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Preplanning Leaves a legacy for the Korkow Families. Jim, Don & Ken Korkow



Jim, Don & Ken Korkow

In the late 1990's Ken Korkow started "scabbing trees" into some of the pasture grounds around the Korkow ranch. Ken's initial intent was to assist the wildlife within their area. In the early 2000's the three brothers Jim, Don and Ken discussed their plans, and how to use natural resources to help benefit wildlife. In 2002 the three brothers, with the help of their local NRCS D.C. Lowell Noeske started the ball rolling on their plans. That year Ken bought four firetrucks, three of these held about 1500 gallons of water each, they mounted two boat seats on three of the trucks along with a piping and hosing system. In 2003 and 2004 the Korkow's planted over 125 acres into trees which consisted of 57,000 trees, and they have continually planted trees annually ever since. The brothers hired day labors to sit on the back of the trucks and water their shelterbelts by driving between two rows and watering each side. Don said that the day labors that did most of the watering were women and that they were extremely competent and dependable. Jim did a lot of the driving in the fourth truck that held upwards of 2000-gallons of water in order to keep the other three trucks moving. Jim would get water from a dam, or from the creek. The only time that watering would pause was during lunch. They

would start early in the morning to have the trucks ready by the time their workers showed up for the day.

Don says that the one thing that he would have changed from when they started planting trees up until today, is how they dealt with weed pressure around the trees. Don says that the brothers have found that using Preen Weed Preventer around the holes in the fabric prevents weeds from growing around the trees, which is a lot less labor intensive then crawling on their hands and knees pulling weeds. Ken at one point noticed that some of the trees were beginning to be girdled by the fabric and so he started deciphering the issue, including holding a workshop open to the public with the help of the Hughes County Conservation District. The Brothers made sure that they watered the trees continually for the first 3 years. They mow around the trees, and spray chemicals between the rows to reduce weed pressure in order to keep the soil moisture. They purchase a lot of Preen for their trees and have day laborers or family members put preen around every tree. When they plant their trees, they employ these four steps: Hughes County Conservation District plants the trees and installs fabric, Korkow's repack the dirt around the trees, water them and then place preen around the trees.

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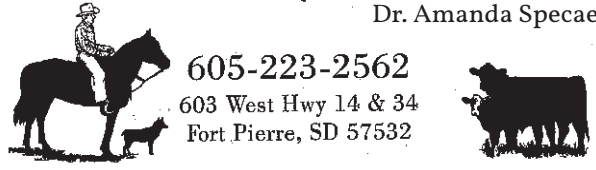
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One of the most important things about pre-planning is getting all the necessary equipment and materials and lining up employees before the tree planting ever begins. This year the brothers already have the employees lined up and the chemicals ordered for the 2020 tree plantings consisting of approximately 18 acres and an additional 6000 trees.

Although the three brothers have traveled different routes, Jim with rodeo, Don with banking and Ken sharing Christianity to those who are injured in battle and beyond, they each are all very knowledgeable & passionate about conservation and wildlife. The brothers will tell you that their dad was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. They have come to realize that if they are wanting to hunt or provide hunting opportunities for others, they need to help create healthy habitat for the wildlife which includes shelterbelts, grass plantings and food plots. After years of successful habitat initiatives in 2008 two of the brothers started charging for pheasant hunting to assist with the costs associated with habitat preservation.

Although payed hunting is a part of Jim and Don's operations, all of the brothers retain private "safe spot" sanctuaries for wildlife on which they do not hunt. The Korkow brothers have planted numerous grass species over the years including intermediate and pubescent wheat, switch grass, alfalfa, and tall wheat along with planting pollinator plots which benefit bees and butterflies, helps rebuild the soil and helps supply more habitat and nesting patches, as well as maintains a food source for small wildlife. The Korkow brothers are always looking for new ways to help maintain and improve their habitat every year. The brothers only allow hunting in each area every fifth day to allow the wildlife to resettle and rest.



