BUNDLES OF 25 COUNT,
IF YOU ORDER A BUNDLE, YOU WILL GET A DISCOUNT = \$55.00/BUNDLE**

- ❖ CONSERVATION STOCK GENERALLY RANGES FROM 12 TO 24 INCHES IN SIZE.
LARGER SIZES OF SOME SPECIES ARE AVAILABLE. PRICES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON SIZE.

- ❖ SOME SPECIES NOT LISTED HERE MAY BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
PRICES WILL VARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NURSERY PRICES.

Rates are subject to change 08/31/26

Tree Planting Site Prep 101

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ND One Call



The site must be clearly marked of all buried utility lines in the tree planting area.

- Call 811 ND One Call before digging within 48 hours of planting schedule.
- Share ONE CALL ticket # with SCD office.

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Timeline

- Prep Site by: November 1st
- Down payment by: February 1st
- April- SCD will reach out about scheduling planting dates
- Modifications to tree plans should be done by: February 1st

3

Tree Site Prep:

- Till the planting site to a depth of 6-10 inches, using a cultivator, disk, or tiller.
- Remove ALL rocks, tree branches, tree roots, garbage, etc.
- AFTER trees are planted please keep the site lightly tilled and free of vegetation until we are able to return to lay the fabric.
- When tilling strips, each strip must be a minimum of 10 ft wide.

First Fall Pass:



Second Fall Pass:



First Spring Pass:



Day of Planting:





MOUSE RIVER SCD

The Mouse River Soil Conservation District, based in Westhope, North Dakota, is dedicated to supporting and promoting responsible land use and natural resource conservation in Bottineau County and the surrounding areas. Working closely with landowners, schools, and community partners, the district provides education, technical assistance, and access to programs that help preserve soil health, improve water quality, and encourage sustainable farming practices.

SERVICES RATES

PLANTING	
Machine Tree Planting	\$40.00/100ft. (\$300 minimum) (Trees included)
Hand Plant Trees	\$2.50/each (\$3.00 for a container) \$55.00 /Bundle
Hand Planting (District)	\$5.00/per tree, plus tree cost
WEED BARRIER (FABRIC)	
Weed Barrier Installation	\$80.00/100ft (\$300 minimum)
Weed Barrier (fabric cut to order)	\$0.75 per foot \$200 a roll
Ground Staples	5 for \$10.00 / \$70.00 per box
SITE PREPARATION	
Tree Row Cultivation (Tilling)	\$85.00/hr. (\$200 Minimum)
Site Mowing	\$75.00/hr. (\$200 Minimum) (\$250 Minimum Out of District)

1. District Trees sold by the District are Conservation Stock from the N.D. State Nurseries (Lincoln Oaks and Towner).
2. Trees are not guaranteed. ALL TREES cost \$2.50 (unless plugs) that includes replacements.
3. It is the Producer's responsibility to keep their tree plantings free from grass and weeds, unless other arrangements have been made through the District for upkeep. Keeping the site well prep is the only way to ensure proper installation of weed barrier.

Board meetings

The MRSCD hosts board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Meetings are held at the office located at 104 1st St W, Westhope, ND, and are public. Meeting minutes are also available.

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MOUSE RIVER SCD

**MOUSE RIVER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**104 1st St. W, Westhope, ND 58793

701-245-6151

HANDPLANT ORDER FORM 2026

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Order date: ____/____/____

1. Trees sold by the District are Conservation Stock from the N.D State Nurseries (Lincoln Oaks and Towner).
2. Trees are not guaranteed. All trees cost \$2.50 (Bundles of 25 counts are \$55.00).
3. It is the producers responsibility to keep their tree plantings free from grass and weeds, unless other arrangements have been made through the District for upkeep.
4. Payments are non-refundable and are due at the time of the pickup.
5. Place initials here to state that you have read and fully understood the terms and conditions of the above _____

