

## PHEASANTS FOREVER 2012

# Annual Report

## A Turning Point for Pheasants Forever & Conservation

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Despite turmoil in the habitat world, PF moves ahead on all fronts in its 30th Anniversary Year.

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly..."* — President Theodore Roosevelt, from his speech "Citizenship In A Republic," delivered in Paris, France in April, 1910.

Like 1910 when things were much worse for wildlife in this country, the year 2012 was a turning point in several ways for Pheasants Forever and conservation in the United States. You, our volunteers, chapter leaders, members and outside partners, did a fantastic job keeping habitat on the land in 2012, albeit it cost more to do fewer acres than in 2011. In 2011, you raised \$36.3 million dollars to improve 389,770 acres. In 2012, you raised well over \$41 million to affect well over 285 thousand acres. We also raised over \$30 million in pledges, donations and land gifts through our just concluded Grassroots Conservation Campaign (read more in this report).

As you can see, more intense farming has removed considerable acres from our habitat base and it cost more to do less

### Where Your Dollars Go:



acres. But, you did this despite record habitat destruction driven by high grain prices, the worse drought since the 1930s Dust Bowl and a collapsing Farm Bill driven by the nation's debt and partisan turmoil in Washington, D.C.

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You kept membership strong. We ended 2012 with 135,358 members. These welcomed membership increases

were achieved thanks to chapter and national office membership programs and rapidly growing programs to recruit young people into the ranks of conservation and hunting.

The success of our efforts was confirmed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's five-year survey just released in December 2012. The survey, which looked at 2011 hunter participation, found a **NINE PERCENT** increase in hunting — **THE FIRST INCREASE IN A DECADE!** Good job everybody. Let's keep it coming!

A few years ago when high grain prices started the rush to plow up CRP acres, the destruction of native prairie grazing lands to plant corn, the bulldozing of wildlife rich fence rows and continued news about the decline of hunting, I wrote in this column that I hoped this assault would inspire more of you to join our ranks and work harder for habitat — and you have.

Since Roosevelt first made the United States the world leader in wildlife habitat conservation in the 20th Century, Pheasants Forever has labored hard the last 30 years to keep that tradition strong into the 21st Century.

As Pheasants Forever moves beyond its 30th anniversary and work on a new project to document our first 30 years (the Pheasants Forever History Project) pro-



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**PF Life Member Duane Scepianiak and wife Jane Monarski, of Minnesota, have a lot of their farm in grassland and woods, striking that balance between ag production and habitat that eludes so many.**

ceeds, I can't help wondering what the future holds.

These are, after all, very uncertain times. Pheasant habitat, indeed all wildlife habitat, is taking a beating; the country is deep in debt and Congress is paralyzed; and the human population is soaring past seven billion, taking ever more of the planet's finite resources away from the open spaces and wildlife we treasure.

It's easy to be pessimistic. But, Pheasants Forever was born of bleak times for pheasants. Quail Forever, too, was born of even bleaker times for that cherished game bird. Read this issue's PF 2012 Annual Report, which not only presents last year's accomplishments, but those since our inception in 1982, and you'll quickly realize things would be even more bleak had you not done your impressive habitat work the last three decades.

You have created a lot of permanent habitat that will serve as brood stock for when more plentiful habitat times return, and that day will come. As more people refuse to accept the current scorched Earth policy in our rural areas, they will demand a balance be restored.

The American people have reversed dire wildlife situations before and they will do it again. Remember the decimation of the bison and the creation of Yellowstone

National Park to protect them. Remember the Dust Bowl and the creation of the Soil and Water Conservation Service to protect our soil. Remember the choking palls of air pollution over our cities and our rivers catching fire from the pollution and the passage of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Remember our national symbol, the bald eagle, had disappeared from most of the country and creation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to save it. Now, the bald eagle is off the ESA list and is seen everywhere in all its glory.

No, Americans will not stand for today's sad status quo in pheasant country. I firmly believe Pheasants Forever, you and me, will help lead the way to restoring a balance in our agricultural areas. We can



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have both affordable, healthy food and the chance to hunt up a bird or two, clean water and stable soil.

The signs of recovery are already there. Just keep reading this magazine. Our Grassroots Conservation Campaign (see story page 16) has just achieved a milestone; our young people are taking over the reins of their local chapters (see story page 58 on North Dakota's James Valley Chapter); our youth programs continue to grow, ensuring the future of conservation done the PF way; and we'll always have the thrill of chasing the King of Game Birds with a fine dog to recruit new members to the cause of upland conservation for as long as the wind blows and the grass grows!

Now, here are some department details for 2012:

### Membership & Marketing - Thank You!

In a results-driven organization like Pheasants Forever, our focus is always on our habitat mission and the need for "more." On a daily basis, we ask our supporters for more dollars, more volunteers, more banquet attendees, more acres and more of your time. You want more, so we want more. But in the push for results, it's too easy to forget the little things that mean so much like a "Thank You." In particular, we would be remiss if we did not single out our chapter officers. Many of you have spent decades putting on banquets in local communities. You've poured your dollars, time, sweat and passions into those events. We cannot thank our chapter officers enough for the sacrifices you've made in the name of Pheasants Forever. You are the heart and soul of Pheasants Forever and we need you to stay as passionate as ever because you continue to make a positive impact on the future of our hunting heritage. Please know you are appreciated by an entire organization. *Thank You!*

### Striving for Membership Growth

Although the organization matched its all-time high with 137,000 Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever and youth members in 2012, there are still more than one million pheasant hunters across America not engaged in wildlife habitat conserva-



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tion through our organization. According to a recent U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service study, there are 1.5 million pheasant hunters in the United States over the age of 16, which means only 9% of America's pheasant hunters are reading this magazine and aware of the issues our great tradition faces today. The strength of Pheasants Forever has always been, and continues to be, the simple, but brilliant, idea that local people collected together under a common belief can improve wildlife habitat across a landscape with a unified voice — one member, one chapter, one vote, one dollar and one acre at a time. We need your help recruiting the remaining 91% of America's pheasant hunters to the cause. These folks are your neighbors, friends, family members and hunting partners. Invite them to a banquet, buy them a gift membership or send them an email. Help us make the membership ask. Their voice, their vote and their membership are all needed in Pheasants Forever now.

