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Nancy Pals, Resource Conservationist with the Coles County Soil & Water Conservation District has worked with numerous producers to establish native grass plantings on field borders and other areas. Pals is pictured here conducting a controlled burn training session on one of the native prairie areas located at the Douglas Hart Nature Center in Mattoon. Pals works with producers to establish the native grass areas. Once established native prairie areas must be maintained using methods such as a controlled burn to keep them viable for wildlife use. Pals works with the prairie owners to establish the required burn plans and assist with the burns where necessary.

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