

## HCP Prairie Conservation Strategy Survey: Answers tabulated on rural land ownership

Please indicate all that apply to you:

Answer Options	I own land in rural Benton County	I do not own land in rural Benton County	Rural ownership not identified	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a resident of Benton County	51	34	7	69.7%	92
I am not a resident of Benton County		21	9	22.7%	30
I own land in rural Benton County	51			38.6%	51
I do not own land in rural Benton County		58		43.9%	58
I own land within city limits in Benton County	4	31		26.5%	35
I am interested in habitat conservation on my property	37	24	5	58.3%	66
I am not interested in habitat conservation on my property	7	6		11.9%	13
I am a public/NGO land manager	2	12	7	13.1%	21
<i>answered question</i>					<b>132</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>0</b>

Do you own land in the Fender's blue butterfly habitat zone?

Answer Options	I own land in rural Benton County	I do not own land in rural Benton County	Rural ownership not identified	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	25	3	2	23.1%	30
No	19	47	20	66.2%	86
I don't know	7	7		10.8%	14
<i>answered question</i>					<b>130</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>2</b>

Which type of land ownership should be emphasized for habitat conservation in Benton County?

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Answer Options	I own land in rural Benton County	I do not own land in rural Benton County	Rural ownership not identified	Response Percent	Response Count
Public land	8	1		7.1%	9
Private land				0.0%	0
Both, with emphasis on public land	17	11	11	31.0%	39
Both, with emphasis on private land	2	3	2	5.6%	7
Whichever mix meets habitat conservation needs best	21	40	10	56.3%	71
No opinion				0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>					<b>126</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>6</b>

**Would you be interested in creating or enhancing habitat for species that are not listed as endangered but have conservation value on your private property (example: prairies for western meadowlark)?**

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Yes	26	38	18	64.6%	82
Maybe	15	4		15.0%	19
No	7	5		9.4%	12
No opinion	1	8	5	11.0%	14
<b>answered question</b>					<b>127</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>5</b>

**Are you willing to provide habitat for endangered species on your property, and does your willingness depend on how regulations are applied?**

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Yes, regardless of regulations	3	11	6	16.0%	20
Yes, provided regulators are flexible and work collaboratively	22	26	11	47.2%	59
Yes, if their presence does not affect how I can manage my	16	2	1	15.2%	19
Maybe (I need more information, I'm unsure, etc.)	2	6		6.4%	8
No, not under any circumstances	4	3		5.6%	7
No opinion	1	6	5	9.6%	12
<b>answered question</b>					<b>125</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>7</b>

**Did you know that under federal and state law, threatened and endangered animals are protected on private lands but plants usually are not? [Some exceptions include when plants provide habitat for endangered animals at the site, if a wetland fill permit is requested, or if federal funding is involved in a project on private land.]**

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Yes	27	37	19	66.9%	83
No	21	16	4	33.1%	41
<b>answered question</b>					<b>124</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>8</b>

**If seeds of rare or endangered plants were available to you, along with instructions on how to grow them, would you be interested in planting them on your property?**

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Yes, regardless of regulations	8	22	8	31.1%	38
Yes, provided regulators are flexible and work collaboratively	15	18	12	36.9%	45
Yes, if their presence does not affect how I can manage my	14	4	1	15.6%	19
Maybe (I need more information, I'm unsure, etc.)	5	4		7.4%	9
No, not under any circumstances	5	2		5.7%	7
No opinion		2	2	3.3%	4
<b>answered question</b>					<b>122</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>10</b>

**The Benton County Prairie Conservation Strategy has several goals. Please rank these goals in order of importance to you. (only one answer per column)**

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Identify prairie habitats and habitat attributes important to Benton County's rare prairie species in order to achieve viable populations of prairie dependent species					
1 (most important)	18	27	16		
2	15	15	2		
3 (least important)	8	8	3		
	1.76	1.62	1.38	1.59	112
Encourage voluntary cooperative partnerships among public and private landowners and the general community to enhance conservation					
1 (most important)	24	17	5		
2	15	23	11		
3 (least important)	4	10	6		
	1.53	1.86	2.05	1.81	115
Facilitate access to diverse sources of funding to maximize likelihood of stable support					
1 (most important)		6	1		
2	12	12	8		
3 (least important)	31	33	12		
	2.72	2.53	2.52	2.59	115
Please help us identify other goals or strategies: See comments in raw data table				17	
<b>answered question</b>					<b>118</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>14</b>

