

Pheasants Forever Chapter Recognized as 1997 Outstanding Conservation Cooperators



Pheasants Forever Brown County Chapter representatives receive Certificate of Merit from MASWCD & "The Farmer" magazine

Each year the Brown Soil & Water Conservation District recognizes a County cooperator for their contribution to the conservation and improvement of natural resources. Parting from the tradition of selecting an individual landowner, this year the Soil & Water Conservation District has selected the **Brown County Pheasants Forever Chapter** for the 1997 award.

The Pheasants Forever Chapter focuses on the enhancement, restoration and acquisition of pheasant habitat. The chapter has purchased ten land parcels for a total of 941.5 acres, the largest consisting of 285 acres and the smallest of 15 acres. Of this, 329.5 acres was purchased solely by the Chapter and the balance in

conjunction with other wildlife organizations. Native grasses including big blue stem, Indian grass and switchgrass have been seeded to provide nesting cover. Members have also planted thousands of trees in numerous wildlife plantings and have established many food plots. The Chapter has not only addressed habitat concerns on the properties they have acquired for public hunting but have also spent thousands of dollars on assisting private landowners with tree plantings and grass seeding establishment. Corn and sorghum seed is also available to landowners for the establishment of food plots. In winter, a feeding station program is provided with filled feeders located throughout the county. Feeders and feed are also available to individuals.

The Brown County Pheasants Forever Chapter was founded in 1987 and has over 300 members. An annual banquet, the Chapter's fundraising event, is held each March and is attended by approximately 600 people. The Officers are President, Dan Hoffmann; Vice President, Brian Cook; Secretary, Ralph Grundmeyer; Treasurer, Lynn Neid; State Liaison, Dale Trebesch; and Wildlife Habitat Chairperson, Greg Tennant. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

Representatives of the Chapter will be recognized along with other State Conservation Cooperators at the Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in Rochester in December.



Members: Delbert Lambrecht, Marvin Kral, Dale Trebesch, Ralph Grundmeyer & Greg Tennant amidst pheasant habitat established by the organization.