### The Flush

The talented folks at Ron Schara productions transformed our television show into *The Flush* during 2012. This fast-paced and exciting transformation brings viewers on a half hour journey through America's pheasant fields with Pheasants Forever members and supporters. Look for a new season of *The Flush* to return to Outdoor Channel beginning in late July 2013.

### PF Online

We're talking pheasants all day, every day. Pheasants Forever's [www.PheasantsFor-](http://www.PheasantsFor-)

[ever.org](http://www.pheasantsforever.org) is now the largest online resource for upland hunters and conservationists, where visitors seek out annual preseason hunting forecasts, in-season state-by-state hunting reports, upland habitat condition reports and chapter event information. Pheasants Forever's Rooster Road Trip, a week-long public land pheasant hunt that's brought to online followers in near real time, has become a one-of-a-kind multimedia upland experience. And our Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Facebook fan pages are the largest and most active upland fan forums in the country. If you're living a PF lifestyle, join us online where we're open all day, every day.

### Grants

Pheasants Forever continued to push the bar higher in our use of grant funding to deliver the organization's mission. PF staff and volunteers leveraged more than 400 partnerships with state and federal agencies, private foundations and others to deliver more than \$20 million in grant funding in FY2012. We took advantage of a number of new funding opportunities this year to expand our conservation footprint with much of the growth on the fringes of our traditional range.

PF leveraged chapter investments with grant funds to acquire more than 7,640 acres of publicly-hunttable permanent

wildlife habitat, to support 104 Farm Bill biologists and 22 habitat specialists in 19 states, to support youth education and shooting sports across the country, to restore thousands of acres of wetlands and grasslands for the benefit of the birds and much more.

### Charity Navigator Recognizes Pheasants Forever with Top Charity Rating

Just as our chapters watch where every cent goes, so does your national office! Pheasants Forever recently **received a 4-star rating** — the highest possible — from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest charity evaluator. The nonprofit wildlife habitat conservation organization received the designation based on its sound fiscal management, commitment to accountability and operational transparency. Based on Charity Navigator's standards, Pheasants Forever outperforms most other charities in America.

As a premiere charity rating service, Charity Navigator's goal is to provide donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make. "Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices...and consistently executes its mission in a fis-



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cally responsible way,” said Ken Berger, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. Only a quarter of the charities it evaluates receive Charity Navigator’s highest rating.

Receiving an exceptional designation from Charity Navigator is another factor that sets PF apart. This rating, Pheasants Forever’s unique local model, a 30-year track record of outstanding habitat accomplishments and our program efficiency of 91.23 all stand out as strong reasons why supporters and donors can trust in Pheasants Forever to turn their charitable dollars into wildlife habitat.

With more than 137,000 members, making it North America’s largest devotee to upland conservation, Pheasants Forever has completed more than 440,000 wildlife habitat projects which have helped create or restore 8.5 million acres of wildlife habitat in its first three decades. Included among those projects are 1,346 land acquisitions, which have permanently conserved 169,507 acres while simultaneously opening those acres to public pheasant hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation.

### Education and Youth Outreach

After 20 years of sponsoring the Leopold Education Project (LEP), Pheasants Forever found a new home for LEP with the Aldo Leopold Foundation (ALF) in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Founded by the children of Aldo Leopold, ALF will help grow the program and expand it to new audiences. For more information, contact [carson@aldoleopold.org](mailto:carson@aldoleopold.org). In its place, PF has created a new Habitat Education Program and hired the first habitat education program specialist to work with chapters and partners to involve youth and their families in community habitat projects. The Habitat Organization will now focus even more closely on our mission by educating others on the importance of habitat for wildlife, water quality, pollinators and land health and by creating the next generation of land stewards. For more information contact Drew Larsen at [dlarsen@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:dlarsen@pheasantsforever.org).

2012 was an exciting year for our No Child Left Indoors (NCLI) initiative as



**The National Youth Leadership Council represents the views of young people across the country on conservation, hunting and the importance of spending time outdoors.**

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chapters planted the seeds for the Habitat Organization one youth at a time. Some of NCLI’s work included:

Never before have chapters reported more than 500 youth events; in 2012 PF & QF chapters reported 937 youth events held across the country. Never before have chapters reported more than 15,000 youth participants at chapter sponsored events; in 2012 chapters reported that 44,614 youth participated.

### Volunteer Training

The 2012 Focus on Forever National Workshop in Ohio trained 120 volunteers and agency staff. The Young Guns Program was launched with 36 chapters participating, which will result in 160 youth events per year. Iowa trained 60 chapter leaders in the program. Trainings were also conducted at several state meetings.

### Forever Shooting Sports Funding

Chapters spent \$509,218 on shooting sports programs, averaging \$12.63 per youth. Contributions to Forever Shooting Sports Fund for the year were \$719,545 toward a 5-year goal of \$1.5 million.

For more information on the Forever Shooting Sports, contact John Linqvist at [jlinquist@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:jlinquist@pheasantsforever.org).

