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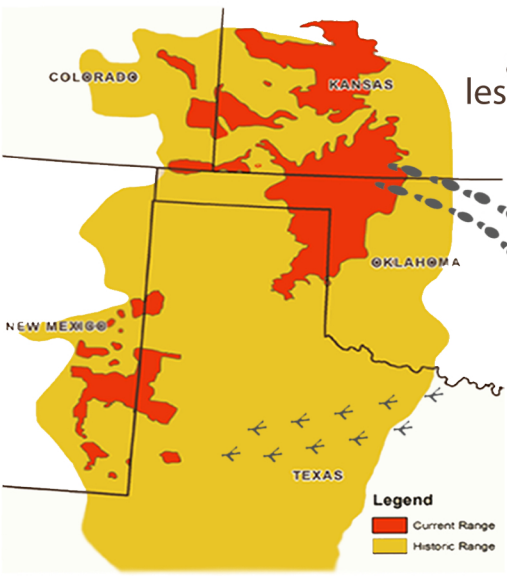
LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN INITIATIVE



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are home to the lesser prairie-chicken

95%
of its habitat is on private lands

Threats to the Lesser Prairie - Chicken

Drought, Habitat Loss & Degradation

As of now **1 MILLION ACRES!** Farmers and ranchers created and enhanced habitat on more than

Over 130,000 acres of woody invasive species treated to increase prairie-chicken habitat!

This equates to over 200 square miles of additional lesser prairie-chicken habitat.

Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative Benefits

- Producers conserving chicken habitat can get regulatory predictability.
- Chicken-friendly practices improve rangeland health, wildlife habitat and water quality.
- Wildlife that share lesser prairie-chicken habitat also flourish.
- Ranchlands are more productive, profitable and drought-tolerant.

4 Steps to Assistance

1. **APPLICATION** — Visit your local NRCS field office to apply.
2. **ASSESSMENT** — NRCS will complete a Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG) to determine chicken habitat.
3. **IMPLEMENTING** — With the help of NRCS, develop a conservation plan and implement chicken-friendly practices.
4. **ELIGIBILITY** — NRCS will provide information on producer eligibility for regulatory predictability.

Source: Resource Economic Analysis Policy Division (REAP)