

**571—22.9(456A,483A) Wildlife habitat enhancement on public and private lands.** The department's primary goal for the wildlife bureau's seed harvest program is to provide an adequate supply of native plant materials to meet the diverse seeding requirements of state and federal land that is owned or managed by the department.

**22.9(1) *Private land.*** The department may enter into agreements to meet the challenge of providing native plant materials to conservation groups, educational groups, and private landowners for use in promoting and establishing wildlife habitat and conservation plantings in Iowa. These materials include, but are not limited to, seed and seedlings of prairie plants, grains, and agricultural crop seeds. All native prairie plant materials provided to Iowa landowners will be purchased through these agreements. Landowners who receive this seed will be required to enter into a cooperative habitat development agreement with the department. This agreement shall limit the landowner to utilizing the seed for development of wildlife habitat only and explicitly prohibit the landowner from harvesting or producing seed for any purpose other than providing wildlife habitat.

**22.9(2) *Public land.*** The department's seed harvest program will harvest, process, and distribute native plant materials for the purpose of improving wildlife habitat on department-managed land in Iowa. Native plant materials include prairie grasses and forbs and mast crops from trees. In addition, native plant materials may be provided to educational groups (schools) or conservation groups who want to carry out educational, environmental or demonstration plantings that will promote prairies and wildlife habitat. These materials will be limited to \$300 or less in value and must be used for providing wildlife habitat or demonstrating the use of native plant materials. These materials provided to groups will include a marketing disclaimer which prohibits the materials from being used for seed source by the receiving group. The department may enter into agreements with conservation partners or governmental agencies to utilize prairie seed and seedlings as a matching source of in-kind value to secure additional funding or land acquisition, providing all seed materials remain on lands owned, managed or to be acquired by the department.