

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at Kansas State University



FY 2008 Accomplishments

Forest Stewardship

RREA funds were used to develop a second windbreak renovation site in Ellsworth County for inclusion in a “Driving Conservation Tour.” A sign describes the renovation process and credits the supporters. The tour is frequently used for FFA and Extension educational events and contests. Forestry Field Days were held in two locations and included topics of timber stand improvement,



windbreak design and renovation, and riparian buffer management. A total of 175 people (160 landowners and 15 natural resource professionals) participated in the educational events. RREA funds were leveraged with EPA 319 funds and CSREES Tribal College Research grants in cooperation with Haskell Indian Nations University for windbreak renovation and riparian buffer projects.



Rangeland Stewardship

Proper burning techniques were discussed and demonstrated at educational workshops to provide landowners and managers with information to effectively plan and conduct prescribed burns. Air quality concerns resulting from grassland burning continue to be addressed in cooperation with the Kansas City EPA office, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, National Weather Service, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The *Blue Sky* model is being utilized by county agents to predict the movement of smoke prior to grassland burning. The Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation Tribe received training to improve their range and buffalo herd management.



Wildlife and Fisheries



The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Youth Program was conducted for 79 4-Hers. Youth participants learned about limiting factors and habitat requirements for wildlife and fisheries. Land management plans to improve conditions for selected wildlife species were discussed. The Farmers and Wildlife Newsletter was distributed to 4,000 landowners, land managers, and Extension personnel in Kansas to disseminate timely research information about land management practices which affect wildlife and fisheries.

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