



Cedar River Ringnecks

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program

Serving Greeley and Wheeler Counties



NESTING COVER PROGRAM

Disking/Legume Upgrades \$25 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 in year 1
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. Rental payments are \$30 per acre for years 2 thru 5 of the contract. Cost share may be applied to seed, drill rental, site preparation and land rental payments.

Buffer Strips & Grass Waterways \$50 per acre
Provide grass seed through Pheasants Forever and a one-time payment to establish 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 \$10 per acre for PF Members
\$20 per acre for non-members
A ten foot Great Plains no-till grass drill is available for rent to establish wildlife habitat. Contact Dennis Stromp at 308-428-2035 to reserve the drill. Minimum rental fee of \$50, deposit of \$100 required.

SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The chapter will pay up to \$250 for habitat projects as a demonstration area or club project. Eligible projects include 4-H, FFA, Boy or Girl Scouts, Science Clubs, etc. Contact a chapter officer for more information.

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.

WINDBREAKS & SHELTERBELTS

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

EXISTING HABITAT PROGRAM

Fencing Habitat \$.35 per foot
Cost share for new materials to fence out quality habitat areas with a 3 wire fence. Projects must be pre-approved by the committee.

Preserve Existing Habitat \$30 per acre
Provide a rental payment to preserve and enhance existing habitat. Cattle must be excluded from the habitat year-round. Projects must be pre-approved by the habitat committee.

Prescribed Burns 50% Cost Share
Provide a cost share to the landowner or make appropriate contribution to the local fire department if they assisted in a burn to improve wildlife habitat. (Example: CRP fields, creek bottoms, wetlands, etc.).

FOOD & WINTER COVER PLOTS

Pheasants Forever Mix \$50 per acre
\$75 per acre if in or adjacent to CRP
Provide landowners a special mixture and cost-share for the planting of a successful food plot - use of a fertilizer may be necessary. Food/cover plots must remain undisturbed until April 1st of each year. Location of the food/cover plot must be pre-approved by the habitat committee.

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

Wildlife Habitat Application

Mail To: **Dennis Stromp**
RT 1 Box 69A
Greeley, NE 68842

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Project Idea: _____

Type of Seed Wanted: _____

Each project receiving funding is required to be posted with a Pheasants Forever habitat project sign (signs will be furnished).

The Cedar River Ringnecks chapter has absolutely no input or rules for landowners or tenants regarding hunting rights. All rights and decisions are left with the landowner and tenants.

Please attach an aerial photograph of the site which can be obtained at the FSA office. Mark the location of the project on the photo if possible.

~ All applications must be approved by the habitat committee ~

Cedar River Ringnecks Pheasants Forever Habitat Committee

Dennis Stromp.....428-2035

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All applications are subject to approval by the Cedar River Ringnecks PF Habitat Committee and require a signed habitat project agreement form