

Focus on Pheasants

Why is Game and Parks at a Sorghum Seminar?

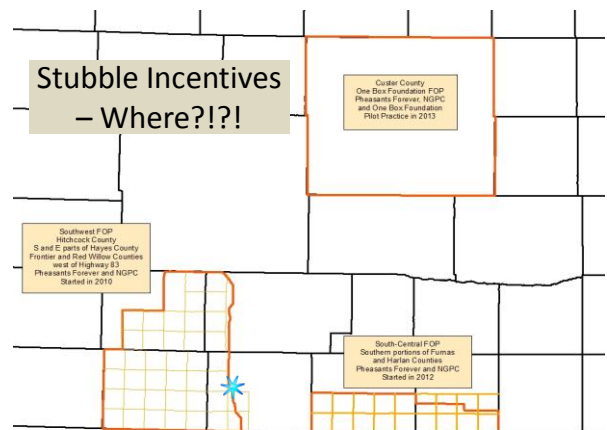


Focus on Pheasants Management Practices

- We are offering landowners a variety of incentives to try to increase pheasant populations in portions of Nebraska. Some of which include:
- CRP – sign up bonuses, MCM incentives, re-enrollment management incentives.
- Non-CRP grassland – management incentives
- Rangeland – grazing deferment, prescribed fire
- Access payments – for public hunting access
- **Stubble incentives on Wheat and Milo**

Stubble Incentives – WHY?

- Research has shown that pheasants use tall stubble more than they use shorter stubble. Stubble over 14" tall is preferred. Taller is better. Also good cover for bobwhites.
- Currently paying landowners to leave their wheat and/or milo stubble 14" or taller (on average) and in place through April 1st of the following year (provides safe feeding, loafing and in some cases even roosting cover)
- Also provides many agricultural benefits.
- We allow spraying for weeds with reasonable amounts of disturbance to stubble.
- **\$15.00/acre if requirements are met! (320 acre max/landowner for up to two years for each stubble type)**
- Additional \$3.00/acre if public access is allowed.



Enrollment Scenario 1

80 acres of Milo = \$1,200.00

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Enrollment Scenario 2

320 acres of W FOP=\$4,800.00
OFW=\$960.00
Total=\$5,760.00

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2012 SW-FOP Enrollments

- 7,551.91 acres WSI – 44 contracts.
- 937.81 acres MSI - 9 contracts
- 1,112.4 acres CRP Sign-Up Incentive – 12 contracts
- 2,934.24 acres CRP MCM/Establishment –25 contracts
- 298.2 acres rangeland deferment – 2 contracts
- 21.9 acres ESHM – 2 contracts
- 4 contracts with Shrub Thicket Establishments
- 2,622.03 acres OFW Small Grain

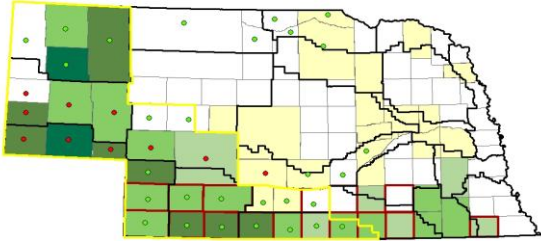


Tall Stubble Stats

- 17,286 total acres tall wheat stubble (~\$260,000 paid)
- 4,598.7 total acres tall milo stubble (~\$70,000 paid)

We want you involved!

Future Stubble Incentives Expansion?



Key to map:
Dots - green = fully appropriated, red = over appropriated
Shading (yellow to dark green) darker = more acres of wheat in 2011
Brick red outline - at least some milo grown in 2011

Have submitted an NETF Grant Application that would expand the stubble incentives to include the yellow outlined areas above. The Sorghum Board, Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Wheatgrowers, Wheat Board, eight Natural Resources Districts, Pheasants Forever and UNL Extension are all partners on the grant!

Questions? – Now or at our booth later!
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A collage of four photographs. Top-left: A black dog standing in a field of tall, dry grass. Top-right: A wide shot of a field of tall, golden-brown grass under a clear sky. Bottom-left: A person standing in a field of harvested crops. Bottom-right: A group of people, including children and adults, standing around the back of a red pickup truck. A sign is visible on the truck that reads "Pheasants Forever".