



# Continuous CRP Practice Information

## CP38E State Acre for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)

4/21/2014

The purpose of the CP38E—Back Forty Pheasant Habitat conservation practice is to restore grassland habitats to the landscape to maintain and enhance ring-necked pheasant populations within Minnesota. Additional goals are to build upon existing habitats to enhance waterfowl, greater prairie chicken, and grassland bird populations. Secondary objectives include providing winter cover and a food source for resident wildlife.

### Practice Guidance:

The Back Forty Pheasant Habitat practice serves to restore pheasant and prairie chicken habitat by establishing small blocks of grassland (10-40 acres).



### ■ CCRP Practice Contract information

- Contract length 10-15 years
- \$100 / acre Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)
- NRCS Practice Number 643 for Native Tallgrass Prairie seeding
- NRCS Practice Number 327 for Introduced Grasses and Legumes
- NRCS Practice Number 645 for Food Plots
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) equal to 40% of the eligible installation costs. PIP is additive to 50% cost-share equaling 90% cost-share for practice establishment.

### ■ Practice Requirements

CP-38E offers may include a variety of specific practice components at the participant's option only when specific eligibility requirements are met.

- CP-38E - Rare and Declining Habitat (CP-25) – this practice component allows restoration of both grassland and wetland habitats and shall comprise at least 75 percent of the offered grassland acreage; and
- CP-38E - Introduced Grasses and Legumes (CP-1) – this practice component may comprise up to 25 percent of the offered grassland acreage. Introduced Grasses and Legumes component acreage shall not be established immediately adjacent to existing native remnant prairie.
  - The offered grassland acreage refers to the grassland components of the CP-38E practice not the total acres offered.
  - Existing grass vegetation eligible for enrollment must be offered as either component above.
- CP-38E - Permanent Wildlife Habitat (CP-4D) – this practice component may be added to offers only when no existing winter wildlife habitat cover is present within 2 miles of the practice area. When eligible the size of the component area shall be at least 3 acres, but not exceed 5 acres. This component shall not be eligible when the offered practice area is within 3 miles of a known greater prairie chicken lek. When eligible, offers with a Permanent Wildlife Habitat component must also have at least 50 percent of the total acreage devoted to grass practice components. Winter wildlife habitat cover is defined as either:
  - A contiguous wetland of at least 10 acres, as identified on the Public Waters Inventory

(PWI) maps, and any known restored wetlands that meet the definition of PWI not contained on these map, or

- 3 acres of existing contiguous woody cover, regardless of type or age.

## Additional Information:

[NRCS CCRP CP38E Eligibility Document](#)

[NRCS CCRP CP38E Job Sheet](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 645 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 643 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 327 Standard](#)

[NRCS CP12 Job Sheet](#)