### National Youth Leadership Council

The National Youth Leadership Council is 20 strong and continues to grow in its commitment to our mission

and impact at the national, state and local level. From writing for our magazines to developing local shooting sports programs to creating videos that encourage youth to get outdoors, our National Youth Leadership Council Ambassadors are representing their age group and PF/QF well!

### State Youth Coordinators

As chapters have continued to invest in their local communities through our NCLI initiative, they have asked for more support to help them grow their chapters. In 2012 Pheasants Forever was able to put three state youth coordinators on the ground in Kansas, Michigan and Wisconsin. Those positions were made possible through strong partnerships between chapters, state agencies and other partners who share our passion for our outdoor traditions. For more information on youth programs, contact Rich Wissink at [rwissink@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:rwissink@pheasantsforever.org).

### Western Program Summary

PF has been chosen by hunters and their agency partners to lead the charge to save and expand struggling sage grouse populations, an upland game bird as popular out west as the pheasant is in the Midwest.

The Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) includes seven Range PF Conservationists/Biologist who are working to deliver the SGI in four western states. The im-

mediate goal is to prevent the listing of the species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Sage grouse recovery in eastern Washington took a giant stride forward in 2012. There ranchers enrolled 14,400 acres in grazing programs designed to improve range health for livestock and habitat for this species in jeopardy. The proximity of the lands to each other will provide the landscape-level conservation that sage grouse require. In Idaho, efforts to secure nearly 10,000 acres of conservation easements protecting key sage grouse habitats were accomplished. PF additionally partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Idaho Fish and Game Department (IFGD) and the Bureau of Land Management to restore grouse habitat through juniper removal on over 32,000 acres over the next three years. South Dakota sage grouse habitat restoration continued to grow, with over 74,000 acres enrolled in improved grazing systems through SGI. The Nevada Sage Grouse Initiative habitat work involved seeding and protection through easements on over 4,000 acres.

Pheasants Forever continues to part-

### PF New Life Members

Many thanks to the following new Life Members (\$1,000 donation) for going the extra mile for the birds at a time they really need the help!

- CONNECTICUT - George Kollitides,
- ILLINOIS - Eric Meinke, Dave Stewart,
- IOWA - Paul Kramer,
- KANSAS - Sharp Bros. Seed Co.,
- MINNESOTA - Ron Brasel, Shooting Star Native Seeds, William O. Bongard, Kara M. Makelke, Thomas E. Makelke,
- MONTANA - E. Donnall Thomas,
- NEW JERSEY - John Spizziri,
- NORTH CAROLINA - Lowell MacNutt,
- SOUTH DAKOTA - Shawn O'Reilly, Steve Scott,
- WASHINGTON - Joseph Duffey

ner with the IFGD's Mule Deer Initiative where two PF biologists delivered conservation practices to over 15,000 acres of key mule deer and sharp-tailed grouse habitats. Lastly, PF was able to secure its first Farm Bill Biologist position in Wyoming when the NRCS, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Mule Deer Foundation and Wyoming PF chapters partnered to place a biologist in Wheatland.

### PF's Grassroots Conservation Campaign (GCC): A Conservation Success Story

Please see the report on the successful conclusion of this Campaign on the following pages of this section and the "Giving Back" column on page 16.

### Farm Bill Biologist Program

#### • Pheasants and Quail

PF Farm Bill biologists help landowners enroll in federal Farm Bill habitat conservation programs. Our 104 biologists in 19 states are financed by federal and state agencies, chapters and other partners.

It has generally been a tough year for pheasants and quail. Some bright spots are to be found and they tend to be in areas with better habitat that helps to mask the impact of drought and other weather related issues that are plaguing populations across the range. Where we have chapters, volunteers, biologists and the leadership of our field representatives, the birds continue to have a fighting chance. Thousands of acres have been added and improved, but we are fighting the simultaneous battle of habitat losses from a declining Conservation Reserve Program and through the sodbusting of native prairie — both driven by high ag commodity prices.

#### • South Central Farm Bill Biologist Program Summary

Biologists have been working to develop focus areas within their assigned counties. This process of collaboration and investigation will lead to a better understanding of specifically where conservation is most needed and what practices

need to be employed. Such prioritization promises to focus limited resources on landscapes and habitat projects of the highest importance.

#### • Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative (LPCI) and PF

Ten Farm Bill wildlife biologists are working to deliver the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative in four Great Plains States. It is aimed at improving populations and preventing the listing of the species. Work started picking up as staff have become trained and familiar with programs, landscapes and landowners/operators.

### Partnerships

PF and Quail Forever personnel continue to build strong partnerships. Through collaboration and transparency, our work with partners adds value to the work that happens on the ground. By building on collective strengths, we achieve far more than individual efforts would allow. We usually do it for far less money as well. We need to thank the Natural Resources Conservation Service and many state fish and wildlife agencies for their continued support and leadership.

### Quail Forever Update

Quail Forever Membership grew to 9,426 in 2012 — up from 8,766 in 2011, in 123 chapters in 19 states. Those chapters spent well over \$400,000 on projects improving quail habitat on over 18,000 acres. Kudos to the following chapters that invested over \$10,000 in local quail habi-



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tat: Oklahoma #89, Illinois' Silver Creek, Iowa's Davis County, Missouri's Heart of the Ozarks, Central Nebraska, Tennessee's Smoky Mountain, Kansas' Route 36 and Illinois' Otter Creek.





