

**571—25.2(427) Definitions.** Before lands will be certified as either “native prairie” or “wildlife habitat” under Iowa Code section 427.1, they must meet the criteria of the following definitions:

“*Native prairie*” is defined as those lands that have never been cultivated, are unimproved, and are natural or restored grasslands wherein at least 50 percent of the plant canopy is a mixture of grass and forb species that were found originally on Iowa’s prairie lands.

“*Wildlife habitat*” is defined as those parcels of agricultural land of two acres or less, composed of native species having adequate ground cover, that are devoted exclusively for use as habitat for wildlife and are protected from all other economic uses of any kind.

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