

5. FOOD PLOTS

- 30-foot width – \$25/acre
- 40-foot width – \$35/acre
- 50-foot width – \$45/acre

Minimum size: one-third acre

Maximum size (in one location): one acre (approximately 50 feet x 875 feet)

No more than two food plots per 40-acre tract. Can be part of planted field and left or planted specifically as a food plot. Must use grain sorghum, forage sorghum, millet, or sunflowers. If large hedgerow is next to food plot location, root plowing of hedgerow must precede planting of the food plot. This payment is also available as a habitat practice on WIHA lands and that payment may be earned in addition to the Q.I. (Quail Initiative) payment.

6. SHRUB ESTABLISHMENT

- If no other cost share program is used – 75 cents per shrub.
- “Plow perch” method, in lieu of buying seedlings and planting – 75 cents per lineal foot.

7. LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

- Three-year prescribed range management plan – \$3 per acre per year.
- Maximum acreage is 320 acres per cooperator per year.

8. LIVESTOCK EXCLUSION FROM BORDER OR LINEAR HABITAT SITES

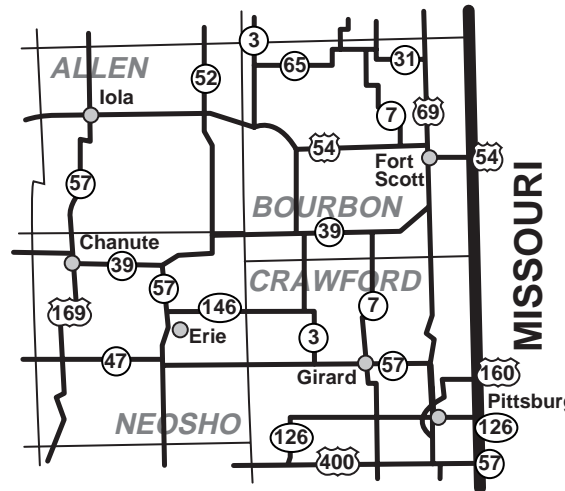
- Exclusion fence – 40 cents per foot. (Contact Wildlife and Parks or NRCS for details.)

9. MEADOW MANAGEMENT

- Prescribed mowing dates and mowing height
- Prescribed burn dates and rotation
- Maximum 320 acres per cooperator
- Three-year contract
- Payment – \$5 per acre

The Southeast Kansas Quail Working Group, which has made this program possible, includes representatives from Kansas Farm Bureau, See-Kan R C & D, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Pittsburg State University, Kansas State Extension Service, Quail Unlimited, private landowners, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Primary funding for these incentives comes from a KDWP project dedicated to this effort. This funding will be supplemented by donations from local and statewide Quail Unlimited chapters, and landowner contributions of labor and planting materials.



General Area Map

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 900 Jackson St., Suite 502, Topeka, KS 66612. 09/02

SOUTHEAST KANSAS



Quail Initiative

LANDOWNER COST-SHARE TO DEVELOP QUAIL HABITAT

This new program, designed to improve quail habitat, will also benefit landowners in Allen, Bourbon, Crawford, and Neosho counties. The Southeast Kansas Quail Working Group (SEK-QWG), in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), is offering up to \$2,000 annually per cooperator as incentive payments or cost-share payments for creating and enhancing habitat beneficial to quail.



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**THE RIGHT TO ALLOW HUNTING
REMAINS WITH THE LANDOWNER**

Habitat improvements eligible for payment:

replacing fescue

establishing prairie vegetation

hedgerow renovation

strip discing

early burning of native grass

establishing food plots or leaving some grain unharvested

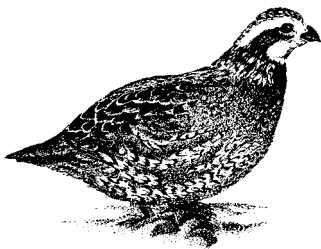
establishment of shrubs

prescribed livestock management

livestock exclusion from borders and odd areas

use of conservation headlands (a narrow field perimeter area left uncultivated and free of pesticides)

meadow management (managing native grass hay meadows to benefit quail while maintaining profitability)



HABITAT COST SHARES AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM 2003

All habitat improvements must be designated in a written quail (wildlife) management plan prepared by the district wildlife biologist for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). Plans may be prepared by private consultants, NRCS or others, but must be approved by KDWP before a contract is initiated.

Maximum payment is \$2,000 per landowner per year.

Accepted Practices, Benefits

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF PRAIRIE

- Converting introduced pasture grasses to native through the use of chemical treatment followed by reseeding - \$80/acre.
- Only seed and seeding on clean tilled or into crop stubble - \$55 per acre.
- Planting wildlife-friendly permanent cover under the Continuous CRP program - \$10 per acre.
- All other lands under contract with USDA (CRP, WRP, WHIP, EQIP, etc.) will not be eligible for this habitat practice

2. DISTURBANCE OF STAGNANT STANDS OF VEGETATION

- Discing strips in existing re-seeded native grass (prairie) vegetation - \$12.50/acre (This cost share is also available on walk-in hunting areas and payment may be earned in

addition to the Quail Initiative payment. If the land to be strip-discing is under a CRP contract, landowner must notify Natural Resources Conservation Office and meet all CRP program requirements.) No more than 20 percent of each field may be discing on non-CRP lands

- Early burning (Nov. 1-Mar. 1) of native warm season grass stands - \$1.50 per acre, maximum of 200 acres per cooperators. Limit 2 years of participation.

3. RENOVATION OF OVER-MATURE HEDGEROWS

- Side trim and pile cut limbs back in hedgerow - \$50 per acre.
- Cutting trees (for posts etc.) but leaving stumps to resprout - \$100 per acre.
- Cutting trees and piling cut tops back onto hedgerow - \$150 per acre.

4. CONSERVATION HEADLANDS

- No mechanical or pesticide control on a 30-foot border of planted fields - \$30 per acre.

Interested landowners should contact the KDWP regional office in Chanute at (620) 431-0380. Information may also be obtained from USDA offices in the targeted counties.