## A Legacy Forever

### THE GRASSROOTS CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN: A CONSERVATION SUCCESS STORY

By David R. Bue, Vice President of Development



#### Our Results

- 8.5 million acres impacted
- 441,963 wildlife habitat projects
- 1,312 land purchases, representing 161,867 acres opened to public hunting
- 250,000 youth mentored

#### Thank You

Thank you to the Conservation Partners and Pheasants Forever chapters across the country for partnering with Pheasants Forever on the Grassroots Conservation Campaign. The support provided by our chapters, donors, federal agencies, state agencies and many other conservation partners is a valuable part of Pheasants Forever's conservation efforts. We greatly appreciate your continued support as we look towards our next 30 years of upland conservation.

Please join Pheasants Forever as we celebrate the successful completion of the Grassroots Conservation Campaign by thanking our passionate Campaign supporters and leaders. Thank you to our campaign donors who made a financial contribution, donated land or who made a planned gift to Pheasants Forever's Grassroots Conservation Campaign.

On the next few pages, you will find a listing of the Grassroots Conservation Campaign donors whose financial support exceeds \$10,000. Please take a few moments to read through this list of Pheasants Forever leaders and think about the significant difference they have made for wildlife habitat. If you know any of them, please take the time to personally thank them for their support.

Over the last five years, the support of these individuals has truly made a difference for Land, Legacy and Leadership. They helped us exceed our ambitious campaign goal of \$25 million by generously donating over \$30 million to help us achieve our objectives. Their support has helped Pheasants Forever generate results more rapidly in the last five

years than we ever thought imaginable.

None of this would have been possible without the leadership and financial commitment of hundreds of Americans who, in the face of adversity, answered the call to do more for pheasants and quail by supporting the Grassroots Conservation Campaign. Pheasants Forever knows that, with the continued support of passionate donors, we can meet our wildlife habitat and youth education challenges head-on.

We hope you plan on joining us at the 2013 Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic, where we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary and the successful completion of the Grassroots Conservation Campaign.

Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in supporting Pheasants Forever's strategic initiatives at a higher level, like those who have supported the Grassroots Conservation Campaign. For more information on the many ways you can leave a conservation legacy or to discuss making a major gift to Pheasants Forever, please contact PF Vice President of Development, David R. Bue, at 218-340-5519 or by email at [dbue@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:dbue@pheasantsforever.org).



## GRASSROOTS CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN DONORS

*"A sincere thank you to those who have supported Pheasants Forever's Grassroots Conservation Campaign. These campaign contributors have helped us exceed our ambitious campaign goals and achieve nearly as much in the last five years as we achieved in our first 25 years as the 'Habitat Organization.' Thank you for supporting Land, Legacy & Leadership!"*

— Howard K. Vincent, PF CEO and President



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### Habitat Champion - \$1,000,000+

The William Baxter Family Trust (NE)  
Tobias & Donna Buck (IN)  
Lawrence Burman (NE)  
Clean Ohio Fund (OH)  
Allan & Debs Dubbeldee (MN)  
Duayne Madl (KS)  
Rob & Suzanne Peterson (CO)  
Larry & Brenda Potterfield - The MidwayUSA Foundation (MO)  
Wallace Weber (KS)  
Faith Grenzow & Rick Young (WI)

### Habitat Protector - \$500,000–\$999,999

Mark & Linda Gulbrandson – Apple Auto Group (MN)  
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### Diamond Steward - \$100,000–\$249,999

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William Zehnder & Family (MI)



*"When I was asked to support the Grassroots Conservation Campaign, I knew I had to do it. I realized the best way I could help was to provide my donation in a way it could be allocated for the best use. This is why I chose to make an unrestricted cash donation to Pheasants Forever. I know this was the right way to make my donation."*

— Jerry Untiedt, GCC Diamond Steward & PF Patron member

**Emerald Steward - \$75,000–\$99,999**

Guy Adams (MN)  
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Dennis & Janis Dunker (MN)  
Charles Allen & Gayna Foreman (OH)  
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Jon Lee (MT)  
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**Platinum Steward - \$50,000–\$74,999**

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*"When I think about the future of our nation's upland tradition and the difficult challenges we face, I know that Pheasants Forever will always fight for this tradition and do everything possible to ensure it lives on forever."*

— Rob Peterson, GCC Habitat Champion,  
Habitat Legacy Society member & PF Life member



**Silver - \$15,000–\$24,999**

Ryan Bronson - Federal/ATK (MN)  
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*Thank you also to our many Grassroots Conservation Campaign donors who have wished to remain anonymous. Your financial support has made a significant impact for our conservation efforts.*

## 2012 PF Legislative Action Fund Donors Over \$1,000

Our special thanks to those who donated to PF's Legislative Action Fund, which is used in Washington, D.C., to advocate for conservation funding in the Farm Bill. You've heard it before, but Congress and the White House can put more pheasant habitat in the ground with a single stroke of the pen than all our chapters can do in 100 years!

PF needs to be in the offices of power to make our case for wildlife habitat funding. This great nation can afford a balance between economic need and wildlife habitat, clean water, fertile soil and recreation. With your support, PF can help the nation's government strike that balance.