2026 CONSERVATION TREES AND SHRUBS**Large trees & Conifers**

Spacing (ft)	Qt	Species	Potential Height	Growth Rate	Life Span	Description
12-16		Black Hills Spruce	30-60'	MED	LONG	Large conifer, very dense and pyramidal when young
14-20		Black Walnut	35-60'	MED	LONG	Large oval to rounded, somewhat open-crowned tree
12-16		Boxelder	30-60'	FAST	LONG	Relatively fast-growing, medium to tall tree of irregular form
12-20		Bur Oak	40-70'	SLOW	LONG	Large, long-lived tree with a broad crown at maturity
16-20		Colorado Blue Spruce	30-65'	MED	LONG	Broad conifer, pyramidal tree with stiff horizontal branches
16-20		Cottonwood, Native	50-99'	FAST	LONG	Largest, fastest growing tree in ND, native to moist soils
12-20		Cottonwood, Male	50-99'	FAST	LONG	Largest, fastest growing tree in ND, native to moist soils
12-16		Golden Willow	40-50'	N/A	N/A	Large low branching tree with a broad round crown
12-20		American Linden	50-70'	MED	LONG	Medium to large, native, hardy shade or windbreak tree
12-20		Little-Leaf Linden	30-50'	MED	LONG	Medium to large, smaller leaves than American Linden
12-16		Hackberry	40-60'	MED	LONG	Medium sized native tree with unique stucco-like bark
12-16		Hybrid Poplar	40-60'	FAST	MED	Narrow-crowned, fast-growing, short-lived tree
16-20		Silver Cottonwood	40-60'	FAST	MED	Medium to large, green top leaves with white pubescent under
10-16		Ponderosa Pine	50-70'	MED	LONG	Large conifer, pyramidal when young, irregular oblong with age
12-16		Paper Birch	30-55'	MED	MED	Reddish-brown bark, turning papery white with age
10-16		Scotch Pine	25-50'	MED	LONG	Medium to large conifer, orange-brown peeling bark
12-20		Siberian Larch	30-60'	MED	LONG	Large pyramidal conifer, needles turn yellow and shed in fall
10-16		Quaking Aspen	25-60'	FAST	MED	Native to Turtle Mountains, black/white bark, small, round leaf



MOUSE RIVER SCD



MOUSE RIVER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

104 1st St. W, Westhope, ND 58793

701-245-6151

HANDPLANT ORDER FORM 2026

Shrubs & Small/Medium Trees

Spacing (ft)	Qt	Species	Potential Height	Growth Rate	Life Span	Description
6-10		Buffaloberry	6-14'	MED	MED	Medium, thorny shrub, silver foliage, red berries used for jellies
6-10		Caragana	6-14'	MED	LONG	Tall, long lived, tolerant shrub with yellow flowers and pods
6		Chokecherry, Amur	12'-30'	MED	MED	Attractive bark, yellow fall color, black fruit, tiny white flowers
6		Common Chokecherry	12-25'	MED	MED	Medium suckering hardy tree, fruit used for jellies and jams
8-12		Eastern Redcedar	30-45'	SLOW	LONG	Small conifer with a short trunk and irregular, pyramidal crown
8-12		Hardy Apricot	10-15'	MED	MED	Small, fast-growing tree with white flowers and edible fruit
6-8		Hawthorn	15-20'	SLOW	MED	Small dense tree with white flowers, red fruit, and thorns
6-10		Maple, Amur	15-20'	MED	MED	Small tree with bright red fall colors susceptible to 2,4-D
8-12		McDermand Pear	25-35'	MED	LONG	Hardy pear, white flowers, semi-glossy foliage and edible fruit
6-10		Midwest Crab	10-25'	MED	LONG	Small to medium shrub, white flowers, yellow to red fruit
6-10		Native Plum	8-10'	MED	SHORT	Native tall shrub/small tree, suckering, thorny, edible fruit
12		Ohio Buckeye	20'-40'	MED	MED	A medium-sized tree with an oval to rounded crown.
8-12		Rocky Mt. Juniper	20-40'	SLOW	LONG	Small to medium conifer, dense pyramidal crown, blue berries
6		Seaberry	10-15'	MED	MED	Sometimes short-lived shrub, yellow flower, orange edible fruit
6		Schubert Chokecherry	12-25'	MED	MED	Similar to Common C., but with purple foliage, edible fruit
6-8		Siberian Crabapple	10-25'	MED	LONG	Small flowering tree, white flowers, yellow or red fruit
6		Elderberry	8-15'	MED	LONG	Multi-stem, white flowers w/ purple berries, good for jam/syrup
6		Black Chokeberry	2-6'	N/A	N/A	White flowers, red-black berries, red autumn color
4-6		Common Lilac	8-12'	MED	LONG	Medium to large suckering shrub, white to purple flowers
4-6		Cotoneaster	2-12'	MED	SHORT	Large shrub, pinkish-white flowers with showy red fruit
6		False Indigo	8-12'	MED	MED	Native legume, grows well in moist soils, drought resistance
4-6		Golden Currant	3-6'	MED	SHORT	Small shrub with yellow flowers and tart but edible fruit
4-6		Hansen Hedge Rose	4-6'	MED	MED	Medium to tall shrub rose, pink flowers and red rose hip fruit
6		Hazel - American	4'-12'	MED	MED	Medium to tall shrub, suckering, wildlife friendly, edible nut
4-6		Juneberry	6-15'	SLOW	MED	Medium to tall suckering shrub, white flowers, dark edible fruit
4-6		Nanking Cherry	6-10'	MED	SHORT	Fast-growing, short-lived shrub, white flowers, edible red fruit
6		Redosier Dogwood	7-10'	FAST	MED	Medium to large spreading shrub, red bark, white flowers
6		Silky Dogwood	8-12'	N/A	N/A	Medium sized shrub, clustered white flowers, blue fruit
4-6		Russian Almond	3-5'	SLOW	SHORT	Low suckering shrub, pink to rosy flowers, small almonds
6-8		Sandbar Willow	6-10'	FAST	MED	Medium sized shrub native along riverbanks, yellowish flower
4		Sand Cherry	2-4'	N/A	N/A	Small, fast-growing, short-lived shrub, edible fruit.
6-8		Honeysuckle	6-9'	MED	MED	Medium sized shrub, with pinkish-white flowers, likes many soils
4-6		Sumac	6-8'	MED	MED	Spreading shrub, scented leaves, yellowish flower, red fruit
6		Villosa Lilac	6-10'	MED	MED	Blooms later than common lilac, non-suckering, pink flowers
4-6		Woods Rose	3-4'	MED	MED	Suckering, thorny rose with pink flowers and rose hips

