

Private Land Stewardship

Why it matters

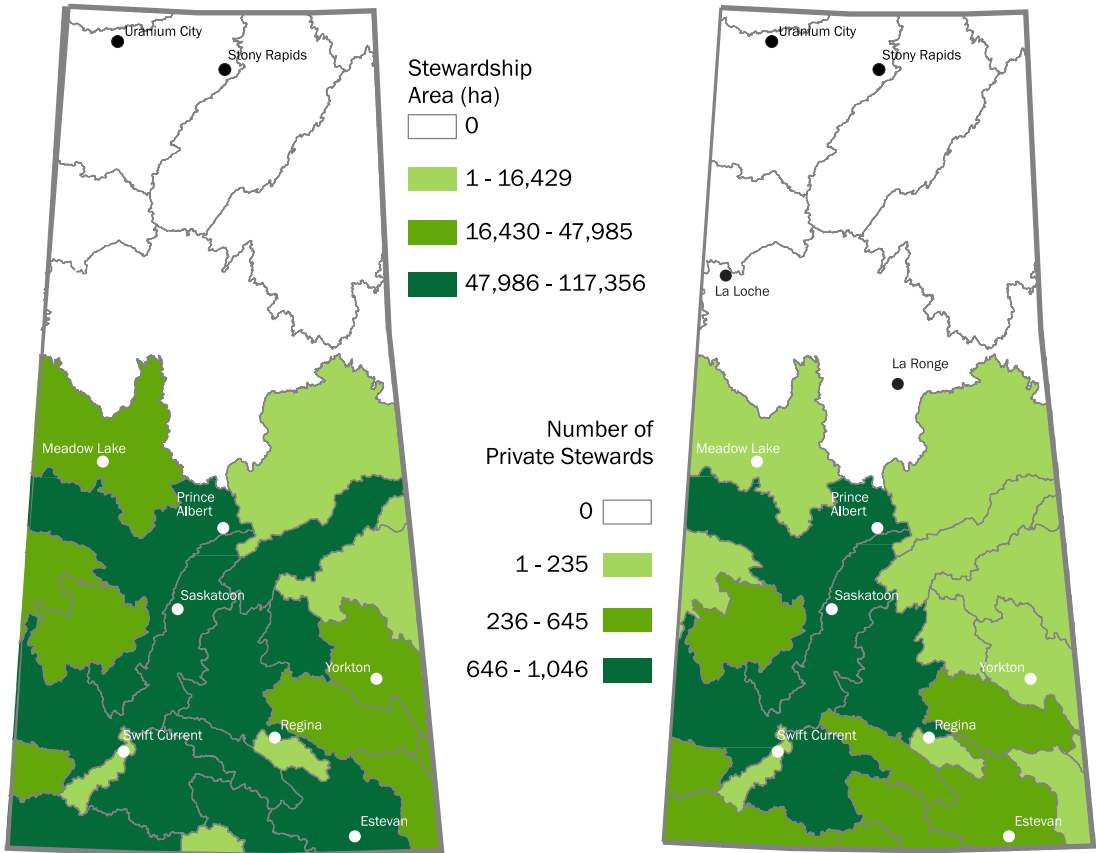
To maintain a sustainable and healthy environment, the Government of Saskatchewan needs help from private conservation organizations. These conservation stewards play an important role in maintaining and conserving natural areas.



What is happening

Private land stewardship in the *State of the Environment* is reported as the number of participants in specific programs managed by the Water Security Agency, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and Ducks Unlimited Canada. Agreements between those agencies and private landowners protect specific habitat and environmental attributes.

The conservation stewards and the hectares covered under conservation agreements are the combined total of the stewards in the Prairie Stewardship Program, the Permanent Cover Programs I and II and the Greencover Canada Program. The Greencover Canada Program also reflects the hectares conserved through conservation steward agreements with conservation steward agreements.



What we are doing

As the Ministry of Environment develops a Crown Land Inventory program for the province, the *State of the Environment* will be updated to reflect a broader range of land stewardship options. The work of partner agencies holding conservation easements on private land and the environmental management of Crown land will be included in this indicator in the future.