(List includes donations \$1,000 and over from calendar year 2012)

Sagamore (IN) .....	50,000	Cass County (NE) .....	3,000	Northern Prairie (IA) .....	3,000
Phillips County (CO) .....	25,000	Cedar Creek (ND) .....	3,000	Northwest Suburban (MN) .....	3,000
Racine (WI) .....	25,000	Central Susquehanna (PA) .....	3,000	Ozaukee County (WI) .....	3,000
Lincoln Creek (NE) .....	20,000	Cody Ringnecks (NE) .....	3,000	Painted Woods (ND) .....	3,000
Red River Valley (ND) .....	15,000	Cornhusker (NE) .....	3,000	Pheasant Country (SD) .....	3,000
Dakota/Thurston (NE) .....	10,000	Dakota (ND) .....	3,000	Pipestone County (MN) .....	3,000
High Plains (NE) .....	10,000	Dakota East Central (ND) .....	3,000	Platte Area (SD) .....	3,000
Kearney County (NE) .....	10,000	Darke County (OH) .....	3,000	Pocahontas County (IA) .....	3,000
Lyon County (MN) .....	10,000	Douglas County West (NE) .....	3,000	Prairie Creek Ringnecks (NE) .....	3,000
Nicollet County (MN) .....	10,000	Dunn County (ND) .....	3,000	Ransom County (ND) .....	3,000
Pikes Peak (CO) .....	10,000	Flint Hills (KS) .....	3,000	Rock County (MN) .....	3,000
Plymouth County (IA) .....	10,000	Fox River Valley (WI) .....	3,000	Rock Creek (NE) .....	3,000
Seward County (NE) .....	10,000	Goodhue County (MN) .....	3,000	Rock Island County (IL) .....	3,000
Stearns County (MN) .....	10,000	Great Plains (NE) .....	3,000	Shiawassee County (MI) .....	3,000
Otter Tail County (MN) .....	6,001	Iroquois River (IN) .....	3,000	Sibley County (MN) .....	3,000
Elkhorn Valley (NE) .....	6,000	Kanabec (MN) .....	3,000	South Central Minnesota .....	3,000
Medicine Creek (NE) .....	6,000	Lac qui Parle County (MN) .....	3,000	South Central Nebraska .....	3,000
Mille Lacs/Benton (MN) .....	6,000	Lincoln Heritage (IL) .....	3,000	Southwest Wisconsin .....	3,000
Pierre/Fort Pierre (SD) .....	6,000	Logan Creek (NE) .....	3,000	Southwestern Nebraska .....	3,000
Yankton Area (SD) .....	6,000	Lower Platte (NE) .....	3,000	Tallgrass (IL) .....	3,000
Black Hawk County (IA) .....	5,500	Macomb County (MI) .....	3,000	Traverse County (MN) .....	3,000
Clayton County (IA) .....	5,500	Meeker County (MN) .....	3,000	Tri-County (MN) .....	3,000
Dubuqueland (IA) .....	5,500	Mercer County (OH) .....	3,000	Washington County (MN) name chg	3,000
Marion County (IA) .....	5,500	Minnesota Lady Slippers .....	3,000	Washington County (NE) .....	3,000
Iroquois County (IL) .....	5,125	Morgan County (CO) .....	3,000	Wessington Springs (SD) .....	3,000
Black Hills (SD) .....	5,000	Niobrara Valley (NE) .....	3,000	Yellow Medicine County (MN) .....	3,000
Brookings Co Pheas Restoration (SD)	5,000	Nobles County (MN) .....	3,000	Chickasaw County Pioneer (IA) .....	2,000
Brown County (MN) .....	5,000	Northeast Colorado .....	3,000	Chisago County (MN) .....	2,000
Butler County (OH) .....	5,000				
Chippewa County (MN) .....	5,000				
Dodge County (NE) .....	5,000				
Fort Riley (KS) .....	5,000				
Frenchman Creek (CO) .....	5,000				
Grand River (SD) .....	5,000				
Ida County (IA) .....	5,000				
Ingham County (MI) .....	5,000				
Jackson County (MN) .....	5,000				
McKenzie County (ND) .....	5,000				
Mower Co Habitat & PF (MN) .....	5,000				
Outagamie Area (WI) .....	5,000				
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	5,000				
Southwestern Area (ND) .....	5,000				
Webster County (IA) .....	5,000				
Southeastern Ohio .....	4,000				
Aldo Leopold (IA) .....	3,500				
Delaware County (IA) .....	3,500				
Bureau County (IL) - 769 .....	3,125				
McLean County (IL) .....	3,125				
Big Stone County (MN) .....	3,000				
Bon Homme County (SD) .....	3,000				
Burt County (NE) .....	3,000				



**U.S. Senator John R.Thune (R-South Dakota), left, and PF VP of Governmental Affairs Dave Nomsen, right, discuss federal Farm Bill policy in the nation's capitol. Your membership fees and donations to PF's Legislative Action Fund make these critical visits possible.**

