



Sandhills

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program
Serving Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, & Cherry Counties



NESTING COVER PROGRAM

Disking/Legume Upgrades

Provide the "Best Legume Mix" seed free of cost for 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

Provide seed free of cost to establish wildlife grass mixtures for a 5 year contract. The established cover must remain undisturbed year round for the 5 year contract.

Buffer Strips & Grass Waterways

Provide grass seed through Pheasants Forever 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

\$3 per acre for PF Members
\$6 per acre for non-members

In cooperation with the NRCS a ten foot Great Plains no-till grass drill is available for rent to establish wildlife habitat. To rent the drill, contact Roger Sisson at 402-387-0390. We also have a 3 foot pull behind ATV seed drill. ATV needs to be 500cc or larger in order to pull the seeder. Rent is **\$50 per day for current PF members and \$100 per day for non-members**. There is also a \$100 deposit. To rent the seeder, contact Roger Sisson at 402-387-0390.

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

Chapter will cost-share 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

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

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

Pheasants Forever Mix

Provide landowners a special mixture free of cost for the planting of food/cover 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 when project is completed. All projects will be inspected prior to funds being disbursed.

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All applications are subject to approval by the Sandhills PF Habitat Committee and require a signed habitat project agreement form. All projects must be completed within one year.

- Cost-share Available upon Committee Approval and Submission -

Wildlife Habitat Application

Mail To: **Roger D. Sisson**
546 W South Street
Ainsworth, NE 69210

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Project Idea (including acres): _____

Type of Seed Wanted: _____

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

The Sandhills 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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Sandhills Pheasants Forever Habitat Committee

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