

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Quarterly Partners Report



Jason Andersen - Harrison, Pottawattamie, Shelby Counties **July - September 2020**

With the end of the quarter, we in the field offices are breathing a sigh of relief. We had a very busy last few months working through the General and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-ups.

I was able to work on quite a few fun projects (summarized right), but I devoted much of my time to helping train new staff members. I took several days to do one-on-one trainings and I conducted a virtual CRP contracting training. While I wasn't able to get as much work done myself, this paid off in the long run with everyone being better able to address the workload.

Great job everyone!

'Weird' projects for pollinators

It's no secret that I love butterflies. This quarter I had several producers that had very specific goals for butterflies and pollinators, that involved tailored seed mixes and planning strategic interseeding. I look forward to seeing them come to life next year and I will keep you updated!

Marshal Stirtz, Rockstar

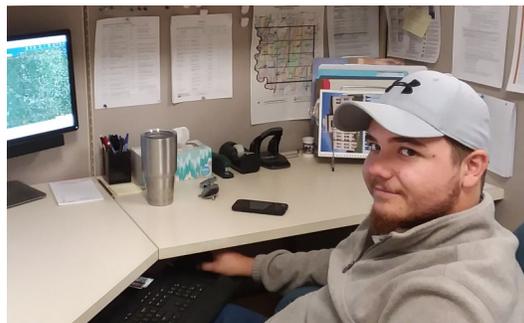
I want to take this opportunity to recognize Marshal Stirtz, Soil Conservationist in Harrison County, for absolutely crushing it during this CRP sign-up. Marshal (pictured right, showing just the right amount of enthusiasm) started in June and hit the ground running with CRP and Conservation Desktop. Top shelf work Marshal! Also, I want to give a shout out to Luke Zaiger and Cindy Dobrovlny for helping in Harrison County. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Quarterly Achievements	
79 Landowner contacts	34 Habitat projects
51 Site visits	4 Outreach events

CRP Practice Acres Impacted	
Practice number (Description)	Acres
CP1 (Introduced grass)	54.49
CP4D (Permanent wildlife habitat)	141.33
CP12 (Food plot)	6.06
CP21 (Filter strip)	12.95
CP22 (Riparian corridor)	1.16
CP25 (Rare and declining habitat)	260.08
CP33 (Upland bird habitat buffer)	8.01
CP38E (Gaining ground for wildlife)	161.20
CP42 (Pollinator habitat)	18.01
CP43 (Prairie strips)	18.52
CP90 (Soil Health and Income Protection Program)	29.61
Total	711.42



Obligatory butterfly pictures from the field: (Left) Clouded Sulphur on swamp milkweed in Pottawattamie County and (Right) Painted Ladies on prairie blazingstar in Harrison County.



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