



Department of Game, Fish and Parks

Wildlife Partners Program

The goal of GFP habitat programs on private land is to help interested producers establish habitat that will enhance survival and reproduction of desired wildlife species.

Food Habitat Plots

- Cooperators must leave crops unharvested through winter.
- \$20 per acre for food plots.
- \$40 per acre if planted on Walk-In Areas (WIA).
- Minimum size is 1 acre; Maximum size is 10 acres.
- Maximum of 10 acres per quarter section.
- Maximum enrollment of 30 acres per landowner.
- Annual enrollment period is March through May.
- Payments are made in **February**.

Contract Life:

The life of the contract for all practices is a period that extends for ten (10) years after planting, except for Food Plots, which extend from planting until April 1st of the following year.

Nesting Cover

- Plantings must be a minimum of 10 acres in size.
- Cost-share is NOT available on CRP or WRP plantings.
- Cooperator will be reimbursed for 100% of the costs they incur for materials and planting.
- Haying or grazing may take place after the fifth year for management.
- One-time payment made upon project completion.

Habitat Fencing

- Intended to protect either existing or new habitat.
- Most projects protect new tree plantings from livestock.
- Cooperators will be reimbursed for 100% of their costs, up to \$1000 per producer.
- One-time payment made upon project completion.

Woody Habitat

- Plantings are designed to provide cover during winter conditions.
- Many wildlife species live on the ground and woody habitat creates cover at ground level.
- Priority will be given to projects at least 8 rows wide and a minimum of 1 acre in size.
- GFP will cost-share 75% of total project costs, up to \$10,000 per tree belt.
- One-time payment made upon project completion.
- All woody cover plantings are subject to approval by GFP.

Producers interested in habitat projects should contact their local GFP office or Wildlife Conservation Officer. Funding for these projects comes entirely from sales of hunting licenses, and producers must agree to allow free and reasonable hunting access. Producers still retain and may regulate all hunting access privileges on enrolled lands. For more information, visit

<http://gfp.sd.gov/>.