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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR HAY

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Audubon Wetland Management District, is accepting bids for hay cutting on 10 Waterfowl Production Areas in Sheridan and McLean Counties. Bids must be postmarked or received at the Audubon WMD office no later than the close of business July 29, 2022. Bids will be opened on August 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Audubon WMD office, the public is welcome to attend. Haying permits will be awarded on August 1, 2022.

Visit <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/audubon> for information regarding size and location of hay units available in 2022. For additional information about submitting a bid, contact the Audubon Wetland Management District at 701-442-5474.

**2022 HAYING REGULATIONS
AUDUBON WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

1. You must be a current livestock operator.
2. Haying operations may begin on August 1.
3. Haying operations must be completed by August 21.
4. All bales and equipment must be removed from the WPA by September 30. Failure to remove hay and equipment will result in the loss of future bidding privileges and/or a violation notice with a fine.
5. **Hay harvested from the WPA must be used in your personal livestock operations and cannot be sold, traded, or given away.**
6. You may bid on multiple units. However, you cannot combine units. If you are the successful bidder on more than one unit in which multiple bids are received, you will be limited to one tract of your choice.
7. If you are the sole bidder on more than one unit, you may reject only one area. You will be financially responsible for all other units for which you were the successful bidder.
8. Acreages are approximate and will vary depending on wetland expansion, noxious weeds, rocky areas, rough areas, and equipment capabilities.
9. **All weedy areas within the specified unit must be cut, baled, and the bales removed from the WPA. Exceptions to this are leafy spurge and yellow toadflax. These areas must be cut, but the hay should be left lying.**
10. Vehicle travel to and from the hay areas should be limited to one trail. Do not drive over unmowed areas on the WPA.
11. Any fences or gates which are altered for access must be repaired/replaced to their original condition. Close all gates when bales are removed from the unit.
12. Excessive haying outside the unit boundaries will result in payment of twice the bid price and revocation of future haying privileges.
13. Payment due for hay will be calculated after the haying has been completed. A bill for collection will be sent to you with directions to make payments. **Do not pay until after a bill is received.**
14. Failure to pay bill will result in loss of future bidding privileges, and you will be subject to late fees and/or Collections.
15. In cases where no bids were received for units, applicants that were interested may be contacted after the bid opening.
16. Minimum bids for hay will be \$15.00/acre. This price is determined based on the three year average hay price listed in the "USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service- North Dakota – County Rents and Values." Prices are adjusted due to August 1-21 haying date; reduced protein value, and above normal litter amounts.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF HAY PERMIT AND FORFEITURE OF FUTURE HAY BIDDING PRIVILEGES.

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

If you have any questions on the haying units or regulations, please contact us at this address or phone number with any questions: Audubon Wetland Management District; 3275 11th St NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531 or 701-442-5474

2022 Haying Bid Form

WPA Name: _____

I have read, understand and agree to the regulations, conditions and eligibility requirements for haying and submit this bid accordingly.

HAY BID: (per acre) _____

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

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