

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Quarterly Partners Report



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Opportunities for Wildlife Habitat—Wetlands in Fremont County

Early this spring, a landowner contacted me with interest in finding out what he could do with a wet area in his field after the snow had melted to create quality wildlife habitat and not have to farm this area. After conducting a site visit, we determined that a shallow water wetland was something he was leaning toward. We discussed financial assistance options and the landowner applied for and was accepted into CRP. He is currently work on the excavating the wetland to meet his objectives as well as NRCS standards and specifications. His next step will be seeding native grasses and wildflowers and/or conducting prescribed fire to encourage the native species to respond. These projects are

always rewarding as I am able to provide technical assistance to producers, so that they can make unproductive cropland acres quality habitat for wildlife which is a win– win for the landowner.



The picture above is the start of the wetland excavation to create the shallow water wetland.. Next the area will be seeded.



This is a picture of the firebreak prior to the upcoming burn this spring for the EQIP contract.



This is a picture of the first treatment for brush control for a EQIP contract.

Quarterly Achievements

- 50 Landowner Contacts
- 9 Site Visits
- 2 Wildlife Plans
- 4 Status Reviews
- 9 Practices Certs
- 2 MCM plans
- 1 Habitat Proposal

Thank you so much for your support Without this partnership, I wouldn't be able to provide assistance to landowners and positively impact conservation in Iowa!

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