



What is ALUS?

ALUS helps producers restore wetlands, reforest, plant windbreaks, install riparian buffers, manage sustainable drainage systems, create pollinator habitat, and establish other environmental stewardship projects on their land.

ALUS provides **per-acre annual payments** to participants to recognize their dedication to managing and maintaining the ALUS projects on their land.

What are ecosystem services?

ALUS helps farmers and ranchers establish and maintain projects that produce ecosystem services, meaning: the essential things produced by healthy ecosystems upon which all living things rely. These include clean air, clean water, flood mitigation, climate adaptation, carbon sequestration, species at risk and pollinator habitat.

What kind of projects does ALUS fund?

Here are a few examples of the kind of projects ALUS funds, with the kind of ecosystem services they provide:

- Expanded riparian buffer zones that provide critical wildlife habitat and improve water quality.
- New, enhanced, or restored wetlands that improve water quality and can protect communities against spring flooding and offset the impact of droughts.
- New, enhanced, or restored native or tame forage that enhances natural grazing, haying options, and critical habitat for species at risk.
- Pollinator hedgerows that provide habitat for native bees which in turn pollinate our agricultural crops and wild plants.
- Many other types of projects as long as they produce valuable ecosystem services.

What kind of incentive payments are available?

| Project Types | Incentive Payments |
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| Projects done on cropland | \$50.00/ac |
| Projects done on pasture/hay land | \$30.00/ac (with management plan) |
| Conversion of cropland to perennial forages | \$30.00/ac (with management plan) |
| Enhanced wetlands larger than 2 acres | \$20.00/ac |
| Enhanced wetlands smaller than 2 acres | \$30.00/ac |
| Enhanced riparian areas | \$20.00/ac |
| Enhanced natural water runs and creeks (excluding crown land) | \$10.00/ac |
| Bluebird boxes | \$5.00/house |
| Hen houses | \$10.00/house |
| Restoration of wetlands | Negotiable – Follow projects done on crop or pastureland payments |

