



Los Poblanos Fields Open Space



2021 Crop Plan



Notes:

- Fields in green are planted in wildlife crops only. Fields in black are agricultural crops only. Fields in blue are a combination of both wildlife and agricultural crops. The remaining fields in yellow are planted in Sunflowers and fallow this season.
- Field 12 is mostly fallow this growing season due to MRGCD curtailments. 1 acre is planted in sunflowers for wildlife crops.
- This plan is subject to change based on water availability and other unpredictable factors. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) Board of Directors voted to delay the start of irrigation season until April 1st of 2021. For more information about water distribution and the 2021 irrigation season please visit MRGCD's website at mrgcd.com
- A minimum of 25% of each farmer's total acreage must be dedicated to wildlife crops. In return, they may plant the remaining acreage with other crops approved by the Open Space Division. This enables the farmers to provide food for wildlife and still break even at minimal cost to the City.
- Open Space Division requires the farmers to periodically cut sections of the wildlife crops to provide migrating wildlife, like sandhill cranes, with food throughout the winter. Sorghum cuttings remain on the ground, which allows wildlife to feed on the seeds while providing an open area to watch for predators. Open Space farmers utilizing this method typically cut a fraction of their wildlife crops once or twice a month throughout fall and winter to provide seed for forage until January or early February. Other wildlife crops such as sunflowers are left standing for small birds and pollinators.

RASBAND DAIRY

Field 1: 24 acres total, 16 acres alfalfa, 8 acres Sorghum

Field 2: 16 acres, alfalfa

Field 3: 17 acres total, 15 acres oats, 2 acres Sorghum

Field 5: 25 acres total, 25 acres oats, (after cutting 25 acres Sorghum)

Field 7: 6 acres (including gazebo), Sorghum

Field 8: 5 acres total, alfalfa

RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY FARM

Field 4: 16 acres (including greenhouse), 4 acres community garden (mixed veggies), 6 acres alfalfa, 2 acres Sorghum, 1.5 acres wildlife habitat, 2.5 acres legumes, tall grasses and Brassicaceae

Field 6: 11 acres total, 8 acres alfalfa, 3 acres mix of sorghum, sunflowers and vegetables

Field 12: 3.5 acres total, 1 acre sunflowers, 2.5 Fallow

BLUEFLY FARMS

Field 9: 4 acres total, Tall Fescue grass

Field 10: 1.5 acres total, Tall Fescue grass

Field 11: 4 acres total, Sorghum

Field 12: 3.5 acres total, 2.5 Fallow, 1 Sunflowers

TOTAL FARMABLE ACREAGE= 128.46

TOTAL WILDLIFE CROPPING ACREAGE= 52.5 ACRES (41%)