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Quail Buffer Seeding-District Drill



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Established
Quail Buffer Planting

Quail Buffer Seeding Program

Jasper County has been fortunate to enroll over 2100 acres in the Quail Buffer Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) since 2005. The District has implemented a Quail Buffer Seeding Program to help the landowners establish their quail buffer field border acreage.

The program the District offers consists of purchasing the native warm season grasses and forbs required by NRCS and FSA then seeding the acreage for the landowners. Throughout the enrollment and seeding process the District employees provide technical and administrative assistance to the landowner, NRCS and FSA.

The District owns 2 no-till drills equipped to seed the native warm season grass and forbs species. We then rent tractors to pull the drills and hire part-time employees to complete the seeding.

In 2008 this program benefited 750 acres of marginal cropland acres by establishing field borders on over 100 landowners. This not only reduces soil loss by an average of 2 tons per acre annually and improves water quality. It also provides habitat for wildlife specifically the bobwhite quail.

This program will utilize over \$300,000 of federal funds annually over ten years. These funds include annual rental payments, cost-share for establishment and incentive payments.

The Quail Buffer Seeding Program has been successful for both the landowners and the District since 2005. Plans are under way to seed an additional 350 acres in 2009.

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