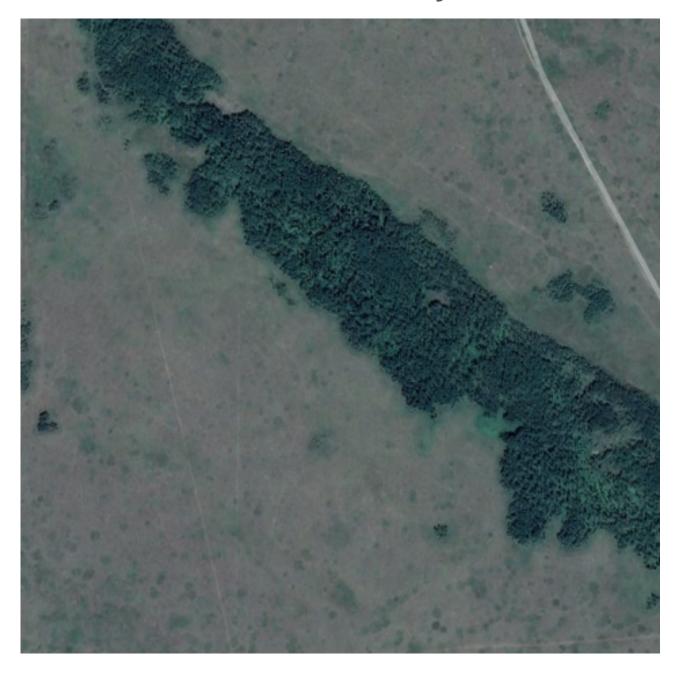
Sample Test Site: Pasture

Land Location: Western Manitoba [SW-8-18-29-W1]

General Habitat and Land Use Description: This quarter section has been managed as a part of a community pasture for over 90 years. The pasture is divided into large paddocks, which are rotationally grazed throughout the season. This and the surrounding quarters consist of native mixed-grass prairie, with areas of relatively young, open-canopied aspen stands. The soils are well-drained coarse sandy loams, dominated by native grasses (e.g. western porcupine grass, little bluestem and blue grama grass), with very low shrub cover. No milkweed (Asclepias spp.) plants are present.



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Sample Test Site: Native Hay

Land Location: Interlake, Manitoba [SW 31-22-13-W1]

General Habitat and Land Use Description: This quarter section is used for recreational and subsistence hunting and has been managed as a WMA for over 45 years. Current agricultural use is restricted to haying of native grasslands. This and the surrounding quarters consist of a mosaic of relatively young aspen interspersed with open grassland, dominated by native grasses (e.g. porcupine grass, poverty oat grass, wheatgrasses) and Kentucky bluegrass. Milkweed (Asclepias spp.) plants are present. This ridge and swale topography has typically welldrained ridges, with surface soils of fine sandy loam. Ridges support aspen woodland, wooded grassland and grasslands. Swales are generally poorly drained depressions and support moist to flooded grassland.





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