**Please rate your interest in these tools for habitat conservation and management on PRIVATE land.**

**Please indicate all that apply to you:**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>I own land in rural Benton County</b>	<b>I do not own land in rural Benton County</b>	<b>Rural ownership not identified</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Educational materials with how-to tips</b>					
1 (very interested)	21	27	10	1.79	112
2	15	9	5		
3	5	7	4		
4	1	2			
5 (not interested)	4	1			
No opinion			1		
	1.96	1.72	1.68		
<b>Hands-on assistance from government or other organizations (e.g. equipment, labor)</b>					
1 (very interested)	9	19	10	2.17	110
2	13	11	7		
3	7	9	2		
4	3	2			
5 (not interested)	11	3			
No opinion	2	1	1		
	2.86	2.07	1.58		
<b>Technical assistance (e.g. specific project plans, guidance)</b>					
1 (very interested)	12	22	11	1.88	110
2	20	18	6		
3	6		2		
4	3	2			
5 (not interested)	5	3			
No opinion					
	2.33	1.80	1.53		
<b>Financial incentives or cost sharing</b>					
1 (very interested)	12	17	11	2.10	111
2	14	14	4		
3	9	5	3		
4	3	3	1		
5 (not interested)	5	5			
No opinion	3	1	1		
	2.42	2.20	1.68		
<b>Making seeds of endangered plants available to private land owners</b>					
1 (very interested)	25	22	7	2.10	111
2	13	15	7		
3	3	5	5		
4	1	1			

5 (not interested)	4	2			
No opinion		1	1		
	1.83	1.80	1.89	1.84	112
Clear information on federal/state regulations for endangered species on private lands					
1 (very interested)	24	22	10		
2	14	13	6		
3	5	7	1		
4	1		2		
5 (not interested)	2	4			
No opinion			1		
	1.76	1.93	1.74	1.81	112
Enforce existing species protection laws on private land					
1 (very interested)	3	19	3		
2	5	9	6		
3	12	9	8		
4	9	3	1		
5 (not interested)	14	4	1		
No opinion	2	1	1		
	3.60	2.18	2.53	2.77	110
Neighbor to neighbor outreach					
1 (very interested)	6	16	3		
2	11	11	9		
3	11	10	6		
4	6	2			
5 (not interested)	10	4	1		
No opinion	2	1	1		
	3.07	2.23	2.32	2.54	110
Volunteer program to assist with conservation					
1 (very interested)	10	16	6		
2	11	15	8		
3	14	10	5		
4	4	2			
5 (not interested)	5	3			
No opinion	2		1		
	2.61	2.15	1.95	2.24	112
Selling or donating a conservation easement					
1 (very interested)	3	10	7		
2	7	15	5		
3	12	6	2		
4	3	3	1		
5 (not interested)	18	7	1		
No opinion	3	4	4		
	3.60	2.56	2.00	2.72	111
Recognition program for exemplary conservation stewards					

1 (very interested)	9	13	7			
2	10	15	5			
3	8	10	3			
4	7	3	2			
5 (not interested)	10	4	1			
No opinion	2	1	2			
	2.98	2.33	2.17	2.49	112	
Describe other ideas here: See comments in raw data table						
					<i>answered question</i>	112
					<i>skipped question</i>	20

**Please rate these tools for improved habitat conservation and management on PUBLIC land.**

**Please indicate all that apply to you:**

Answer Options	I do not own			Rating Average	Response Count
	I own land in rural Benton County	land in rural Benton County	Rural ownership not identified		
Manage park and open space lands for habitat conservation					
1 (most effective)	26	33	14		
2	9	9	4		
3	4	2	2		
4	2	1			
5 (least effective)	3	1			
No opinion	1				
	1.80	1.43	1.40	1.54	111
Volunteer program to assist with conservation					
1 (most effective)	14	14	5		
2	22	19	9		
3	3	9	6		
4	3	2			
5 (least effective)	2	2			
No opinion					
	2.02	2.11	2.05	2.06	110
Manage road and other rights of way for habitat conservation					
1 (most effective)	13	21	9		
2	15	15	6		
3	6	4	4		
4	4	2			
5 (least effective)	7	2	1		
No opinion	1				
	2.49	1.84	1.90	2.08	110
Control invasive species					
1 (most effective)	34	37	19		
2	5	5			

3	2	2	1		
4	1	1			
5 (least effective)	2	1			
No opinion	1				
	1.45	1.35	1.10	1.30	111
Acquire habitat types that are currently under-represented and needed for connectivity					
1 (most effective)	25	28	16		
2	11	11	3		
3	2	4	1		
4	1	1			
5 (least effective)	6	2			
No opinion	1				
	1.93	1.65	1.25	1.61	112
Develop partnerships between agencies for management across ownership boundaries					
1 (most effective)	21	27	11		
2	12	13	7		
3	4	3	1		
4	1		1		
5 (least effective)	4	3			
No opinion	2				
	1.93	1.67	1.60	1.73	110
Enforce existing laws on public land					
1 (most effective)	16	23	11		
2	16	10	3		
3	5	8	6		
4	2	1			
5 (least effective)	5	3			
No opinion		1			
	2.18	1.91	1.75	1.95	110
"Adopt a roadside" program for volunteers to manage populations along roads					
1 (most effective)	15	12	4		
2	14	14	7		
3	6	14	7		
4	6	3	2		
5 (least effective)	3	3			
No opinion	1				
	2.27	2.37	2.35	2.33	111
County Naturalist staff position					
1 (most effective)	9	16	5		
2	11	14	10		
3	8	8	2		
4	4	4	2		
5 (least effective)	12	2	1		
No opinion	1	2			

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Describe other ideas here: See comments in raw data table

*answered question*

**112**

*skipped question*

**20**