

# Corners For Wildlife



Corners For Wildlife gives landowners the option of enrolling in a program to help establish wildlife habitat on center pivot corners not capable of sustaining high yields when planted to row crops. Pivot corners already containing wildlife habitat are not eligible for the program as the object of the program is to establish new wildlife habitat.

## **Cover Practice #1**

Landowners will select from a variety of grass seed mixtures. This cover practice will be seeded by May 15th Of the first year of the contract. Yearly rental payment is a maximum of \$40.00 per acre.

## **Cover Practice #2**

Landowners adding 400 or more trees/shrubs to cover practice #1 will receive a rental payment of a maximum of \$75.00 per acre. A 75% cost-share rate is available for the 400+ trees/shrubs and planting, which will be Completed by NRD personnel by May 15th. Landowners can choose from among cedar/juniper trees and a Wide variety of wildlife shrubs.

## **Project Payments:**

Projects will be inspected at least one-time per year to ensure compliance with project requirements. Following Project inspection, rental payments will be made in five payments on the anniversary date of the planting and Establishment of the project (Planting in May 2007 will mean payment #1 is made May 2008).

## **Project Requirements:**

1. Project material costs (grass seed, trees and shrubs) are cost-shared at a rate of 75% by Pheasants Forever. Fabric weed barrier for tree plantings is cost-shared at a rate of 50% by Pheasants Forever. When 400 or more Trees and shrubs are planted per corner, tree planting cost are shared at a rate of 100% by the participating NRD. Landowners agree to pay 25% of material costs and 50% of the fabric weed barrier costs.
2. To receive cost-share assistance, grass seed must be supplied by Pheasants Forever.
3. Landowners are responsible for site or ground preparation and planting of the grass seed.
4. Cover practices must be maintained for 5 years and may not be grazed, hayed or mowed.
5. Two "Corners For Wildlife" signs are required to be posted on each project.
6. Landowners are responsible for performing either mechanical, or chemical weed control of tree plantings 2 times per year for 5 years unless fabric weed barrier is applied to tree plantings.
7. Violation of contract requirements results in forfeiture of past and future rental payments and reimbursement of all cost-shared funds for grass seed, trees, shrubs, project signs, planting charges and fabric weed barrier.

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**Landowner Signature and Date**

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**NRD Representative Signature and Date**

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**Pheasants Forever Signature and Date**