North Dakota landowners have many opportunities to enroll wetlands and adjacent upland in the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). Landowners may enroll lands without competition under the continuous signup provisions. Recent increase in CRP rental rates make CRP competitive with local cropland rental rates. Wet conditions have made many wetlands and drained wetlands difficult to farm. Take this opportunity to stop in at your local USDA service center to review CRP alternatives for your farming operation. Five wetland practices are available under CCRP. Each practice has slightly different eligibility criteria. The time has never been better to enroll in CRP.

### Wetland Restoration - CP23A
- **Eligibility** - Cropped wetlands (drained and undrained) and adjacent cropland.
- **Cropping History** - Cropped 4 of 6 years from 1996—2001. The land must also be legally and physically capable of being cropped.
- **Size** - No acreage limitations on wetland. Adjacent cropland buffer cannot exceed 4 acres of cropland for each wetland acre (4:1 ratio).
- **Incentive Payments** - One-time Signing Incentive Payments (SIP) and Practice Incentive Payments (PIP) are offered. SIP is equal to $100 per acre, PIP is an additional payment of 40 percent of eligible cost of installation. Average soil rental rates are increased by 20 percent annually.

### Duck Nesting Habitat – CP37
- **Eligibility** - Cropped wetlands (drained or undrained) and adjacent cropland. Non-cropped wetlands can be used to make adjacent cropland eligible to receive CRP payments, although non-cropped wetlands cannot receive a CRP payment. Limited to areas that attract a minimum of 25 breeding duck pairs/square mile (see map).
- **Size** - No acreage limitations on wetland. Adjacent cropland buffer can range from 4 to 10 acres of cropland for each wetland acre.
- **Incentive Payments** - SIP ($100 per acre) and PIP (additional payment of 40 percent of eligible cost of installation). Average soil rental rates are increased by 20 percent annually.

Stop by your local FSA office for exact eligible areas.
State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) CP38

CP38 is a CRP practice that provides habitat for various wildlife species. One of the components provides for enrollment of wetlands.

Eligibility - Cropped wetlands (drained and undrained) and adjacent cropland. (See map.)

Cropping History - Cropped 4 of 6 years from 1996—2001. The land must be legally and physically capable of being cropped.

Size - No acreage limitations on wetlands. Adjacent cropland buffer cannot exceed 10 acres of cropland for each wetland acre (10:1 ratio). No minimum buffer size is required.

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Contract Length: All CRP wetland conservation practices are eligible for a 10 to 15-year contract.

Vegetation Establishment: Adjacent cropland can be seeded to native or introduced grass and legume mixtures. Wetlands may not need to be seeded if adequate revegetation will occur naturally.

Rental Rates: Annual rental payments are based on average soil rental rate. Other financial incentives are offered by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Ducks Unlimited, and North Dakota Natural Resources Trust.

Cost-Share Assistance: Participants will be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the cost to establish cover and restore wetlands. Practice incentive payments (PIP) for all wetland restorations and adjacent buffer increase cost-share to 90%.

Public Access Payment: All continuous CRP practices provide an option of an additional $3.00/acre if public access is allowed.

Management Practices: Disturb native grass or grass-legume areas at least once during the contract to rejuvenate grass quality and vigor. A cover management activity should occur in years 5 or 6 for a 10-year contract, and again in years 11 or 12 for a 15-year contract. Management options include: (1) prescribed burning, (2) mowing with residue removed in accordance with FSA requirements, (3) disking (not available on CP28), or (4) harrowing.

Management activities must take place prior to April 15 or from August 2 to September 1. With the exception of burning, no more than 50 percent of a field should be disturbed per year.

Flooded Prairie Wetlands CP41-(Not available at time of fact sheet development)

Eligibility - Cropped wetlands (drained and undrained) and adjacent cropland.

Cropping History - Cropped at least 3 of the 10 crop years after January 1, 1990, and before December 31, 2002. The land must also be legally and physically capable of being cropped.

Size - Wetland cannot exceed 20 acres. Total wetlands enrolled cannot exceed 40 acres. Adjacent cropland buffer cannot exceed 4 acres of cropland for each wetland acre. Minimum buffer width is 30 feet.