This field day will showcase Gregg Voegtlin’s lifelong passion of habitat management for the benefit of game species. Attendees will see how the owner has transformed 300+ acres of South central Iowa row crop and pasture ground into an incredibly diverse system of timbered draws, prairie ridge tops, food plots, riparian corridors, and tree plantings. The wagon tour will highlight several different areas on the farm which have undergone various intensive treatments using a range of cost share programs. Prairie plantings have focused on pollinators, quail, pheasant, and turkey, while timber stand improvement projects have improved the quality of oak and hickory in the timbers. Gregg has used prescribed burning to promote prairie areas, planted rows of conifer for wildlife cover and movement corridors, and planted a combination of native hardwoods and shrubs for food and cover. This is your chance to get a first-hand account of why the owner has chosen the management options he has, how he completed the tasks, the pros and cons of each practice, and what the future management will be at each site. District Forester Randy Goerndt and ISU Extension Forester Jesse Randall will help to answer questions throughout the day.

If you are interested in Big Game Management, Prairie and Pollinator Habitat Improvement, Food Plot Installation/Maintenance, and Quality Timber Management this is a Must Attend Field day.

12.30pm  -Sign In and Welcome
12.50pm  -Head for the Timber
3:30 pm  -Depart for Home

Instructors:  
Gregg Voegtlin, Host
Randy Goerndt, IDNR District Forester
Helga Offenburger, IDNR Private Lands Wildlife Specialist
Adam Janke, ISU Extension Wildlife
Jesse Randall, ISU Extension Forester

Field day is free and open to all!

Directions:  Take State Highway 34 about 4 miles West of Osceola to R25. Take R25 South, to Doyle St. Take Doyle St., West to 178th Ave. Take 178th South, until it ends at a “T” intersection with Benson St. Take Benson, West to 172nd Ave. Take 172nd South to property entrance; West side of road.

*****Special Incentive to Attend*****

As part of a Federal and State Pollinator grant, all Field Day participants will be eligible to receive a no-cost pollinator tree/shrub seedling packet from the State Forest Nursery (200 bare-root seedlings). There will be 4 packets to choose from, each with 4 species of 50 seedlings. There will be a shrub packet, hardwood tree packet, as well as bottomland & upland packets (2 shrubs/2 trees) to choose from.