



Niobrara Valley

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program Serving Holt County



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
Undisturbed nesting cover is critical for successful pheasant production. Pheasants Forever will cost-share certain types of grass seed on plots less than 15 acres. Mowing, grazing, haying or burning of established stand would be prohibited.

No-till Drill Rental \$7 / acre if seed is bought from NRD
\$12 / acre if seed is not bought at NRD
A ten foot Great Plains no-till grass drill is available for rent to establish wildlife habitat. Contact Duane Filsinger at 402-775-2343 to reserve the drill.

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 75% Cost Share
Cost share materials to fence out quality habitat areas with a 3 wire fence. Projects must be pre-approved by the habitat committee.

Preserve Existing Habitat \$25 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.

FOOD & WINTER COVER PLOTS

Pivot Corner Plots \$30 per acre
CRP Plots \$40 per acre
Chapter will cost-share for food plots in pivot corner (maximum 5 acres) or unharvested grain crops near suitable winter cover (no harvesting or grazing). The chapters will also cost-share for food plots in CRP (maximum acres).

Free Grain & Forage Sorghum
Free grain and forage sorghum is available to landowners who wish to establish food plots or a combination of food and cover.

OTHER HABITAT PROJECTS

The Niobrara Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever 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 habitat project.

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

- Maximum contribution to any individual in one year is \$300.00 -

Wildlife Habitat Application

Mail To: **John Vogel**
206 S Tuller Street
Atkinson, NE 68713

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Project Idea: _____

Type of Seed Wanted: _____

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

The Niobrara Valley 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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Antelope Valley Pheasants Forever Habitat Committee

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