

Kansas 2006 Impact Report
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Forest Stewardship

RREA funds were used to continue the windbreak renovation demonstration project in Kansas. Older, overcrowded, and declining windbreaks were selected to receive various thinning treatments. Quantities of merchantable wood, in the form of posts were removed and documented. Additional trees were planted with weed barrier fabric to replace rows removed during the renovation. Workshops that delivered information and techniques on the windbreak renovation practices were held at the sites in June, and attracted over 50 state and federal agency personnel. The windbreak renovation demonstration project has raised knowledge and awareness of the plight of declining windbreaks in Kansas, and of the potential value of wood products growing in them.

Rangeland Stewardship

A grassland water quality assistant wrote, edited, and distributed two newsletters (350 copies each issue), and updated an on-line database of grassland water quality literature. Revision of an Extension bulletin *Rangeland and Pasture Grasses of Kansas* has been initiated. The effect of burning pastures on city air quality is being investigated in partnership with the Kansas City EPA office, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas County and State Fire Response personnel, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Travel support was provided to range and pasture management specialists to demonstrate safe and efficient grass burning methods and to conduct prescribed burning workshops.

Wildlife Fisheries

Two issues of the Wildlife Newsletter were published three times annually and delivered to 4,000 land owners, land managers, and Extension personnel in Kansas. The newsletter disseminates timely and updated research information directly to land managers who have the potential to change land management decisions over large areas of Kansas. A Hunting and Fishing Skills Camp was held for 28 Kansas youths. Support was provided to an annual 4-H program for 68 youth involved with a Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Project. The Kansas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation team placed 11th in the national 4-H competition.

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