



Habitat Practices and Incentives

Fiscal Year 2021



Grazing Land and Hayland Practices:

Prescribed Burning - \$10/acre. Does not include the cost of installing a firebreak.

Invasive Tree Control - Low Infestation - \$50/acre. Incentive rate includes mechanical clearing, stump spraying, and stacking. Low infestation incentive rate is for treatment of 1-5% canopy cover.

Invasive Tree Control - Medium Infestation - \$100/acre. Incentive rate includes mechanical clearing, stump spraying, and stacking. Medium infestation incentive rate is for treatment of 6-15% canopy cover.

Invasive Tree Control - High Infestation - \$250/acre. Incentive rate includes mechanical clearing, stump spraying, and stacking. High infestation incentive rate is for treatment of >15% canopy cover.

Unharvested Hay Strips - \$50/acre. Leaving strips of native grasses and forbs unharvested to create nesting and brood rearing habitat. Strips should be at least 30' wide.

Herbicide Application - \$18/acre. Can be used for site preparation for tree or shrub planting, cool season grass conversion, controlling invasive or noxious species, or spot spraying brush and trees. Practice also applies to sprayed strips to set back succession to create or improve brood rearing habitat.

Deferred Grazing - \$15/acre. No grazing on rangeland for a period of one year. Period of deferment needs to meet specific habitat objectives.

Prescribed Grazing - \$10/acre. Can be used for patch burn grazing or to meet specific habitat objectives.

Fence - \$1.25/foot. Permanent fence used to exclude livestock from sensitive areas.

Scaled Quail Shelter - \$75/each. Use old wooden fence post, trees, brush or lumber to create teepees that are used by scaled quail in Southwestern Kansas.

Obstruction Removal - \$400/acre. Incentive to remove dead tree piles and other large debris.

Cropland Practices:

Native Grass and Forb Establishment - \$125/acre. Planting a diverse mix of native grass and forbs designed or approved by KDWPT biologist. Incentive includes seed, equipment, and normal site preparation.

Pollinator Planting - \$300/acre. Planting a diverse mix of native forbs designed or approved by KDWPT biologist. Incentive includes seed, equipment, and normal site preparation.

Cover Crop - \$40/acre. Used on cropland for brood rearing habitat or food plots. Incentive limited to 80 acres. KDWPT biologist must approve the mix and termination date. Cover crop may also be used in preparation of native grass and forb establishment.

Tree/Shrub Establishment - \$1.50/each. Planted in rows or shrub thickets. Incentive covers trees/shrubs, and planting. Does not include incentive for site preparation or weed barrier fabric as site prep varies across the state.

Tree Protection Tubes - \$2.50/each. Incentive for installing tubes around hardwood tree plantings for protection.

Weed Barrier Fabric - \$0.45/foot. Incentive for installing fabric to improve tree/shrub success.

Brood Strips - \$60/acre. Strips of cropland left untilled and unsprayed to allow for annual weed growth. Strips will be a minimum of 30' wide and left standing until the following spring.

Brood Strips With Wheat Stubble Height Management - \$65/acre. Same as brood strips, but wheat stubble is cut with a stripper header or is at least 15" tall.

Delayed Spraying - \$25/acre. Delayed spraying on cropland to create brood rearing habitat. May be whole fields or in strips, but should not be sprayed before August 1st.

Delayed Spraying With Wheat Stubble Height Management - \$30/acre. Same as delayed spraying, but wheat stubble is cut with a stripper header or is at least 15" tall.

CRP Practices:

Disking - \$15/acre. Used to create early successional habitat in CRP, odd areas, or hay land. Incentive rate may also apply to site preparation for tree/shrub planting and installing a firebreak.

Multiple Pass Disking - \$25/acre. Disking where more than one pass is needed for land preparation for another practice, firebreak, or disking CRP.

Interseeding Forbs - \$30/acre. Forbs, either native or alfalfa, seeded into range, CRP, odd areas, etc. to create brood rearing habitat, pollinator habitat, and perennial food plots. Practice may also be used to install a permanent firebreak. Incentive covers the cost of seed, planting, and equipment.

Food Plots - \$50/acre. This practice is available for Walk-In-Hunting Access or other public hunting access properties only. Incentive includes seed, equipment, and planting.

Mowing - \$10/acre. Used to set back succession or site preparation for interseeding forbs, tree/shrub establishment, cool season grass conversion, and creating firebreaks.

Wetland Practices:

Wetland Development - \$300/acre. Incentive for creating or enhancing a wetland. Incentive limited to 10 acres. The incentive does not include a native grass buffer planted around the wetland.

Water Control Structure - \$1,500/each. Incentive for various water control structures on wetlands.

Riparian and Forest Practices:

Edge Feathering/Coppicing - \$0.70/linear foot. Using the practice of hinge/half cutting or cutting trees along riparian areas, windbreaks, etc. to provide woody cover at ground level for wildlife.

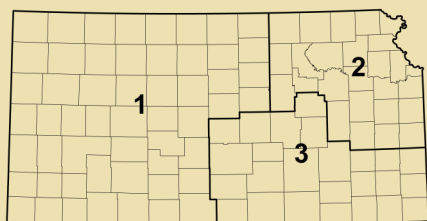
Forest Thinning for Wildlife - \$150/acre. Reducing canopy cover of trees to create forest openings to improve wildlife habitat.

Downed Tree Structure - \$100/each. Trees and brush piled loosely to create covey headquarters for quail. Size of each structure should be approximately 1,500ft².

Reduced incentives may apply if KDWPT employee assists with labor for implementing the habitat practice or pays for seed and other materials associated with the practice.

Reduced incentive rates may apply to lands enrolled in USDA programs.

October 2020



Region 1

1426 Hwy 183 Alt.
PO Box 338
Hays, KS 67601
(785) 628-8614

Region 2

300 SW Wanamaker
Topeka, KS 66606
(785) 273-6740

Region 3

6232 E. 29th St. N
Wichita, KS 67220
(316) 683-8069

