

Workshop, tour topic to be ‘Where Are All the Pheasants?’

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A landowner workshop and tour is being held in North Platte on Friday, June 27, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at UNL Extension Building in the WCREC Auditorium.

The meeting is open to the public and is being hosted by Pheasants Forever, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Nebraska Environmental Trust, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Twin Platte NRD.

The informational tour will showcase a look at a changing landscape, pheasant management strategies, and programs and practices available to landowners that benefit many species of wildlife.

Biologists will be on hand to go over programs in detail and discuss ways other landowners can be involved in these successful wildlife programs. Landowners in western Nebraska, but especially in Lincoln, Keith, and Logan counties, are encouraged to attend.

Many programs that can be used for all types of wildlife and grassland management are available to landowners, including the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP), and Corners for Wildlife Program (CFW) which are voluntary programs offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance soil, water and wildlife.

These programs and others offer landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices by providing cost-share reimbursement and/or rental payments on both grassland and cropland.

“I’m often asked, ‘Where are all the pheasants?’ and answering that question is more complex than people realize,” said Chad Christiansen, PF farm bill wildlife biologist. “This event is focused around answering that question and looking at ways to manage pheasants in an agriculture based landscape.

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“This tour will help landowners see the struggles we face in managing upland game and see firsthand what the programs can offer and how they may work on their property. By offering landowners the opportunity to learn about the many options and programs in one location and setting, this tour hopes to make this an easier process for landowners to consider.”

The first part will be spent in the classroom. After lunch the group will head out in the field on sites where various habitat programs have already been implemented. A free lunch will be provided and interested participants are asked to RSVP for a lunch count to Chad at (308) 530-2377.