



# Cass County

## Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program



### NESTING COVER PROGRAM

**Disking/Legume Upgrades** \$15 per acre  
Provide the "Best Legume Mix" seed free of cost and a one time payment for the cost of disking and interseeding the legume mix in existing grass stands (CRP fields are eligible). Existing cover must be thoroughly disked with at least two passes to a depth of 3 to 6 inches to qualify.

**Establishing Grasses** \$75 per acre  
Provide a cost share to establish wildlife grass mixtures for a 5 year contract. The established cover must remain undisturbed year round for the 5 year contract. Cost share may be applied to seed, drill rental, and site preparation.

**Buffer Strips & Grass Waterways** \$30 per acre  
Provide grass seed through Pheasants Forever and a one-time payment to establish native grasses in waterways. Also eligible are grass plantings for buffer and filter strips. Payments are offset by any USDA cost share payments.

**No-till Drill Rental** \$ 7.00 per acre for PF Members  
\$17.00 per acre for non-members  
A 7 foot Great Plains no-till grass drill is available for rent to establish wildlife habitat. Contact Bill Lefler at 402-234-5099 to reserve the drill. Minimum rental fee of \$50, deposit of \$100 required.

**Grass, Legume & Wildflower Seed**  
Pheasants Forever can supply all your grass and legume seed needs at the best prices available. Contact the chapter for a current price list and information on how to order seed or go to [www.NebraskaPF.com](http://www.NebraskaPF.com)

### WINDBREAKS & SHELTERBELTS

**Planting Shrubs** 50% Cost Share  
Pay up to 50% of the cooperators cost to plant shrubs. Cost share is applicable to shrubs, planting costs, weed control and fabric weed barrier. Projects must be a reasonable distance from buildings.

### EXISTING HABITAT PROGRAM

**Fencing Habitat** \$.25 per foot  
Cost share materials to fence out quality habitat areas with a 3 wire fence. Projects must be pre-approved by the habitat committee.

### FOOD & WINTER COVER PLOTS

**Pheasants Forever Mix** \$30 per acre  
Provide landowners a special mixture and cost-share the planting of plots. Food/cover plots must remain undisturbed until March 1st. Location of the food/cover plot must be pre-approved by the habitat committee.

### OTHER HABITAT PROJECTS

The Cass County PF Chapter is open to all habitat development ideas. Landowners are not limited to the practices listed on this sheet. Please contact a habitat committee member with your ideas for a project.

### PROJECT PAYMENTS

Landowner project payments are made in two stages: 50% upon project approval and 50% on the anniversary date of when the project was planted or the term of the contract. All projects will be inspected prior to funds being distributed.

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**All applications are subject to approval by the Cass County PF Habitat Committee and require a signed habitat project agreement form**

~ Maximum contribution to any individual in one year is \$750.00 ~



# Wildlife Habitat Application

Mail to: Bill Lefler  
13604 Hwy 50  
Louisville, NE 68037  
402-234-5099

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Seed Wanted: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Each project receiving funds is required to be posted with a Pheasants Forever habitat project sign.
- The Cass County PF Chapter has absolutely **NO** input or rules for landowners or tenants regarding hunting rights. All rights and decisions are left with the landowner and tenant.
- Landowners enrolled in USDA conservation programs are eligible, however, PF cost-share and USDA cost-share shall not exceed 100% of actual costs.
- Please attach an aerial photograph of the site (available at USDA Service Center).

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**CASS COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER  
HABITAT COMMITTEE**

Bill Lefler - Chairman