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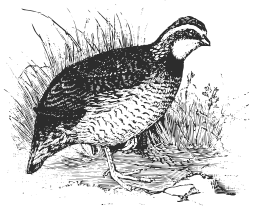

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Program Overview:

BIRDS offers growers a one-time incentive payment to apply targeted conservation practices on their sorghum acres. These incentive payments will be offered **in addition** to any other cost-share or annual payments provided by partner programs into which a grower elects to enroll. Participants will receive technical assistance from the Pheasants Forever Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist to analyze profitability of enrolled fields and identify low-yielding, ROI negative acres. Once this analysis is complete, the PF team will discuss conservation program options available to the grower to implement specific wildlife habitat, soil health, and water conservation practices that fit within their operational goals and also improve profitability. The Pheasants Forever team will assist growers through every step of the conservation program enrollment and practice implementation process.

Improve your ROI with conservation programs.Turn red acres green!

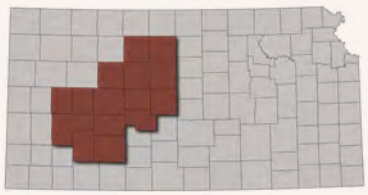
Payment Rates:

- **Whole-field practices: $5/ac** (soil-health crop rotations including sorghum, soil health assessment, reduced tillage, etc.)
- **Cover crops: $15/ac**
- **Edge-of-field practices**: **$25/ac** (perennial cover practices such as field borders, filter strips, playa buffers, pivot corners, etc.)
- **Up to $1000** for adoption of advanced irrigation water management technology.
- BIRDS payments will be offered **in addition** to any conservation program payments received.
- **Up to a max of $1000 total incentive payments available per field enrolled.

Project Area:

BIRDS is open to all irrigated and dryland acres on which sorghum is actively included in the crop rotation within the following counties: Rooks, Osborne, Trego, Ellis, Russell, Scott, Lane, Ness, Rush, Barton, Finney, Hodgeman, Pawnee, Gray, and Ford.

Applications from outside this focal area **are also welcome** and will be approved on a case-by-case basis.



Requirements:

1. Sorghum **must** be included in the rotation on the acres enrolled.
2. Field-level profitability analysis (precision data is not required to complete this analysis) to identify conservation opportunities.
3. Implementation of a new conservation practice on the field enrolled.
4. Growers must allow ongoing monitoring data collection from the enrolled field(s) for **3 years**. Data will only be collected from enrolled fields and will not be shared publicly.

Eligible Partner Programs:

USDA: CRP, EQIP, CSP, ACEP-WRE
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks: Habitat First, WIHA/VPA-HIP
KDA - Division of Conservation & Division of Water Resources
2020 Irrigation Technology Initiative, Water Right Transition Assistance Progam...and more!

Enrollment:

To apply, contact PF Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist Brittany Smith at bsmith@quailforever.org or 316-302-4467.

Or head to kansaspfqf.org or use your phone's camera app to scan the barcode and apply online!

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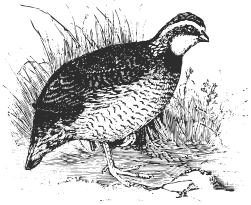

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Application for Enrollment

1. Name:

2. Location of field(s) *(legal description preferred):*

3a. Do you include sorghum in the rotation on the acres listed above?

Yes

3b. If not, would you be willing to do so to participate in this program?

Yes

4a. Do you currently participate in any conservation programs, or have you participated in the past? *FSA, NRCS, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, a Conservation District program, etc.*

Yes

4b. If so, which one?

5. Are you willing to allow us to collect data for 3 years from the field enrolled as part of your participation in this program?

Yes

6a. Do you currrently use a precision ag platform to collect and analyze your field data? *Not required.*

Yes

6b. If so, which one? *For example: Climate Fieldview, FieldAlytics, MyJohnDeere, Agrian, etc.*

7. What phone number would you like us to reach you at to discuss your application?

8. Do you have an email address where you'd like us to send further information?

9. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about your operation?

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