

## **Agency Presence in NEBRASKA**

### **Employment**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 40 people in Nebraska.

The FY 2010 Resource Management Budget for Service activities in Nebraska totaled \$6.186.957.

### National Wildlife Refuge System

Seven National Wildlife Refuges with 147,189 acres and one Wetland Management District totaling 25,662 acres

Volunteer Hours: 865

#### Visitation

• 197,890 people visited Refuges in Nebraska in 2010

### Of these:

- 16,845 people fished
- 53,280 people hunted
- 108,503 people visited Refuges to view wildlife.
- 2,234 people attended environmental education programs.

## Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Working with a variety of partners since 1987, the Service has helped 800 Nebraska

landowners enhance wildlife habitat on 227,500 acres of private land and restore 350 miles of stream.

### **Fisheries Program**

National Fish Hatcheries (NFH) stocked 6,370,500 fish in Nebraska waters to support recreational fisheries, recover threatened and endangered species, and restore native fishes. The estimated economic benefit of these activities is \$77,489,400. In 2010, a total of 1,146,700 angler days resulted from NFH stocking in Nebraska.

#### **Ecological Services Program**

The Service is a partner in the Platte River Cooperative Agreement, and is co-lead with the Bureau of Reclamation in implementing the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program. The Service's recovery efforts in Nebraska include work on the endangered Salt Creek tiger beetle and nine other listed plant, invertebrate, vertebrate, and fish species.

The Service also coordinates closely with various land and resource management agencies and State, local, Tribal, Federal, and non-governmental partners in Nebraska on issues including energy development, water

development and wetlands impacts, and environmental contaminants assessment and mitigation.

# Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2011, Nebraska received \$4,489,711 for sport fish restoration, \$6,137,129 for wildlife restoration, and approximately \$550,000 for the State Wildlife Grants Program.

These funds assist State Fish and Wildlife agencies in conserving, restoring, and managing fish and wildlife species and their habitats for the use and enjoyment of hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewers.

# Refuge Revenue Sharing Payment

In 2010, the Service paid Nebraska counties \$171,513 under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act. This payment represents three quarters of one percent of the market value of the property owned in fee title.

