

Lower Morse Lake Waterfowl Production Area

Grazing Lease Addenda

2026

1. Grazing will be allowed from April 15 – October 15 for 2026. However, no more than 2 months of grazing will be allowed in individual paddocks.
2. Stocking rate will be 55 Animal Units (AU's) per month. ***The Iowa DNR reserves the right to increase or decrease the stocking rate to reach the desired intensity of grazing.***
3. In reference to #'s 1 and 2: If the grazing period is shortened, or the stocking rate reduced due to no fault of the Operator, the Iowa DNR will recalculate the rental for that year and reduce the rent payment due.
4. The Operator will need to be able to respond to any issues that arise within 15 minutes of report.
5. The Iowa DNR or USFWS will not provide alternative grazing if cattle are removed due to any cause such as overgrazing, drought, etc.
6. The Operator is responsible for all liability arising from the escape or release of the cattle.
7. The Iowa DNR and USFWS assume no liability for loss of equipment, supplies, or cattle; nor is either agency liable for damages caused by cattle.
8. Mineral blocks and/or supplemental water are not desired, but if become necessary, placement must be coordinated with the Iowa DNR.
9. The operator is responsible for removing all posts associated with the grazing fence along the road right of way once grazing is complete. Fence removal can occur within the grazing contract or at the end of the contract. All fence posts must be removed by November 15th 2026. Three staging locations will be available to pile the posts once removed. Posts associated with gates, corner braces or inline braces will not be removed.
10. DNR staff will roll up the fencing wires for each paddock as grazing is complete on each paddock.
11. Operator should refer to the "Special Conditions" portion of the attached U. S. Department of Interior – U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System Commercial Activities Special Use Application and Permit for any further restrictions.

Operator signature and date

IA DNR Land Manager signature and date

Lower Morse Grazing for 55 Animal Units (AU)

Cow/Calf= 1.0 AU (1,000 pound cow)

Spring= April 15 to June 15
Summer = June 15 to August 15
Fall= August 15 to October 15

2026 Grazing Period	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Fall 2026
Paddock	A	B	C
AUM	1.1	0.8	0.8
Total Grass Acres	100	141	136

Total Acres 2026= 377

**Iowa Wetland Management District
Agricultural Bid Sheet**

Instructions:

1. Complete this bid sheet and attach (staple) to the Special Use Permit (SUP) Application with page 1 completed of the SUP Application. If you are the winning bidder you will complete the remaining portions of the Application once the bid is accepted.
2. The bid will be placed with the SUP Application and mailed or turned in to Iowa DNR, 15326 Balsam Ave, Ventura, IA 50482 by 4:00 p.m. on **Feb 13, 2026**.
3. You will need to evaluate the bid solicitation for each unit and the cropping plan for the next year, and place your total bid. This will be your competing bid, and highest bid will be awarded. In the event of a tie bid, the winning bidder will be randomly drawn from the tying bidders. Place NA on any crops you do not want to bid on.

Years 2026	Field #	Acres	Unharvested Amount	Bid Amount
Row Crops				
Small Grains				
Grazing/Paddock	A, B & C	377		\$/AUM
Hay				

*** Paddock stocking rate will be 55 Animal Units (AU's)/month for 2 months.**

Lower Morse Lake WPA
2026 Grazing Plan

2 Months of Grazing per Paddock

55 AU per paddock

Paddock A - April 15- June 15

Paddock B- June 15- August 15

Paddock C- August 15- October 15

Legend

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