

## CORNERS FOR WILDLIFE

A program unique to Nebraska this partnership with Pheasants Forever gives landowners the opportunity to establish permanent wildlife habitat on pivot corners.

Landowners enrolling in this program receive: 75% cost share assistance from Pheasants Forever for the cost of grass seed and trees, 50% cost share assistance for the cost of weed barrier, and a 5-year rental payment of up to \$75/acre, depending on the cover practice selected.

**Cover practice #1:** Landowners will select from a variety of grass seed mixtures. This cover practice will be seeded by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the first year of the contract. The yearly rental payment is \$60/acre.

**Cover practice #2:** Landowners add 400 or more shrubs to cover practice #1 on each corner. The yearly rental payment is \$75/acre.

**Cover practice #3:** Landowners can plant corners to thickets. Using shrubs and planting 2'x 2' spacing. You are required to get two thickets in each corner. Each thicket will consist of 267 shrubs. NO Weed Barrier would be used on this project. The yearly rental payment is \$100/acre.

The NRD plants the trees and lays the weed barrier at no charge to the landowner.

Grass seed must be supplied by Pheasants Forever.

Landowners are responsible for site or ground preparation and planting of the seed.

Cover practices must be maintained for 5 years and may *not* be grazed, hayed or mowed.

Two "Corners For Wildlife" signs are required to be posted on each project.

Landowners are responsible for performing either mechanical or chemical weed control of tree plantings 3 times per year for 5 years unless fabric weed barrier is applied to tree plantings.

Violation of contract requirements will result in the forfeiture of rental payment funds and reimbursement of all cost shared funds for grass seed, trees, shrubs, project signs, planting charges and fabric weed barrier.

You may *not* renew your contract after the 5 years is up.

US Citizenship must accompany application.