Do you want your grass to last forever?

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking landowners interested in placing perpetual conservation easements on wetland and grassland resources throughout eastern SD.

Easement facts:

- **Landowners receive a one- time payment based on the assessed value of the property.**
- **<u>Grassland Easements</u> can be grazed without restriction and hayed after July 15th each year. Grassland easements apply only to surface resources; mineral rights and all other rights are retained by the landowner.**
- **<u>Wetland Easements</u> provide additional payment for wetlands on top of the grassland easement payment, or can be placed on wetlands within cropland. Wetlands under the easement cannot be drained, burned, or filled.**
- **Landowners control property access; you are not required to allow public access to easements for hunting or other purposes.**

To see if your property will qualify for the easement program, please contact the Wetland Management District servicing your county.