

This quarter has been very similar to last quarter. The wetness has continued to create some issues in wetland designs and layout of practices because of the water still present in the fields or three– eight feet of standing water.

I am very optimistic that this wetness will lead to more conservation on these sensitive areas in the future. The office has been getting lots of questions regarding Emergency Wetland Protection Program(EWP). These last few months, I have spent a fair amount of time working with landowners on conservation planning that meets their objectives and addresses their resource concerns. Some of the resource concerns include excessive water. During this quarter, staff have been working on completing the approve EQIP applications by getting them ready for contracting.



This photo illustrates the extent of the excessive water is on the Missouri River bottom after flooding occurred.

Contacts & Conservation Plans

- ◆ Total landowner contacts = 29
- ◆ Site visits with landowners = 7
- ◆ Habitat proposals = 13
- ◆ Outreach events = 3



Thank you to all of our partners!



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Outreach Opportunities

Last quarter, I assisted Mills CCB work with the two Glenwood Envirothon teams that were preparing for the regional contest the next month. We covered some of the national concepts of precision ag and wetlands. They finished in 4th and 5th place at the regional contest.

The photo to the right is of the Glenwood group #1 that place 5th during the contest. This group had a lot of good questions during the training.



The photo to the left is the Glenwood group #2 that placed 4th in the contest which should have a good chance in the future as most are younger classmen

Also during Last quarter, I co-presented at the Iowa Pheasants and Quail Forever State Convention and Expo. The presentation covered quail and deer management. We also discussed planning options landowners could use to evaluate their properties for the work needed to improve wildlife habitat . We cover practices such as: edge feathering, timber stand improvements, pollinator habitat seeding , brush management, and native grass plantings. We compared the necessary habitat types that are required by both species. We also drew the line of comparison that there are a lot of similar habitat needs that over lap for both species.



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Quarter Highlight — Flooding in Fremont & Mills County



Both of these pictures show areas that were inundated with water. These photo's were taken above the Missouri River channel looking east toward the Loess Hills which is approximately 5-7 miles away.



Training/Conference Type	Description
Iowa DNR Meeting	This meeting was a great opportunity to learn about new programs, discuss current programs, and the implementation of common practices such as prescribed fire.
The Wildlife Society Meeting	This training allowed staff to understand the new talk about management, restoration, and programmatic information.

**If anyone wishes to discuss habitat projects or knows others who are interested; please contact me at the information below.*

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