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Dickey County (ND) .....	2,000	Clinton County (MI) .....	1,000	McPherson Area (KS) .....	1,000
Illinois River Valley .....	2,000	Corn Country (NE) .....	1,000	McPherson County (SD) .....	1,000
Loup/Platte Ringnecks (NE) .....	2,000	Cottonwood County (MN) .....	1,000	Metro Denver PF & QF (CO) .....	1,000
Missouri River Central (SD) .....	2,000	Cumberland Valley (PA) .....	1,000	Mile High (NE) .....	1,000
Pelican River (MN) .....	2,000	Custer County (NE) .....	1,000	Montcalm County (MI) .....	1,000
Union County (OH) .....	2,000	De Witt County (IL) .....	1,000	Montgomery County (IA) .....	1,000
Winnebago County (IL) .....	2,000	Edgar County (IL) .....	1,000	Niobrara Sportsman (NE) .....	1,000
Dallas County (IA) .....	1,500	Elkhart County (IN) .....	1,000	North Central Pennsylvania .....	1,000
Fayette County (IA) .....	1,500	Golden Valley (ND) .....	1,000	Northern Colorado .....	1,000
Iowa County (IA) .....	1,500	Grand Prairie (IL) .....	1,000	Northern Oahe (SD) .....	1,000
Johnson County (IA) .....	1,500	Great Plains (SD) .....	1,000	Oregon Trail (NE) .....	1,000
Prairie Creek (IA) .....	1,500	Greeley/Cache la Poudre (CO) .....	1,000	Osceola County (IA) .....	1,000
Ringneck (IA) .....	1,500	Greene County (IA) .....	1,000	Ringneck Rustlers (KS) .....	1,000
Scott County (IA) .....	1,500	Guthrie County (IA) .....	1,000	Sakakawea (ND) .....	1,000
Southern Prairie (IA) .....	1,500	Heartland (MN) .....	1,000	Sandhills (NE) .....	1,000
Iowa State University .....	1,300	Heartland (MO) .....	1,000	Sheridan/Johnson County (WY) .....	1,000
Illinois Pioneer .....	1,125	Heritage (NE) .....	1,000	Sherman County (NE) .....	1,000
Lee County (IL) .....	1,125	Highland (IL) .....	1,000	Sioux Prairie (IA) .....	1,000
Livingston County (IL) .....	1,125	Johnson County (KS) .....	1,000	Smoky River (CO) .....	1,000
Ark River (KS) .....	1,000	Kandiyohei County (MN) .....	1,000	Smoky Valley (KS) .....	1,000
Audubon County (IA) .....	1,000	Kane County (IL) .....	1,000	Square Butte Creek (ND) .....	1,000
Baca County (CO) .....	1,000	Kishwaukee (IL) .....	1,000	St Clair County (MI) .....	1,000
Barry County (MI) .....	1,000	Kossuth County (IA) .....	1,000	Taylor County (IA) .....	1,000
Bay/Midland (MI) .....	1,000	La Salle County (IL) .....	1,000	Todd County (MN) .....	1,000
Bighorn Basin County (WY) .....	1,000	Lincoln County (SD) .....	1,000	Vermilion County (IL) .....	1,000
Boone County (NE) .....	1,000	Loup River (NE) .....	1,000	Waconda Ringnecks (KS) .....	1,000
Cedar River Ringnecks (NE) .....	1,000	Lower Elkhorn Valley (NE) .....	1,000	Wadena County (MN) .....	1,000
Champaign County (IL) .....	1,000	Lyman County (SD) - Restart .....	1,000	Watsonwan County (MN) .....	1,000
Cherokee County (IA) .....	1,000	Marion County (OH) .....	1,000	Yuma County (CO) .....	1,000

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Like our dedicated volunteer members, Pheasants Forever's national sponsors make a huge contribution toward our success. All of them see the valuable role Pheasants Forever plays in conservation. It's our privilege to recognize them and their role in making us more successful. Thanks for all you do!!



## 2012 Top 25 Shelterbelt Planting Chapters

Chapters	# of shrubs & evergreens
High Plains (NE).....	43,208
Mercer County (OH) .....	22,500
Iroquois County (IL) .....	21,500
Central Pennsylvania .....	21,000
Black Hills (SD) .....	20,000
North Central Pennsylvania .....	15,432
Antelope Valley (NE).....	13,180
Palo Alto County (IA).....	13,000
Dakota (ND).....	11,549
Highland (IL) .....	10,000
Phillips County (CO) .....	9,200
Headwaters (MT) .....	9,000
Lee County (IL).....	9,000
Whiteside County (IL) .....	8,649
Platte Area (SD) .....	8,000
Sakakawea (ND).....	7,587
Champaign County (IL) .....	7,000
Kinnickinnic (WI).....	7,000
Carroll County (IL) .....	7,000
Plymouth County (IA) .....	6,000
Pheasant Country (SD) .....	5,750
Columbia Basin (WA) .....	5,737
Audubon County (IA) .....	5,550
Day County (SD) .....	5,500
Grant County (SD) .....	5,500