Pre-planning is the most important thing to do before tackling any project, including leaving a legacy to future Korkow generations and their community, of the importance of protecting the natural resources within your area and under your control.

When Don was asked the question, "What do you think your dad would say if he were here today?" Don told us that his father would probably say "You kids have taken a lot of good crop ground out of production for this habitat", and also "it looks like a pretty good spot for some birds, let's go shoot some."

Let all of us work toward the Korkow Brothers statement and together we can PRE PLAN for a legacy of saving our Natural Resources, that we can all be proud to leave to future generations.



Hughes County Conservation District Scholarships Totaling \$3000 (Up to Three \$1,000 Scholarships)

Scholarships will provide for formal instruction in any accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program preparing young people for careers. Eligibility is limited to young men and women who are residents of Hughes County and attending a university or technical school for an agriculture related degree in the fall of 2020.

Applications can either be picked up at our office or any of the high schools within Hughes County, they also may be emailed, or mailed to any prospective applicant upon request.



Please welcome our two new employees. Triniti Sowards (left picture) is our new Administrative Secretary and Christy Jons (right picture) is our new NRCS Soil Conservation Technician.



Farm Service Agency - Conservation Reserve Program - 54th General Enrollment Period Dec. 9th 2019 - through Feb. 28th 2020

OVERVIEW

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will conduct a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general enrollment from Dec. 9, 2019, through Feb. 28, 2020.

CRP is a federally-funded voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is not farmed or ranched, but instead devoted to conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Accepted contracts for the 54th CRP enrollment period will become effective Oct. 1, 2020.

CRP is authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985 and was reauthorized by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (the 2018 Farm Bill). FSA administers CRP, while other USDA agencies and partners provide technical support. Additional information on CRP is available in the FSA fact sheet, "Conservation Reserve Program."

SUBMITTING CRP OFFERS

Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for enrollment during the 54th CRP general enrollment period. In addition, CRP producers whose CRP contracts expired on Sept. 30, 2017, Sept. 30, 2018, Sept. 30, 2019 or are expiring on Sept. 30, 2020, including acres expiring from certain State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) practices and the Highly Erodible Lands Initiative (HELI) contracts may submit offers. To submit CRP offers, producers must visit their local FSA office. FSA will accept offers only during the enrollment period.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for CRP enrollment, a producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to the end of this CRP enrollment period, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law or;
- The circumstance of the acquisition presents adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

WHAT LAND IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the CRP general enrollment period, land must be cropland (including field margins) that is planted, or considered planted, to an agricultural commodity four of the six crop years from 2012 to 2017, and be physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Alfalfa or other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation not to exceed 12 years may also be eligible.

ADDITIONAL CROPLAND REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the eligible land requirements for the CRP general enrollment period, cropland must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher;
- Be expiring CRP acres or;
- Be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area.

CRP PAYMENTS

general enrollment with annual rental payments and cost share assistance.

- **Rental Payments:** In return for establishing long-term, resource-conserving covers, FSA provides rental payments to participants. FSA bases rental rates on the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average dryland cash rent subject to a statutory 85 percent proration. County office staff working with the producer will calculate the maximum CRP rental rate for each offer prior to enrollment. Producers may offer land below the rate to increase the likelihood that their offer will be accepted.
- **Cost-Share Assistance:** FSA provides cost-share assistance to participants who establish approved cover on eligible cropland. The cost-share assistance cannot exceed 50 percent of the participant's costs to establish approved practices.

RANKING CRP OFFERS

FSA will rank offers for the CRP general enrollment period according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). FSA collects data (primarily based on location, soils information and selected conservation practice) and determines the environmental indices for the land offered.

FSA ranks each eligible offer in comparison to all other offers and selects from that ranking. After the enrollment period ends, the Secretary of Agriculture will decide where to make the EBI cutoff. Those who have met previous EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this enrollment period. Producers may consult with local FSA and Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS) staff on how to maximize EBI points and increase the likelihood that their offer will be accepted.

More information on EBI for the 54th CRP enrollment period is available by reading the FSA fact sheet, "Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment 54, Environmental Benefits Index."

