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"Playa Lake Conservation" Resturant Placemats

KDWP is trying a new approach to promoting wildlife conservation programs. In cooperation with the PLJV, NRCS, FSA, and KAWS, KDWP has developed and distributed placemats to selected resturants in western Kansas to promote FSA programs that benefit wetlands and wildlife.

Click HERE to view a resturant placemat.

Kansas rolls out CRP program for playas

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Playa lakes, sometimes referred to as buffalo wallows or lagoons, are naturally occurring depressions

found in western Kansas and other parts of the Great Plains. It is estimated that before human settlement, well over 10,000 playa lakes were scattered throughout western Kansas. Since that time, many have been converted to agricultural land and manipulated to hold irrigation runoff. In their natural state, playas possess the unique ability to hold water for extended periods of time due to the impermeable nature of its soil when wet. This enables playas to function as important stopover sites for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds as well as breeding grounds for numerous amphibians during the wet season. During the periods of little or no rainfall, vegetation that grew during the wet period provides much needed refuge and forage for a host of upland birds, migratory songbirds, as well as mammals. Due to the existing agricultural practices, many of these playas are currently cropland and not able to function as a wetland due to plowing, fertilizer/pesticide runoff, and extreme siltation.

These playa lakes are often difficult to farm due to periodic flooding. Many crops have to be re-planted within the playa basin to ensure a good stand. Once the crop reaches maturity, often times it is too wet in and around the playa to harvest. Some farmers indicate they only receive about one or two good crops in ten years in these low-lying areas.

Playa Lake Signup Incentive Program (PLSIP)
. PLSIP offers a one-time incentive payment of $15/acre
for those landowners who enroll in USDA's
Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain Initiative (CP23A).

For more information on KDWP's
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CP23A
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Playa Lakes Joint Venture (PLJV)

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams (KAWS)