



# *BERGGREN PHEASANT PLAN*

## **SOUTHEAST PHEASANT OPPORTUNITY AREA**

Practices and Payment Rates

### **Focus Area Goals**

- ✓ Increase pheasant abundance.
- ✓ Increase hunter access to lands holding pheasants.
- ✓ Demonstrate compatibility with farm and ranch operations.

### **Habitat Establishment Activities**

- ❖ Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous CRP (CCRP), and CRP-Grassland Contracts
  - Incentive payment for planting diverse seed mixtures that provide benefits for upland gamebirds (Upland and wetland practices; \$50.00/acre signing incentive and maximum rate for access agreements; up to \$80.00/acre).
- ❖ Wetland Renovation
  - Incentive payment for all activities associated with wetland renovation (up to 100% of project costs).
- ❖ Other Programs and Practices for Habitat Establishment or Management
  - The Berggren Pheasant Plan can partner with programs, like EQIP, CSP, NSWCP (NRDs), WILD Nebraska (NGPC), local PF and QF programs, and others to further incentivize habitat improvement.
  - Incentive options are based on programs and practices selected.

### **Grassland Management Activities**

- ❖ Mid-Contract Management (MCM) incentives on existing CRP or CCRP (maximum rate for access agreements; up to \$80.00/acre).
- ❖ Prescribed fire (standard rate \$10.00/acre; not to exceed 160 acres).
- ❖ Early successional habitat management on odd areas (\$25.00 to \$60.00/acre; not to exceed 160 acres).
- ❖ Grassland renovation incentive (up to \$125/acre; not to exceed 160 acres).
- ❖ Fire-driven grazing incentive (\$10/acre to burn 1/3 of pasture annually and



\$15/acre to stock cattle at ~1AU/acre: up to 3 years).

- ❖ Tree clearing incentive (Requires 25% landowner contribution; landowner agrees to use prescribed fire; other grazing management modifications possible; CRP-Grassland contracts allowed; up to \$300.00/acre).
- ❖ Grazing Management Infrastructure incentives for patch-burn or rest-rotation grazing techniques (Requires 25% landowner contribution; up to \$2.25/linear foot; watering facilities included; boundary fence included on new pasture [i.e. CRP conversion]).
- ❖ Native shrub thicket establishment in odd areas and non-remnant grassland areas (up to 3 thickets per landowner/year; requires a minimum of 1,500 ft<sup>2</sup> size thicket, fall glyphosate application, tillage, and pre-emergent herbicide; up to \$250.00/thicket).
- ❖ Shrub thicket management incentive (fall glyphosate application or spring pre-emergent herbicide, if appropriate; up to \$10.00/thicket).

## **Wetland Management Activities**

- ❖ All wetland renovation activities on existing wetlands (Tree clearing, sediment removal, pit fills, perennial vegetation control; up to 100% of project costs).
- ❖ Grazing Management Infrastructure (Requires 15% landowner contribution; up to \$2.25/linear foot for fence; boundary fence included on new pasture [i.e. CRP conversion or WRE]; watering facilities included)
- ❖ Pivot Crossing Systems for Renovated Wetlands (Requires 15% landowner contribution)



## **Open Fields and Waters Program – Hunting Access Payments**

- ❖ CRP (Managed: \$10.00/acre; Native Grass: \$8.00/acre; Introduced grass: \$3.00/acre).
- ❖ CRP signing Incentive for new CRP and CCRP allowing hunting access (\$50.00/acre).
- ❖ Wetlands (\$12.00/acre).
- ❖ Tall Milo Stubble (14” stubble height required; Within 1/2 mile of Rainwater Basin Wetland public access areas; \$25.00/pivot corner or \$3.00/acre up to 80 acres).
- ❖ Rangeland and odd areas with adequate residual cover (\$3.00/acre).
- ❖ Roundout acres (cropland, hayed grassland, pasture; \$1.00/acre).
- ❖ Associated Woodland Areas (\$3.00 - \$15.00/acre).