



Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Quarterly Partners' Report



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

October – December 2017

This quarter, I have continued to work with landowners on habitat proposals and conservation planning. I have spend quite a bit of time discussing new seeding establishment and maintenance with landowners working on fall seedings. These contacts with landowners have provided a great opportunity to give them the technical assistance and planning they need to be confident that their project is establishing correctly.

I looking forward to the next growing season to enjoy the new habitat that will be establishing across southwest Iowa. Additionally, I assisted the field offices with completing CRP status reviews.

This quarter was also filled with the holiday seasons. I want to take the time to wish everyone the best 2018 we can have! I'm looking forward to the great things we can achieve working together in 2018.



This photo is of a EQIP project currently in progress. The landowner is removing cedar trees off his site in the Loess Hills.

Conservation Practices	Acres Impacted
CP21 Filter Strips	2.00
CP27 & CP28 FWP Wetland & Buffer	11.00
CP33 Quail Buffer	6.21
CP38 Gaining Ground	39.30
CP42 Pollinator Habitat	53.00
Total	111.51

Contacts & Conservation Plans

- ◆ Landowner contacts = 100
- ◆ Total site visits = 38
- ◆ Habitat proposals = 3
- ◆ Conservation plans = 6
- ◆ NRCS seed plan review = 6



Thank you to all our partners!

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This picture is of a tree removal EQIP project in the Loess Hills, Mills County.



The photo to the left is a newly complete CP27, farmable wetlands program, that is filling with water after the first rain.



This photo is of a first year CP42, pollinator habitat, planting that had a diverse seed mixture to benefit pollinators.

Quarter Highlight — 1st year CRP seeding in Fremont County



This photo is from the Fremont County CRP site which was enrolled in the DNR IHAP program. This site will allow public hunting on private land for the next 9 years. This site has two practices: CP9, shallow wetland area for wildlife, and CP42, pollinator habitat, which both provide multiple conservation benefits!

Training/Conference Type	Description
Pasture Condition Score, Pasture Resource Concern and Pasture Inventory Training	This NRCS training was a refresher for conservation planners about pasture health. The training also covered how to interact with landowners to provide assistance in regards to conservation practices that improve pastures.
AgLearn Training	These training were for apprentice conservation planner certification. This information is extremely valuable to learn as we can apply it to deliver better conservation in our areas.

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