



Loup/Platte Ringnecks

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program
Serving Hall and Howard Counties



NESTING COVER PROGRAM

Disking/Legume Upgrades \$15 per acre \$250 Max
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 \$50 per acre \$350 Max
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 \$25 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 \$35 per acre \$350 Max
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
 \$16 per acre for non-members
A seven foot Great Plains no-till grass drill is available for rent to establish wildlife habitat. Contact the Aurora Coop Elevator (Grand Island) at 308-382-3030 to reserve the drill. 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.

WINDBREAKS & SHELTERBELTS

Planting Trees & Shrubs 50% \$500 Max
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.

FENCING EXISTING COVER

Fencing Habitat \$.20 per foot \$300 Max
Cost share the materials to fence out quality habitat areas with a 3 strand fence. Projects must be pre-approved by the habitat committee.

FOOD & WINTER COVER PLOTS

Pheasants Forever Mix \$30 per acre \$150 Max
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.

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 Loup/Platte Ringnecks 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: Mike Gehman
4356 West Capital Avenue
Grand Island, NE 68803

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Project Idea: _____

Type of Seed Wanted: _____

Each project receiving funding is required to be posted with a Pheasants Forever habitat project sign

The Loup/Platte 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.

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Loup/Platte Ringnecks Pheasants Forever Habitat Committee

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