



North Dakota

Women in Conservation



2018 in Review

Why am I Getting this Newsletter?

A Note from Cayla Bendel

Hope you've all had a safe and happy harvest season! If you are receiving this newsletter, it is because you attended a *Women Caring for the Land* event hosted by Pheasants Forever and other varying partners over the last year. At Pheasants Forever, we're dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs. We feel strongly about working with private landowners like yourselves to help you meet your stewardship goals and increase your operation's profitability, all while furthering our mission. We have launched this initiative to target conservation outreach to women because we feel many current outreach strategies are not effectively communicating conservation opportunities to women landowners and operators. We hope events like these provide a fun but informative day that encourages women to take an active role in their farm and ranch management decisions - especially when it comes to conservation.



In response to many of attendee's request to keep in touch with each other and our efforts, I have decided to put out this quarterly newsletter highlighting past events, promoting future events, and sprinkling in other useful information. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like me to include any events or have questions about a particular practice or program. If you do not wish to receive these quarterly newsletters I can remove you from the list. Hope you enjoy and don't forget to follow along with all of our North Dakota Pheasants Forever efforts on Facebook and Instagram!

12

Women landowner & operator outreach events held since 2017

149

Women impacted from these events

91%

Of women were interested in attending another



Women Caring for the Land - August 28th, 2018 - Gwinner, ND

2018 Women Caring for the Land Highlights

Monarch Chrysalis

At the Sargent county event, one woman shared the Milkweed she collected from her garden with a soon-to-be emerged Monarch. The Monarch Butterfly will only lay it's eggs on Milkweed species so if you want to do your part, don't spray or mow your Milkweeds!



DIY Infiltration Test

Dessa Sand performs a quick soil infiltration test on ex-crop land converted to pasture by pounding in a soil ring and timing how long it takes water to infiltrate – an easy way to compare fields and track improvements!

Conservation Note of the Quarter:

Got Saline? Grow Green!

Due to North Dakota's geology, many of our soils hold salts. However land management practices that increase evaporation, draw these salts through the soil profile to the surface. The key to improving salinity issues, is managing water evaporation. Keeping areas of concern "green" for longer allows water to move through a plant and transpire without raising salts to the surface. Cover crops and perennial plantings are an excellent way to reduce inputs on those acres while lowering salt levels.



Pheasants Forever offers a number of cost share programs through our Precision Ag and Conservation Specialists for producers looking to do just that!

Partner Shout-out!

A special thanks to Linsey Bauer with Steele County Farm Service Agency for her commitment and dedication to planning a Women Caring for the Land event in her county. Steel county was our most attended event and women got the opportunity to hear about biological control of Leafy Spurge, cover crop grazing, and soil health.



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Got ideas or photos you want to share? Send them my way!



Upcoming Events

December 12th

Women in Ag Connection Day

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Bismarck Public Library

Bismarck, ND

December 16th

Women's Rooster Rally

1:00 PM

Statewide

January 18th

Cocktails & Conservation

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Ramada Bismarck

February 6th

Women in Ag Connection Day

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tuttle School

Tuttle, ND

For questions or to RSVP for an

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