

**571—21.2(456A) Definitions.**

“*Cash rent*” means an agreed-upon sum of money to be paid to the department.

“*Crop share*” means a sum of money to be paid to the department based upon the value of an agreed-upon portion of the harvested crop at the local market price on the date the crop is harvested.

“*Crop year*” means a one-year period terminating each February 28.

“*Department*” means the department of natural resources.

“*Director*” means the director of the department of natural resources or a designee.

“*Land manager*” means the department employee or authorized agent responsible for managing a particular area under department jurisdiction.

“*Lease*” means the written form used to enter into an agreement whereby an operator is authorized to engage in farming operations on land under the jurisdiction of the department according to stated terms and conditions.

“*Operator*” means any party who enters into a lease with the department as provided in these rules.

“*Program*” means the lease to beginning farmers program as provided in Iowa Code section 456A.38.

“*Sovereign land*” means state-owned land within the ordinary high-water mark of meandered rivers and lakes where ownership was transferred directly from the United States to the state of Iowa upon its admission to the union.

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