

## Sperling Waterfowl Production Area

### Legal Description

Sperling Waterfowl Production Area, Arvada Township, Section 23, T133N, R70W, Logan County, North Dakota

### Proposed Grazing Prescription

AU = Animal Unit

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unit(s)</u>	<u>Grazing Period</u>	<u>Stocking Rate (minimum)</u>	<u>Acres Grazed (approx.)</u>
2021	1	~30 days	40 AU (35 pairs)	55
2022				
2023	1	~30 days	40 AU	55
2024				
2025	1	~30 days	40 AU	55

\*Final permitted grazing periods and stocking rates will be determined through negotiation between the successful permittee and the refuge manager. Willingness to cross-fence may result in reduction of minimum AU required and/or additional grazing days. Not all units will be grazed every year.

### Rental Fees

Fees are charged by the animal unit equivalent (AUE) for the number of days grazed. Rates are set annually and are based on USDA NASS publications and FWS policy. 2021 fees are \$19/animal unit month and \$22/cow-calf pair/month. Animal unit equivalents are calculated as follows:

Mature Cow = 1.0 AU	Cow w/ nursing calf = 1.2 AUE	Bull = 1.5 AUE
Yearling (9-18 mo.) = 0.7 AUE	Mature Sheep = 0.2 AUE	Sheep w/ lamb = 0.3 AUE

### Requirements

Permittee will be responsible for maintenance/repairs of approximately 7,500 feet of fence. The USFWS will supply fencing materials for pre-approved construction and maintenance/repairs. Permittee is responsible for keeping livestock in and following the grazing schedule.

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