



Niobrara Sportsman

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program

Serving Sheridan and Cherry Counties



NESTING COVER PROGRAM

Disking/Legume Upgrades \$40 per acre \$200 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.

Buffer Strips & Grass Waterways \$25 per acre \$200 Max
 Provide free grass seed and a one-time payment to establish switchgrass in waterways. Also eligible are grass plantings for buffer and filter strips.

Retain Nesting Cover \$40 per acre \$200 Max
 Leave the first cutting of alfalfa unmowed until July 15. Unmowed portion must be 100-125 feet wide along the field perimeter.

No-till Drill Rental \$5 per acre for PF Members
 \$15 per acre for non-members
 \$20 minimum charge

A 7 foot Great Plains no-till grass drill is available for rent to establish wild-life habitat. Contact Marv Palmer at 21st Century Equipment (308) 282-0665 to reserve the drill.

Nesting Cover Establishment \$40 per acre \$200 Max
 Planting alfalfa or other legume and wildflower mixtures that remains undisturbed throughout nesting season (April 1 - July 31).

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WINDBREAKS AND SHELTERBELTS

Planting Trees & Shrubs \$200 Max
 \$.20 per tree or \$1.00 per tree w/ fabric weed barrier
 Cost share is applicable to trees, shrubs, planting costs, weed control and fabric weed barrier. Applicants encouraged to plant a minimum of four rows of trees and shrubs.

FENCING EXISTING COVER

Fencing Nesting Habitat
 Cost share the materials to fence out quality nesting habitat with a 3 strand fence. Projects must be pre-approved by the habitat committee. \$200 Max

FOOD & WINTER COVER PLOTS

Pheasants Forever Mix \$20 per acre \$200 Max
 Provide winter cover food plot mix or other annual food crop (corn, sorghum, etc.). Food/cover plots must remain undisturbed until April 1st. Seed available while supplies last.

PROJECT PAYMENTS

All projects will be inspected prior to funds being distributed. Land-owner project payment will be made when project is completed and inspected by habitat committee.

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.

All applications are subject to approval by the Niobrara Sportsman PF Habitat Committee and require a signed habitat project agreement form

~ Maximum contribution to any individual in one year is \$200.00 ~

Subject to change based on amount of habitat funds available.

Wildlife Habitat Application

Mail To: Heath Packett
PO Box 252
Gordon, NE 69343

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Project Idea: _____

Type of Seed Wanted: _____

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

The Niobrara Sportsman chapter has absolutely no input or rules for landowner 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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Niobrara Sportsman Habitat Committee

Heath Packett

308-282-2553