



AGRICULTURE OUTLEASE PROGRAM

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ARMY MISSION

Reimbursable agricultural activities are opportunities for planning and managing the landscape to fit the needs of the mission. They shall be conducted in such a manner to support mission operations, support conservation compliance and execute natural resources stewardship.

HISTORY OF LAND MAINTENANCE

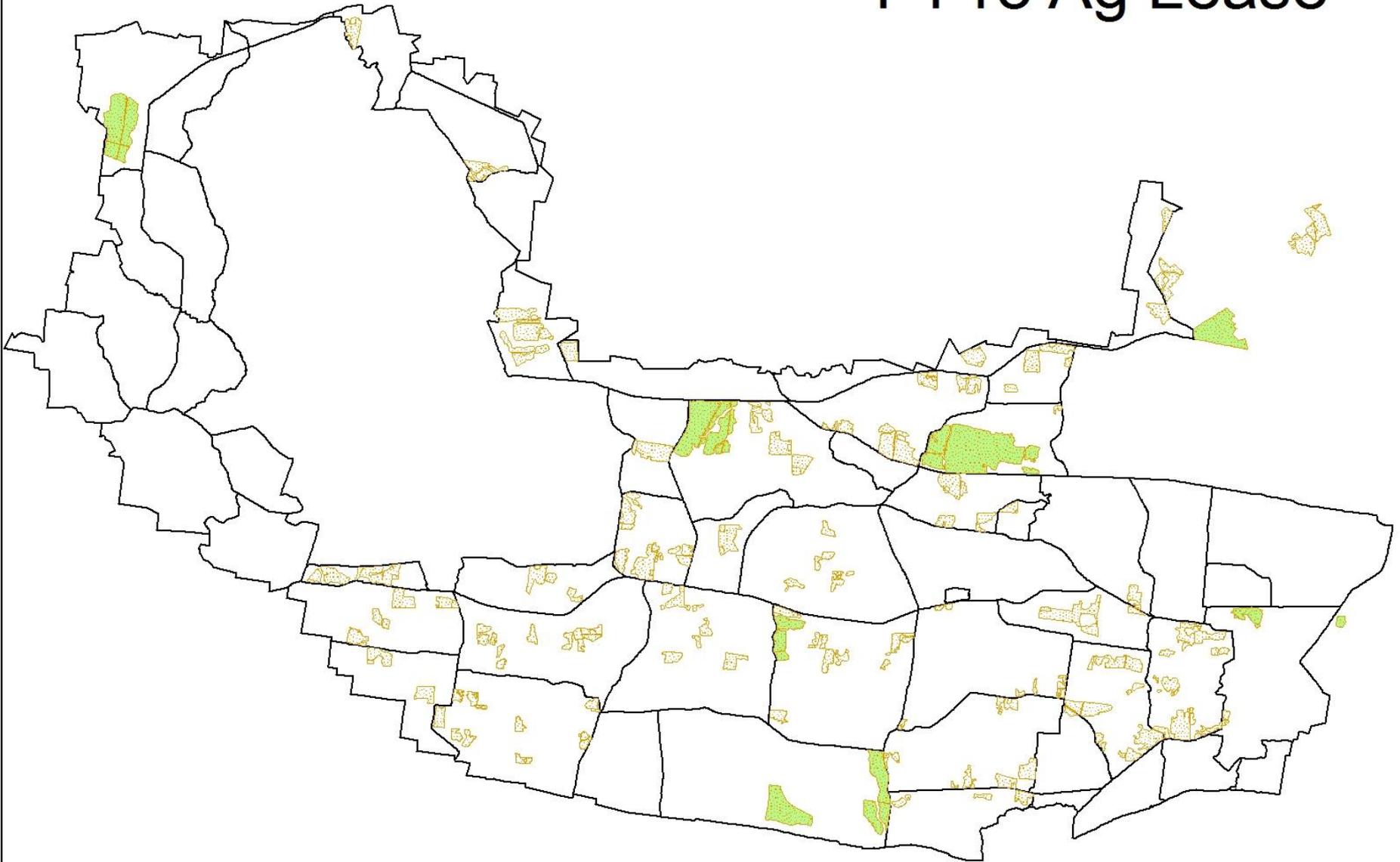
**Due to our moderate climate and fertile soils,
woody vegetative growth was making training
nearly impossible.**