- 5 trees / shrub minimum on all orders
- All trees and shrubs are bare root stock, certain species are available in container/plugs. Bare root stock is \$2.50 each. Container/plugs are \$3.00 each. *prices can change*
- Most of the trees/shrubs come in bundles of 25 count. IF YOU ORDER A BUNDLE, YOU GET A DISCOUNT (price \$55).
- Conservation stock generally ranges from 12 to 24 inches in size. Larger sizes of some species are available. Prices will vary depending on size.
- Some species not listed here may be available upon request.
- Prices will vary depending on nursery prices.

Send form by email at mrsed@srt.com• Mail to PO Box 325 Westhope ND 58793 • Stop by the office at 104 1st St. W Westhope, ND 58793



⚠ Scout for Spotted Water Hemlock Before Haying

NDSU Extension is encouraging North Dakota producers to **scout wet areas before cutting hay** for spotted water hemlock, a native plant that is highly poisonous to people and livestock. It has been reported in most North Dakota counties and is commonly found in wet meadows, around cattail sloughs, low-lying ditches, drains and creek bottoms.

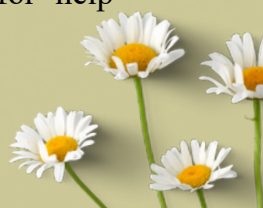
The greatest concern is when the plant is **unknowingly included in hay bales**. Livestock may normally avoid spotted water hemlock, but when forage is limited, they are more likely to graze it. The roots are especially toxic, and animals may consume them when pulling up young plants.

Spotted water hemlock can be difficult to distinguish from **water parsnip**, a non-toxic plant that grows in similar areas. Producers should avoid baling any plant they cannot confidently identify. If spotted water hemlock is present, the safest option is to **mow around the affected area**.

If hay has already been harvested with suspected spotted water hemlock, NDSU recommends feeding it in a way that allows livestock to pick through the hay rather than grinding or mixing it into rations. Regular scouting and mowing can also help reduce seed production and future spread.

When in doubt, don't bale it. Contact your county NDSU Extension office for help identifying suspected spotted water hemlock.

Source: NDSU Extension and Ag Research News, July 27, 2026.





LIVESTOCK WATER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DROUGHT DISASTER

August 2026

The Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program (Program) provides cost-share assistance to livestock producers with water supply shortages caused by drought.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The livestock operation must be in the specific drought disaster counties, as specified in the Governor's most recent proclamation, or adjacent eligible counties, to qualify for cost-share assistance through the Program. See attached map of eligible counties.

A "livestock producer" means an individual who produces livestock or operates a dairy farm, who normally devotes the major portion of the individual's time to the activities of farming or ranching, and who normally receives not less than 50 percent of the individual's annual gross income from farming or ranching.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to submit to the Department of Water Resources (DWR):

1. A cost-share assistance application;
2. A map and/or aerial photo of the project area showing proposed works; and
3. An estimate of project costs.

The application and additional information are available via the DWR website at www.dwr.nd.gov.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible items include: new water wells, rural water system connections, pipeline extensions, pasture taps, and associated works, labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed to develop new water supply projects.

- Labor and materials paid for on, or after August 18, 2026, are eligible for reimbursement.
- The state will fund the program to the extent funding is available. Priority for funding will be based on earliest date of application received.
- Cost-share assistance may only be used for water supply projects that will provide a long-term and immediate solution to a drought-related water supply shortage.
- All wells drilled with funds provided through this program must be drilled by a North Dakota certified water well contractor.
- The applicant may be reimbursed up to 65 percent, but no more than \$10,000, of the eligible costs of the project. Each producer is eligible for cost-share on up to three projects.
- Cost-share payments made through this program can be considered taxable income. Successful applicants will need to submit IRS Form W-9 upon completion of their projects before program reimbursement can be made.

The following projects are not eligible for funding from the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program.

- Labor and materials purchased prior to August 18, 2026.
- Rehabilitation of an existing well.
- A water supply project on federal or state land.
- A dry hole drilled in an attempt to construct a water well or to locate a water source.
- The construction of stock dams or dugouts.
- The development of springs.
- Projects that require repair or replacement to an existing water source.
- Hours billed for work completed by the applicant, the applicant's family, or their employees.