

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Program

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KDWPT Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Assistance Program

KDWPT has partnered with private landowners to provide technical and financial assistance for wildlife habitat management and development projects since 1973.

- District Wildlife Biologist is responsible for program within district.
- Services are free and no requirement to provide public hunting access.
- Biologist conducts site visit and habitat assessment.
- Landowner receives a written habitat management plan.
- Options for financial assistance. (KDWPT, USDA, USFWS, NGO's)
- Equipment available for use. (native grass drills, tree planters, root plows)
- Funded by hunting and trapping fees.

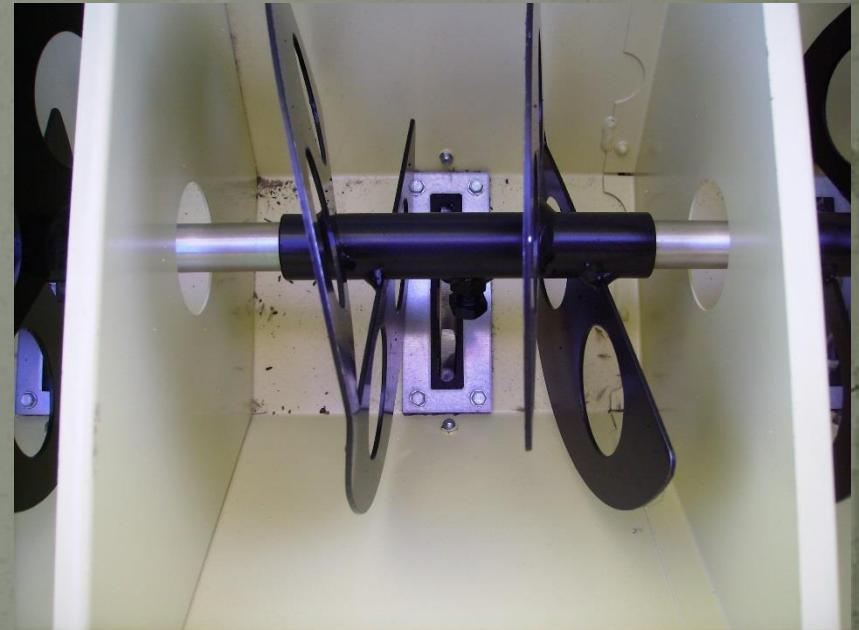
Private Lands Habitat Program Partial Practice List

- ❑ Native Grass/Forb Plantings
- ❑ Cool Season Grass Conversion
- ❑ Invasive Tree Removal
- ❑ Prescribed Grazing
- ❑ Prescribed Burning
- ❑ Cover Crops
- ❑ Pollinator Habitat
- ❑ Wetland Development and Management
- ❑ Light Disking
- ❑ Forb Inter-seeding
- ❑ Woodland Management
- ❑ Tree/Shrub Plantings (riparian buffers, Quail Covey Headquarters)

Native Grass Drills



Truax No-Till Native Grass Drill



Dew Drop ATV Drill

Native Grass/Forb planting (15 ac.)

- Late Feb. 2014, no tilled into corn stubble
- 5 grasses/13 forbs
- 4.02 PLS lbs./acre



July 2014

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Smooth Brome Grass CRP Conversion



Burned Sept. 2012



Herbicide Application Nov. 2012



Planted March 2013

September 2013



Spring 2014





June 2014

Forb/Legume Inter-seeding

- Herbicide Application Sept. 2012
- No till forbs early Jan. 2013
- 28 species
- Hayed June 2013



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Questions?