



Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Quarterly Partners' Report



Jake Holt - Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, & Page Counties

April –June 2019

This quarter has been very similar to the two last quarters. The wetness has continued to create issues in wetland designs and layout of practices because of the water still present in the fields. With being that said, things are starting to looking upward as the levee breeches have started to closed to shut the water off.

The office has continued to get a lot of questions regarding Emergency Wetland Protection Program (EWP) along with cover crops on preventive plant acres on the flooded acres on the Missouri River bottom. The office is hopeful that landowners with take this opportunity to improve their soil health on these acres. 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 with landowners on EQIP and CSP to ensure we stay on schedule.



This photo illustrates the diversity of the pollinator seeding. Within in a few weeks the color will start to add to this view as all the forbs will start blooming.

Contacts & Conservation Plans

- ◆ Total landowner contacts = 23
- ◆ Site visits with landowners = 23
- ◆ Habitat proposals = 9
- ◆ Outreach events = 5



Thank you to all of our partners!

Outreach Opportunities

Last quarter, the offices held two pollinator field day in Page and Fremont Counties to discuss CRP sign-up 52 options and rule changes. We also, show ed off a few different pollinator habitat projects and discussed why there was such a need for this type of habitat in Iowa landscape.



The photo to the left is of the Fremont Co field day during the training. There was a lot good discussions among the attendees about the habitat management and the plant diversity present.



The photos to the right and left are from the Page County Pollinator Field Day. The one to right is of Josh Divan, Pheasants Forever Coordinating Wildlife Biologist, showing the length of roots for prairie plants. Some of these w ere planted in the pollinator habitat that we just had visited.





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Quarter Highlight — Flooding in Fremont & Mills County



Both of these pictures show areas that were inundated with water. These photo were taken looking east toward the Loess Hills. The photo above was taken in April and the one below was in late June as the water is starting to recede. They landowners are currently trying to figure out what their conservation options could be.



Training/Conference Type	Description
Missouri River Ecology Coordinating Group (MREG)	This meeting was a great opportunity to learn about new programs, discuss current programs, and the implementation of common practices along the Missouri River.

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

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