## 2012 Chapters Spending Over \$10,000 for Habitat (Fiscal)

Pelican River (MN) . . . . .	1,644,722	Plymouth County (IA) . . . . .	25,984	Montgomery County (IA) . . . . .	14,369
Lac qui Parle County (MN) . . . . .	690,950	Ogle County (IL) . . . . .	25,529	Brookings Co Pheas Restoration (SD) . . . . .	14,255
Tri-County (PA) . . . . .	690,711	Otter Tail County (MN) . . . . .	25,426	Washington County (CO) . . . . .	14,071
Clay County (MN) . . . . .	548,981	Big Stone County (MN) . . . . .	24,110	Lapeer County (MI) . . . . .	14,038
Nobles County (MN) . . . . .	505,879	Elkhorn Valley (NE) . . . . .	23,851	Prairie Hills (NE) . . . . .	13,937
Wright County (MN) . . . . .	471,524	La Salle County (IL) . . . . .	23,625	Republican Valley (NE) . . . . .	13,840
Morrison County (MN) . . . . .	372,058	Northeast Colorado . . . . .	23,618	Western Dubuque (IA) . . . . .	13,730
Todd County (MN) . . . . .	364,878	Columbia Basin (WA) . . . . .	23,372	Central Susquehanna (PA) . . . . .	13,606
Stearns County (MN) . . . . .	334,458	High Plains (NE) . . . . .	23,080	Coal Creek (IN) . . . . .	13,555
Rock River Valley (WI) . . . . .	220,238	Ingham County (MI) . . . . .	22,673	Shiawassee County (MI) . . . . .	13,465
Phillips County (CO) . . . . .	144,251	Seneca County (OH) . . . . .	22,392	Prairie Creek (IA) . . . . .	13,367
Iowa Capitol . . . . .	126,850	Chippewa County (MN) . . . . .	22,334	Douglas County West (NE) . . . . .	13,330
Central Montana . . . . .	124,469	Williams County (OH) . . . . .	22,049	Mecosta County (MI) . . . . .	13,281
Waupaca County (WI) . . . . .	117,924	Seward County (NE) . . . . .	21,881	Four Seasons (NE) . . . . .	13,277
Glacial Ridge (MN) . . . . .	103,717	Dakota (ND) . . . . .	21,759	Dane County (WI) . . . . .	13,272
Fayette County (IA) . . . . .	84,802	Chickasaw County Pioneer (IA) . . . . .	20,695	Watonwan County (MN) . . . . .	13,153
Winnebago/Hancock (IA) . . . . .	74,834	Butler County (OH) . . . . .	19,967	Sangamon County (IL) . . . . .	13,115
Yuma County (CO) . . . . .	71,053	Carroll County (IA) . . . . .	19,823	Thumb (MI) . . . . .	13,045
Mahaska County (IA) . . . . .	69,329	Swift County (MN) . . . . .	19,610	Columbia County (WI) . . . . .	12,969
Northeast Indiana . . . . .	66,735	Illinois Pioneer . . . . .	19,150	Waseca County (MN) . . . . .	12,912
Bay/Midland (MI) . . . . .	65,064	Buchanan County (IA) . . . . .	18,647	Wyoming County (NY) . . . . .	12,907
Pheasant Country (SD) . . . . .	62,425	McLean County (IL) . . . . .	18,628	Mission Valley (MT) . . . . .	12,852
Highland (IL) . . . . .	57,144	Stubble Ducks (KS) . . . . .	18,587	Platte Area (SD) . . . . .	12,813
Linn County (IA) . . . . .	52,627	Laurel Highland (PA) . . . . .	17,764	Northern South Dakota . . . . .	12,747
Clayton County (IA) . . . . .	52,410	Smoky Hill (KS) . . . . .	17,676	Goodhue County (MN) . . . . .	12,651
Logan County (OH) . . . . .	51,665	Southeastern Wisconsin . . . . .	17,462	Plains Sportsman (NE) . . . . .	12,359
Poweshiek County (IA) . . . . .	51,376	Livingston County (MI) . . . . .	16,992	Rooster Boosters (KS) . . . . .	12,083
Kit Carson County (CO) . . . . .	50,847	Osceola County (IA) . . . . .	16,985	Meeker County (MN) . . . . .	11,950
De Witt County (IL) . . . . .	48,785	Chouteau County (MT) . . . . .	16,972	Clinton County (MI) . . . . .	11,923
Ida County (IA) . . . . .	47,210	Grant County (SD) . . . . .	16,880	Bighorn Basin County (WY) . . . . .	11,922
Oregon Trail (NE) . . . . .	47,123	Dickinson County (KS) . . . . .	16,765	Ashland County (OH) . . . . .	11,819
Twin Rivers (IA) . . . . .	43,420	Dakota/Thurston (NE) . . . . .	16,703	Yankton Area (SD) . . . . .	11,641
Lee County (IA) . . . . .	42,537	Fremont/Mills (IA) . . . . .	16,620	Webster County (NE) . . . . .	11,522
Sibley County (MN) . . . . .	41,925	Nemaha County (KS) . . . . .	16,506	Barry County (MI) . . . . .	11,495
Kandiyohi County (MN) . . . . .	39,326	Clay County (IA) . . . . .	16,275	Calhoun County (IA) . . . . .	11,465
Chug Creek (WY) . . . . .	38,808	Redwood County (MN) . . . . .	16,000	Douglas County (MN) . . . . .	11,311
Winnebago County (IL) . . . . .	36,197	Mille Lacs/Benton (MN) . . . . .	15,968	Livingston County (IL) . . . . .	11,260
Winneshiek County (IA) . . . . .	35,480	Dickinson County (IA) . . . . .	15,920	Mini-Cassia (ID) . . . . .	11,250
Northeast Pennsylvania . . . . .	34,394	Fox River Valley (WI) . . . . .	15,743	Mitchell County Pioneer (IA) . . . . .	11,171
Delaware County (IA) . . . . .	34,111	Kearney County (NE) . . . . .	15,702	Warren County (IA) . . . . .	11,150
Indianhead (WI) . . . . .	34,099	Covered Bridge (IA) . . . . .	15,683	Lincoln Creek (NE) . . . . .	11,065
Canyon County (ID) . . . . .	33,996	Richland County (MT) . . . . .	15,592	Miami County (OH) . . . . .	11,012
Aldo Leopold (IA) . . . . .	33,836	Sac County (IA) . . . . .	15,566	Black Gold (KS) . . . . .	10,929
Story County (IA) . . . . .	33,255	Heritage (NE) . . . . .	15,473	Carroll County (IL) . . . . .	10,898
Traverse County (MN) . . . . .	32,440	Stevens County (MN) . . . . .	15,460	Chippewa Valley (WI) . . . . .	10,873
Butler County (IA) . . . . .	31,505	Missouri River Central (SD) . . . . .	15,433	Webster County (IA) . . . . .	10,804
Erie/Ottawa/Sandusky (OH) . . . . .	29,616	Greenbelt (IA) . . . . .	15,316	Somerset County (PA) . . . . .	10,797
Morgan County (CO) . . . . .	28,683	Solomon Valley (KS) . . . . .	15,186	Macomb County (MI) . . . . .	10,732
Eaton County (MI) . . . . .	27,786	Northfork Tailgunners (KS) . . . . .	15,089	Sioux Prairie (IA) . . . . .	10,240
Sunflower (KS) . . . . .	27,367	Clinton/Highland (OH) . . . . .	15,044	Carver County (MN) . . . . .	10,239
McLeod County (MN) . . . . .	26,874	Cody Ringnecks (NE) . . . . .	15,028	Marshall County (IA) . . . . .	10,182
Douglas County (IL) . . . . .	26,700	Darke County (OH) . . . . .	14,766	Montgomery County (IL) . . . . .	10,064
Great Plains (NE) . . . . .	26,070	Audubon County (IA) . . . . .	14,567	Sugar River Valley (WI) . . . . .	10,000

