

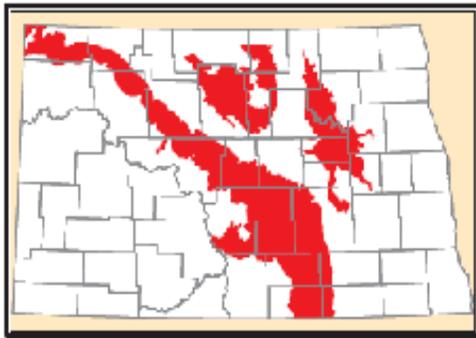


State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) CP38 *Coteau-Drift Prairie Waterbank (02/09)*

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to establish waterfowl habitat in order to maintain or increase populations of waterfowl, water birds and shore birds.

Up to 20,000 acres of cropland will be enrolled in CRP in order to meet the project goal. Cropland may be enrolled in the designated area shown in red on the map below.



Nesting cover will be established on the CRP acreage and wetlands will be enhanced or restored.

The cover may include either native or introduced grasses, legumes, and forbs. Food plots may also be established. Existing perennial grass and forb cover is also eligible.

CRP Contract

CRP applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until the 20,000-acre allocation is reached. Applications will be accepted at the local Farm Service Agency office.

The CRP contracts may be for a 10 to 15 year period.

Cropland Eligibility

In addition to being in the designated area, enrolled cropland must have been cropped or considered cropped in four of the years 1996 through 2001. Years that the land was enrolled in CRP are considered cropped. Land that has expired from CRP or land that is in the final year of an existing CRP contract may be enrolled in the SAFE project. Land that expired from CRP in 2007 or 2008 and still has the CRP cover must be offered by June 1 following the expiration date.

Program Benefits

CRP program participants will receive annual rental payments. Rates are established for each type of soil in a county. The per-acre rental rates will be based on the three predominant soils within the offered area.

FSA will reimburse participants up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing perennial cover.

In addition, a practice incentive payment (PIP) equal to 40 percent of the cost to establish cover and a signup incentive payment (SIP) equal to \$100 per acre may be available for new land enrolled in CRP. The SIP and PIP are one-time payments.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will also provide additional incentives for landowners who allow public access through the Department's Private Land Open To Sportsman (PLOTS) program. Other partners, such as Ducks Unlimited and the Natural Resources Trust, will also provide incentives to landowners who perform wetland restorations on land they enroll into SAFE.

Cover Establishment

Cover should be seeded within 12 months of the CRP contracts effective date.

Participants required to complete cover management activities that are site specific and ensure:

- Plant diversity
- Wildlife benefits
- Protection of soil and water resources.

Management activities may include:

- Light disking

- Heavy harrowing
- Clipping and removal
- Prescribed burning
- Interseeding legumes

Management of cover will be required once for during the contract term. Cost share may be available for these activities.

The acreage may also be eligible for managed haying and grazing of forage after August 1.

