

THE HIGH PLAINS RC&D RECORD

8/1/98 TO 7/30/09

Results achieved by over 100 partners working together for Rural Oklahoma!

***146 Active or completed projects**

***Generating grant funds, program monies, contracts in the amount of \$12,009,495**

***Resulting in total project investments of \$138,508,572**

***60 Emergency Watershed Protection Projects directly benefiting 7,078 people, and protecting private and public property having a value of \$77,454,294**

***Utilizing \$1,175,700 of public funds to stimulate \$126,454,00 in business development, resulting in 28 new businesses or industries and 436 new jobs**

***Utilizing \$424,000 of public funds to assist in statewide projects including cedar mapping, agritourism, and wildlife heritage trail development. 427 businesses were assisted through enhanced marketing with the agritourism and trail development, and the cedar mapping effort has resulted in 73 new businesses, employing 201 people.**

***Utilizing grant and program funds in the amount of \$1,984,705 to directly place 120,00 private land acres and 22,000 public land acres under voluntary habitat improvement programs for the Lesser Prairie Chicken**

***Utilizing \$310,732 of public funds to bring the arts, cultural, social, and leadership programs to 9,128 citizens**

***Utilizing \$4,264,959 of funding to bring conservation, agriculture, wildlife, tourism projects to 11,587 citizens**

***Establishing and obtaining funding for the Prairie States Coalition, a five state organization designated by the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce as a national model for rural economy recovery, obtaining designation of the High Plains region as one of the six national “biomass conversion to energy” project areas, and national and international recognition for creating the “ranch conversation” as a way to bring diverse stakeholders together to reach solutions for highly controversial environmental issues**

***Directly providing information and services to 97,437 people in 5 states**