



INCREASE FARM INCOME & RESTORE WILDLIFE HABITAT WITH CP-33: HABITAT BUFFERS FOR UPLAND BIRDS

What are CP-33: Habitat Buffers?

- A conservation practice under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) designed to benefit wildlife
- Benefits wildlife by providing food and cover for declining populations of Bobwhite Quail, Grassland Songbirds, as well as other wildlife
- Also, maximizes cropland production by removing areas of low crop yields next to hedgerows or woodlots
(Crop yields can be 40-60% lower next to woodlots and hedgerows)
- Continuous Sign-up

Economic Incentives

- Sign-up incentives up to \$100.00/acre
- Annual rental payments based on government soil rental rates
- Annual maintenance cost share of \$2.00/acre
- Approximately 90% cost share re-imbusement for habitat establishment
- PF Chapters available to help with habitat establishment (site prep and seeding)

Eligibility & Program Requirements

- Acreage to be enrolled must have been farmed 4 out of the 6 years from 1996 to 2001
- Land must meet basic eligibility and cropping history for CRP
- 10 year contracts
- Buffers are not for wildlife food plots, hay, forage or crops
- Buffers must be managed according to conservation plan
- No disturbance allowed during nesting season (March 1 thru July 15)
- Habitat Buffers can be 30- 120 feet wide

Habitat Buffer Benefits

- Provides grassland habitat to habitat communities (Native grasslands are one of the most endangered types of habitats in North America)
- Provides habitat for declining populations of grassland birds
(Bobwhite Quail, Eastern Meadowlark, Dickcissel, Henslows Sparrow)
- Enroll the least productive areas of your crop fields
- Straighten out irregular field edges by averaging buffer widths
- Reduce soil erosion and protect water quality
- Reduce chance of damage to farm equipment from trees and brush

Who to contact?

For questions regarding habitat and programs contact:

PF/QF Biologist- Erik Lewis (937) 654-3884

For eligibility and application contact your local FSA office:

Montgomery County (937) 854-7646

Preble County (937) 456-4211

Miami County (937) 335-1918 x2

Butler County (513) 887-3727

Greene County (937) 372-4477

***Other Programs Available for Non-Cropland, Inquires to Biologist**