## 2012 PF Habitat Stats (Fiscal 2012)

### FARM BILL BIOLOGIST PROJECTS 2012

#### Nesting cover, controlled burns, wetlands, woody cover and food plots

Acres Covered .....	.656,702
Landowner Contacts .....	.21,600

CHAPTER PROJECTS	2012	SINCE 1982
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#### FOOD PLOTS

Number .....	8,724	.232,298
Acres Covered .....	71,782	.1,547,816
Dollars Spent .....	14,654,991	.142,146,339

#### NESTING COVER

Number .....	6,077	.133,552
Acres Covered .....	143,665	.2,631,152
Dollars Spent .....	5,423,943	.76,701,186

#### WOODY COVER

Number .....	1,018	.49,899
Acres Covered .....	3,765	.120,805
Shrubs and Evergreens .....	543,893	.32,118,243
Dollars Spent .....	655,689	.18,676,521

#### WETLANDS

Number .....	72	.3,465
Acres Covered .....	976	.70,818
Dollars Spent .....	245,200	.8,403,351

#### LAND ACQUISITIONS

Number .....	34	.1,346
Acres Covered .....	7,640	.169,507
Dollars Spent .....	12,474,222	.88,970,623

#### MAINTENANCE (Since 1999)

Number .....	1,450	.40,383
Acres Covered .....	57,546	.2,283,299

#### EQUIPMENT

Dollars Spent .....	526,828	.13,447,914
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#### PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Dollars Spent .....	7,263,730	.53,370,707
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Total of All Dollars Spent (PF & QF) Since 1982 ..... **.401,716,641**

Total of All Acres (PF & QF) Since 1982 ..... **.6,823,397**

## 2012 Education Outreach Top 50 Chapters

Red River Valley (ND).....	59,902
Illinois Pioneer .....	55,123
Hancock County (OH) .....	43,462
Southeastern Ohio .....	34,119
Wood-Lucas (OH).....	30,313
Carroll County (IL) .....	27,586
Mississippi Longtails (MN).....	27,008
Dickinson County (IA).....	24,747
Northern Colorado .....	24,716
Ida County (IA).....	24,486
Mahaska County (IA) .....	23,983
Phillips County (CO) .....	22,731
Lee County (IA) .....	22,298
Nobles County (MN).....	21,828
Pikes Peak (CO) .....	21,522
Kit Carson County (CO).....	20,311
Carroll County (IA).....	20,140
Black Gold (KS) .....	19,330
Pottawattamie County (IA).....	17,624
Pocahontas County (IA) .....	16,612
Northfork Tailgunners (KS) .....	16,427
High Plains (WY) .....	15,399
Texas Ringnecks HS (WY).....	15,131
Northeast Indiana .....	14,838
Coteau Prairie (SD) .....	14,643
Sioux Prairie (IA) .....	14,607
Ingham County (MI).....	14,030
Illinois River Valley .....	13,776
Palo Alto County (IA).....	13,775
Peaceful Valley (ND) .....	13,334
Burt County (NE) .....	12,023
Mitchell County Pioneer (IA) .....	11,873
Sheboygan (WI).....	10,873
Rice County (MN) .....	10,777
Northwest Suburban (MN) .....	10,767
Aldo Leopold (IA) .....	10,687
Dakota Ringnecks (MN) .....	10,686
Antelope Valley (NE).....	10,673
Boyer Valley (IA) .....	10,595
Cherokee County (IA) .....	10,512
Northern Prairie (IA) .....	10,375
Central Indiana.....	10,365
Elkhorn Valley (NE) .....	10,239
Bazile Creek Ringnecks (NE).....	10,030
Morrison County (MN) .....	9,835
Sheridan/Johnson County (WY)....	9,750
James Valley (ND) .....	9,666
Carver County (MN) .....	9,619
Ark 2000 (KS) .....	9,616
Ozaukee County (WI) .....	9,372



Cheryl Riley

**This past year almost 45,000 youth participated in chapter-led events.**

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Rusty	Robert Montgomery	Robert Montgomery
Sage	Wayne Cowles	Wayne Cowles
Sigmund	John Davis & Family	John Davis
Bailey		Forbes Seed & Grain
JC	James Maifield	Chris Maifield



Todd Sauers



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## 2012 Top 25 Membership Banquets

Calgary (CN)	617
Pheasant Country (SD)	548
Ingham County (MI)	508
Ciresi's Hunter's Stag (MN)	506
Northern South Dakota	479
Ida County (IA)	465
Northfork Tailgunners (KS)	404
St Clair County (MI)	330
De Witt County (IL)	325
Plymouth County (IA)	317
Winnebago County (IL)	311
Dickinson County (IA)	307
Sauk County (WI)	289
Platte Area (SD)	276
Ringneck Rustlers (KS)	259
Webster County (IA)	258
Chippewa County (MN)	253
Bay/Midland (MI)	245
Red Cedar Men (WI)	242
Nobles County (MN)	241
Dubuqueland (IA)	236
Illinois Pioneer	232
Carroll County (IA)	228
Black Hills (SD)	223
Elkhorn Valley (NE)	223

## 2012 Tributes

In Honor of	Donor
Gary Guagenti	Bickers Consulting Group, LLC
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