



Kansas Corners for Wildlife



Update: 4/1/2022

Total Acres Enrolled in KS Corners: 852
 Total number of active contracts: 15

2022 Enrollments

Thomas: 224 acres
 Sherman: 70 acres
 Sheridan: 130 acres
 Cheyenne: 141 acres
 Total Acres: 565

Acres to be planted Spring 2022: 341
 Acres to be planted Fall 2022: 224

Funds obligated 1/22-3/22: \$248,410

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| CHEYENNE 141 acres ★ | RAWLINS | DECATUR |
| SHERMAN 70 acres ★ | ★ THOMAS ★ ★ 224 acres ★ | SHERIDAN ★ 130 acres |
| WALLACE | LOGAN | GOVE |

Corners Contracts obligated since 1/2022.

Recent Program Highlights

- Kansas Corners for Wildlife enrollment has grown rapidly as funding, partner support, and delivery capacity has increased.
- We are excited to have 565 new acres to be planted to high quality upland bird habitat and open to public access starting Fall 2022.
- Hayden Outdoors, The Kansas Ringneck Classic, Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks (KDWP), and our local PFQF chapters have recently provided increased support for this program.
- Farm Bill Biologist Emaily Lear has done an excellent job reaching interested landowners and securing enrollments.
- Jim Millensifer, of the Kansas Ringneck Classic, and Darrick Zerr, Hoxie PF Chapter President, have been amazing program advocates.
- KDWP biologists are providing support through WIHA enrollment, and Marina Osier, Kansas State Coordinator, is coordinating additional resources needed to get these projects in the ground. KDWP is also assisting with contractor expenses and is supportive of utilizing our Private Lands Habitat Specialist Partnership to help install future projects.
- Huge kudos to the entire partnership team for all the hard work that has gone into on delivering Corners for Wildlife in Kansas!

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Recent Program Highlights



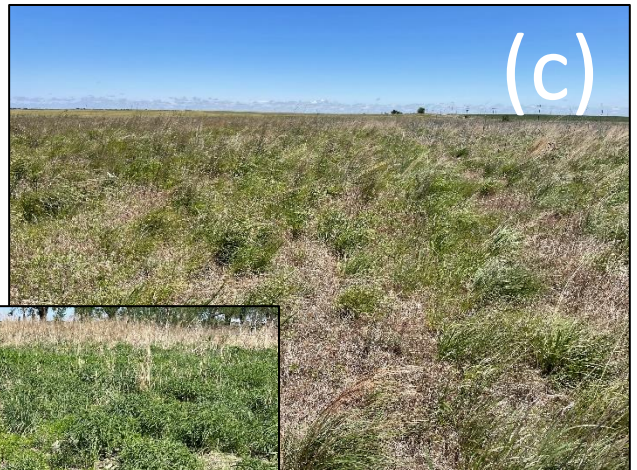
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Above: (a) Illinois bundleflower and sanfoin germinated and are coming in great in the Sherman County planting; (b) grass seedlings in a row in a new Corners planting in Northwest Kansas.

- All of our current funds are obligated.
- Several projects that had good cover and site prep were seeded this spring: 70 acres in Sherman County, 141 acres in Cheyenne, and 130 acres in Sheridan.
- Emaily Lear has been monitoring the projects as they were seeded and is working with landowners to ensure they continue to understand program requirements and answer any questions they have as the projects establish.
- Though we are just starting to get into the first growing season, the planted projects are starting to establish well – see pictures to the left.
- The existing projects in the Upper Arkansas CREP area (planted 2018) are becoming well established. Brady Welch, Emaily Lear, Marina Osier, and Brittany Smith conducted field visits in May to monitor project status.
- The field team is collaborating on stacking Corners with the BIRDS program to improve wildlife and other conservation outcomes where the priority geographies overlap.
- We are looking forward to getting the remaining 224 acres that were signed up in January 2022 in the ground this fall!
- Highlight: Emaily heard quail whistling on the edge of the Sheridan County project!



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(c) Native warm season bunch grass in an established corner; (d) Maximillian sunflower in this established planting. Both plantings are in the Upper Ark CREP area.

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