

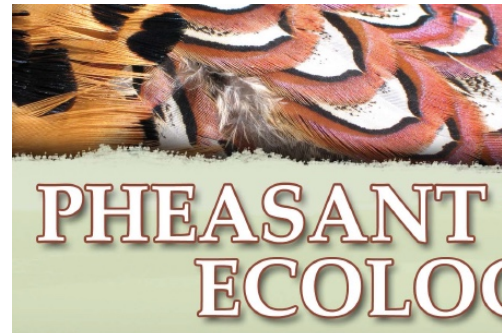


HABITAT AND HOW YOU ARE PART OF IT ...



LANDOWNERS & FARMERS HABITAT UPDATE FROM BROWN COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER

The newsletter is to help keep landowners & farmers updated on the many activities and programs that are being offered by Farm Services Agency (FSA), Brown County Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD), US Fish & Game and other partners in habitat. We will try and detail some brief updated programs for you to consider when you review your lands and options you may have.



BUILD A WILDLIFE AREA

If you are interested in donating monies to Pheasants Forever these funds will get put to good use in the "Build A Wildlife Area" programs. Check out <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/Habitat/Build-a-Wildlife-Area.aspx> to see how the use of funds has created many new public wildlife areas.

FOOD PLOT & NATIVE SEED

You can purchase both CRP, pollinator and food plot seed directly from Pheasants Forever to match any of the active CRP and CREP programs listed in this Newsletter. Check out <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/Habitat/StateSeed.aspx> to see the details of the many seed offering that are made for

CONTINUOUS CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CCRP) SIGN-UP

Starting June 3, 2019 a continuous CRP signup started targeting wet areas in your fields or marginal drown out areas, buffers, and grassed waterways. Both re-enrollments and new land is eligible for this sign up so stop into the USDA office asap as this signup is on a first come first serve basis. Your best contact is to reach out to Ethan Boertje our local Pheasants Forever Habitat Biologist at (507) 794-4491 (Ext. 110) or email him at eboertje@pheasantsforever.org. He will be happy to answer any of your questions.

CRP offered practices (**relevant to our area of Brown County – not an exhaustive list**)

- CP8A – Grass Waterway
- CP21 – Filter Strip
- CP22 – Riparian Buffer
- CP23 – Wetland Restoration – Floodplain
- CP23A – Wetland Restoration – Non-floodplain
- CP27 – Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland
- CP28 – Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer

To be eligible for CRP the land requires a cropping history of 4 out of 6 years from 2012 through 2017. For more information see <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/crp-continuous-enrollment/index>.

BROWN COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **FOUNDED 32 YEARS AGO and OVER \$3 MILLION RAISED in Brown County.**
- **OVER 300 HABITAT PROJECTS completed.**
- **OVER 3000 ACRES PRESERVED for PUBLIC Hunting.**
- **PARTICIPATED in OVER 2000 ACRES in land ACQUISITIONS in Brown County.**
- **HOSTS ANNUAL MENTORED YOUTH HUNTS with more than 50 KIDS PARTIPATING.**
- **SUPPORT our LOCAL TRAP SHOOTING TEAMS.**

As well we encourage members to renew their PF Membership at <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/Membership.aspx>. We use the monies for habitat, conservation and supporting hunting. Please remember when renewing your membership to select Brown County as your chapter.

Lastly, please follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/browncountymnpheasantsforever/> and signup on our website for periodic electronics updates at <http://www.browncountypf.org/contact/>. We will be limiting future postal service mailings. We need your email address.

your program. As well if you purchase seed from Pheasants Forever, part of the purchase monies go towards Pheasants Forever conservation programs.

GENERAL CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) SIGN-UP

Sometime late in 2019 the USDA has been talking about opening a general CRP signup period. This signup will target more of the upland and sandy hill areas in your cropland and is structured differently than the continuous signup being on a ranking system rather than first come first serve. As we learn more, we will send an update and post it to the Brown County Pheasants Forever website at <http://www.browncountypf.org/habitat/>.

Thanks for your support.

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