

Corners For Wildlife



Corners For Wildlife provides landowners with the option of enrolling in a program to help establish wildlife habitat on center pivot corners. 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 establish nesting and brood-rearing habitat from a highly diverse PF Biologist designed seed mixture. This cover practice will be **seeded by May 10th** of the first year of the contract. Yearly contract payment is a maximum of \$60 per acre.

Cover Practice #2

Landowners establishing nesting and brood-rearing habitat and adding wildlife shrub thickets will receive a maximum contract payment of \$100 per acre. Number of shrub thickets will be determined by a PF Biologist based on each project size. Typically, 2 thickets per every 7 acres is needed. Grass mixtures are to be **seeded by May 10th** and shrub thickets are to be **established by May 30th** of the first year of the contract.

Project Payments:

Projects will be inspected at least one-time per year to ensure compliance with project requirements. Following project inspection, the first landowner contract payment will be issued after the grass seed is planted. Year two payment will occur in year two, and year three, four and five will occur as one lump sum payment in year three. The contract length will remain the same five years and repayment will be necessary for violations. Payments will be sent directly from Pheasants Forever to the landowner.

Project Requirements:

1. Grass seed mixtures are cost-shared at a rate of 75% by Pheasants Forever. See Program Guidelines for details.
2. Shrub thickets establishment is cost-shared at a rate of 75% by Pheasants Forever. To receive cost share assistance on shrub thicket establishment, a Pheasants Forever approved contractor must be used. Shrub thicket establishment cost share includes the following items: cost of the shrub, planting the shrub, year 1 herbicide application to the thicket, placement of T-post to mark the thicket location and placement of project signs on the site. Shrub thickets not planted by a PF contractor will not receive cost share.
3. Landowners agree to pay 25% of seed and 25% of shrub thicket establishment costs.
4. Landowners are responsible for site or ground preparation as outlined in the CFW Program Guidelines.
5. Landowners are responsible for planting of the grass seed, including all prep, drill rental, and drilling costs.
6. Project must be maintained until the contract end date and may not be grazed, hayed, or mowed.
7. Two Corners For Wildlife signs are required to be posted on each project.
8. Landowners are responsible for performing chemical weed control of shrub thickets and/or trees according to the Program Guidelines.
9. Violation of contract requirements results in forfeiture of past and future contract payments and reimbursement of all cost shared funds for grass seed, shrubs, project signs and planting charges from Pheasants Forever.
10. All Contract and Program Guideline terms are in effect from the date of the landowner signature.