



SAFE Habitat for Pheasants

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program Practice Information Sheet July 2009

North Dakota landowners have many opportunities to enroll large blocks of cropland into the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). However, these opportunities mainly exist in areas with wetland complexes. SAFE Habitat for Pheasants is designed for producers and landowners in the southwest portion of North Dakota where they are limited in what they can enroll and re-enroll into CCRP due to the lack of wetlands and other water bodies. SAFE Habitat for Pheasants is an initiative that will place grassy habitat in the important southwest pheasant range in North Dakota without competition under the continuous signup provisions. Recent increases in CRP rental rates make CRP competitive with local cropland rental rates. Take this opportunity to stop in at your local USDA service center to review CRP alternatives for your farming operation.

State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) CP38 – Habitat for Pheasants

The SAFE Habitat for Pheasants practice provides 20,000 acres of habitat for economically significant species such as ring-necked pheasants, sharp tail grouse, Hungarian partridge, waterfowl, big game, and other non-game species. It also creates alternatives for producers that are simple, attractive, and useful in the face of high crop prices, high inputs, rising rental rates, and lack of general CRP sign-ups.

In addition to annual rental payments, producers who opt to enroll into the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's PLOTS program can receive an additional \$2 to \$6/acre/year by allowing access.

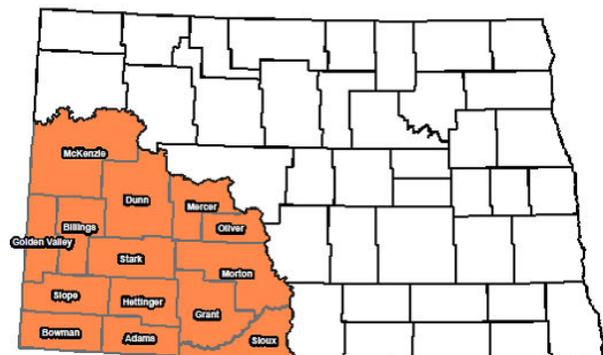
Since SAFE is comprised of other CCRP practices, eligible practices include: CP 1, CP2, CP4D, and CP10. Contract length will be 10 or 15 years.

Eligibility - Any cropland within the SAFE area. (See map).

Cropping History – Cropped 4 of 6 years from 1996–2001. The land must also be legally capable of being cropped. Minimum size of 20 acres is required.

Incentive Payments - SIP (\$100 per acre) and PIP (additional payment of 40 percent of eligible cost of installation). There is no increase in average soil rental rates.

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Project Area**



Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are non-profit conservation organizations dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant, quail, and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. PF/QF has 130,000 members in 700 local chapters across the continent.

For additional information please visit www.PheasantsForever.org and www.QuailForever.org