

Kansas Forest Service

District Foresters

- Dave Bruton, NE District , Valley Falls
785-945-6147, dbruton@ksu.edu

- Katy Dhungel, SE District, Iola
620-365-2901 Ext.1306
kdhungel@ksu.edu

- Thad Rhodes, NC District, Manhattan
785-776-7582 Ext. 1517
trhodes@ksu.edu

- Dennis Carlson, SE District, Hutchinson
620-663-3501 Ext. 8, dcarlson@ksu.edu

- Jim Strine, NW District, Hays
785-625-3425, Ext. 220
jstrine@ksu.edu

- John Klempa, SW District, Garden City
620-275-0211, Ext. 1308
jdklempa@ksu.edu



A photo of one of many Kansas windbreaks in poor condition that is being renovated through CCPI and EQIP for Forestland Health. Recent inventories suggest 44 percent of Kansas windbreaks are in fair-to-poor condition and in need of renovation. There are an estimated 289,577 acres of windbreaks in Kansas that stretch a total of 43,436 miles and protect 579,221 acres of cropland, farmsteads, homes and livestock operations. Keeping Kansas windbreaks in “functioning condition” is an important goal of CCPI.



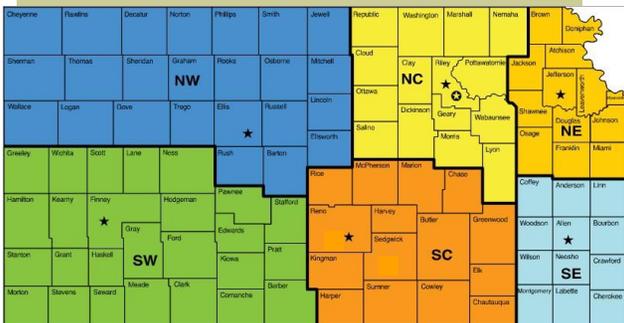
Kansas State University, Kansas Forest Service and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are equal opportunity providers and employers.



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Kansas Forest Service
2610 Claflin RD
Manhattan, KS 66502
www.kansasforests.org

Phone: 785-532-3300
Fax: 785-532-3305
E-mail: atchison@ksu.edu



Financial assistance for managing woodlands, windbreaks, and riparian forests

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Forestland Health

Kansas Forest Service
785-532-3300

About the Program



The **Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)** provides financial assistance through the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for Forestland Health** to manage riparian forests and renovate old windbreaks in Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. Forestland, windbreaks, cropland, and grassland all have the potential to qualify for the program if a “resource concern” is identified. Primary resource concerns for the program are the health and condition of trees in windbreaks and forests, soil erosion that impacts water associated with excessive sediment. Specific examples of resource concerns may include:

- ◆ Old windbreaks with gaps and dead trees or shrubs
- ◆ Streambank erosion where additional tree planting can provide long-term reduction in soil loss
- ◆ Forest or woodlands that are over crowded (need thinning), or would benefit from additional tree planting; or contain a high percentage of invasive or undesirable trees and shrubs

CCPI-EQIP for Forestland Health payment rates are based upon region-wide average costs.

Eligibility and Requirements

- ◆ CCPI and EQIP are available state-wide.
- ◆ Applicants must be engaged in agricultural production or forest management or have interest in the agricultural or forestry operation associated with the land offered for enrollment in EQIP.
- ◆ Tenants may apply with written support from landowners.
- ◆ Land must have a “resource concern” as determined by Kansas Forest Service district foresters and/or NRCS district conservationists.
- ◆ A forest management plan or Forest Stewardship Management plan is required. Plans are prepared by KFS district foresters at no cost to the applicant. Plans are not required prior to application though they can speed up the process.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted **continuously** at county NRCS offices located in USDA Service Centers. However, the application evaluation period cutoff date for fiscal year 2013 is **February 15, 2013**. Locations and contact information are available on the Web at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov by clicking on “Find a Service Center” at the bottom of the left-hand column. Additional program information is located at the above Web address by clicking on Programs in the top header, then EQIP and/or Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.

NRCS will refer applicants to a Kansas Forest Service district forester who will visit the property and develop a management plan to guide the project. NRCS will then rank and prioritize the application based on criteria developed for Forestland Health and fund accordingly. After contracts are obligated by NRCS and plans are completed applicants may begin their projects.

Eligible Practices and Rates*

A **partial listing** of practices and payment rates. Applicants are reimbursed at these rates.

Windbreak Row Removal < 8"	\$0.56/LnFt
Windbreak Row Removal > 8"	\$1.60/LnFt
Windbreak Thinning (selective)	\$0.29/LnFt
Windbreak Planting (Mach. BR)	\$0.19/LnFt
Windbreak Planting (Hand BR)	\$380.16/AC
Microirrigation—Surface Drip	\$662.67/AC
Herbicides (spot & banding)	\$66.45/AC
Weed Barrier Fabric (4x4)	\$1.73/EA
Weed Barrier Fabric (6' roll)	\$0.19/SqFt
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (medium)	\$302.37/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (heavy)	\$320.06/AC
Direct Seeding (Hdw Estab)	\$932.76/AC
Tree Planting (Mach & Tubes)	\$4.46/EA
Tree Planting (Hand & Tubes)	\$5.19/EA
Tree Planting (Mach)	\$1.88/EA
Riparian Forest Buffer (BR/Mach)	\$989.61/AC
Barbed Wire Fence (4 S)	\$0.94/LnFt
Forest Stand Improvement (Thinning)	\$252.06/AC

* **Payment rates are subject to change.**

LnFt- linear feet; SqFt - square feet; AC - acre

Kansas Forest Service
2610 Claflin RD
Manhattan, KS 66502
www.kansasforests.org

Phone: 785-532-3300
Fax: 785-532-3305
atchison@ksu.edu