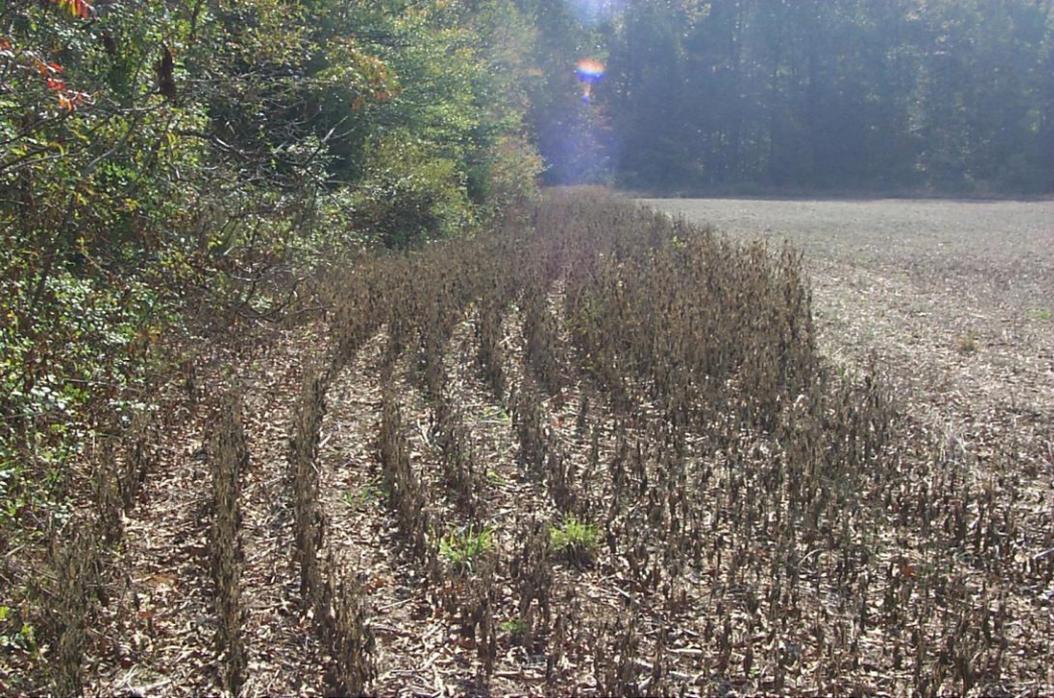
**Ag Outlease Program began in 1965 to clear and
maintain open ground with NO OMA cost.**

PURPOSE

- **Provides diverse training land**
- **Supports control of wildfire danger**
- **Ensures soil, water, and air compliance**
- **Provides wildlife habitats and food source**

FY13 Ag Lease





WILDLIFE

FOOD STRIPS



COST AVOIDANCE

**Program is self sustaining through rental
proceeds ---- FY13 \$385,300**

NO INSTALLATION DOLLARS

Budget FY97 \$90K

Est. cost avoidance FY13 \$600K

Wildlife food strips FY04 \$25K

LESSEE STANDARDS

- **Must crop or mow field annually**
- **Must leave a 15 ft. grassed buffered strip around entire field**
- **Must provide soil test analysis for 1st & 3rd years of lease**
- **Must report pesticide usage annually in accordance with Army Regulation 200-1**

CONSIDERATIONS

Please consider using grassed edges instead of middle of fields.

Please consider wet soil conditions before entering field.

Please consider recovery of all digging operations and removing items from fields. Concertina wire and farm machinery don't mix.

Please consider using open fields whenever possible instead of crop land. Lessees are not compensated for crop damage.

“TA 25 Fighting positions not recovered”



“Troop activity after corn harvest”









**“FIELD
CLEARING”**



MECHANICAL DIG REQUEST AND REVIEW

Today's DATE: _____

~Submit form to ITAM/DOC Office for advisement on training mission with signatures

Requesting Unit: _____ P.O.C: _____

Tel#: _____ Email: _____

Digging Unit: _____ P.O.C: _____

Tel#: _____ Email: _____

Training Area(s) Range(s) requested: _____

Dates Area(s) Requested: _____

8 Digit Grid Coordinate(s) used: _____

Description of Training Event: _____

Requirements: _____

Approximate area(s) disturbed: _____ Sq. Meters (or) _____ Sq. Ft

This training mission will NOT involve digging, berming, or other mechanically assisted digging

This training mission WILL involve the building of earthen force protection (berming), trenching, or other mechanically assisted digging. **Digging Plan Map and Recovery Plan is attached.** Photo map of grid area is available through Range Branch/ ITAM Data Operations Center GIS coordinator and is to accompany this permit.

Recovery Plan will include: _____ **Recovery Date:** _____

1. Filling any trenching or subsurface digging
2. Leveling of berms or above ground earthen structure
3. Police all refuse, wire, field wire from site

Requestor's Signature: _____

Approved Disapproved Date: _____

Reason for disapproval: _____

Permit Signature (1) Required: _____

(ITAM Data Operations Center GIS Coordinator: **Amy J Ording** Ph: 956-1743)

(Range Operations Specialist: **Tamara Henne** Ph: 412-5716)

MECHANICAL DIGGING REQUEST

INSPECTION INFORMATION

INSPECTED BY: _____ DATE: _____

PASSED FAILED

RE-INSPECTED DATE: _____

Rescheduled Recovery Date: _____

****RECOVERY SOP****

1. Requesting Unit is responsible to ensure the dig site is recovered in accordance to SOP and CAM Regulation 385-5
2. All Units digging will ensure that the dig site is located according to the Grid requested. If the requested area is to be changed the Unit will contact the ITAM/DOC office for approval
3. Where digging is being conducted the recovery process requires that the dirt be mounded over the dig site. This allows for the settling which will transpire over a period of time.
4. Where berming is being conducted the recovery process requires that the dirt be leveled and back bladed and all dirt removed from around trees
5. Units will ensure that during either of these processes no trees are cut or removed
6. Units will report any prior dig sites that have not been recovered. Failure to report these will result in the unit being held responsible for the recovery of those sites
7. Unit will police all trash, wire (concertina/commo) and fill in all fighting positions before departing the site
8. Units that cannot recover their dig sites due to inclement weather will reschedule their recovery date with ITAM/DOC. Failure to do so will result in a failed inspection and will be reported higher
9. Clearance from a dig site does not clear the unit from the training area

For any other questions call Firing Desk Operator Ph: 798-3001

RECOVERY INSPECTION