CRP CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

In addition to the CRP general enrollment period, producers at any time can participate in CRP continuous enrollment period, in which producers can enroll the most environmentally sensitive land. More information on CRP continuous enrollment is available in the FSA fact sheet, "Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Sign-Up".

MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet is for informational purposes; other conditions may apply. Consult your local FSA office for details. For more information, contact your local service center and USDA Farm Service Agency office: farmers.gov/service-locator.



Farm Service Agency - CRP Continuous Enrollment Period Fact Sheet - Dec. 2019

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting offers for specific conservation practices under the Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Signup.

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) CRP is a voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is devoted to conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers"), to control soil erosion, improve the water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Continuous sign-up enrollment contracts are 10 to 15 years in duration.

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized CRP. The program is also governed by regulations published in 7 CFR, part 1410. The program is implemented by FSA on behalf of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation. To offer land for continuous enrollment, producers should contact their local FSA office.

Benefits of CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and

sedimentation, CRP protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. The vegetative covers also make CRP a major contributor to increased wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

ADMINISTRATION

FSA administers CRP while technical support functions are provided by:

- USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service(NRCS);
- State forestry agencies;
- Local soil and water conservation districts; and
- Other non-federal providers of technical assistance

CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Under continuous CRP signup, environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices can be enrolled in CRP at any time. Offers are automatically accepted provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Unlike CRP enrollments under general CRP signups or CRP Grasslands, offers for continuous enrollment are not subject to competitive bidding during specific periods.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law; or
- The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

ELIGIBLE LAND

Land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the six crop years from 2012 to 2017 and is physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Certain marginal pasture land that may be devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, or wetland buffers is also eligible.

ELIGIBLE PRACTICES

Land must be eligible and suitable for any of the following conservation practices:

- Grass Waterway
- Shallow Water Area for Wildlife
- Contour Grass Strip
- Filter Strip
- Riparian Buffer
- Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strip & Riparian Buffer
- Saturated Filter Strip and Riparian Buffer
- Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds
- Wetland & Buffer SAFE Practices
- Wetland Restoration on Floodplain & Non-floodplain
- Prairie Strips
- Windbreaks, Shelter belts and Living Snow Fences
- Marginal Pasture land Wetland Buffer and Wildlife Habitat Buffers
- Long Leaf Pine Establishment
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- Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
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- FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration
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- Farmable Wetlands and Farmable Wetland Buffer
- Wellhead Protection Area Practices

PAYMENTS

Under CRP continuous sign-up, FSA provides eligible participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. A Sign-up Incentive Payment of 32.5 percent of the first full year annual rental payment is paid at contract approval on all newly enrolled Continuous CRP contract acreage. A Practice Incentive Payment of 5 percent is paid for installing the practice.

Annual Rental Payments

- In return for establishing long-term, resource-conserving covers, FSA provides annual rental payments at 90 percent of the existing rate to eligible CRP continuous participants based on per acre cropland and marginal pasture land rental rates determined by FSA.
- The per-acre annual rental rate may not exceed the calculated rate or \$300/acre. Producers may elect to receive a rental rate amount less than the maximum payment rate.

Cost-Share Assistance

Cost-share of up to 50 percent of the reimbursable cost of installing the practice is provided by FSA. Cost-share assistance is not available for any management activity.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about FSA and its programs, visit fsa.usda.gov or contact your local FSA office.

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Hughes and Stanley County Conservation Districts will each be looking for dependable and reliable individuals to assist with the planting of trees and fabric applications this spring. Positions are available for tractor drivers, machine planters, fabric machine applicators and general laborers. Training is provided. Overtime and bonus' are available.

Applications are available at the Hughes County Conservation District office located at 1717 N Lincoln Ave, Suite 103, Pierre, SD. or at the Pierre area Career Center.

Please feel free to call the following numbers for the respective Districts.

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605-280-3021 Doug, (Manager)**

Stanley County

**605-220-1840 Mary beth, (Office)
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