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Great Plains Native Grass Drill

Native Grass Drill Rental Program

The Clay County S.W.C.D. started a native grass drill rental program in the spring of 2008 to help landowners establish prairie grass on their property. The program helps those individuals who do not have the equipment to establish wildlife habitat.

The native grass drill was purchased by the soil and water conservation district with the assistance of two grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation. The drill was used by over 60 landowners in the county to seed 793 acres of grass. Over 2800 tons of soil were saved by converting cropland to wildlife friendly grasses.