



Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds

A new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) practice has been added for 2005 for you wildlife enthusiasts. It is called the “habitat buffers for upland birds” practice. Under this program, farmers may enroll anywhere from 30 to 120 feet around the perimeter of their field or fields in CRP and plant the area to native grasses and/or trees. Rental payments are based on predominate soil rental rates of the ground enrolled. There is also 50% cost-share and 40% practice incentive payment for a total of 90% cost-share to plant the native grasses and/or trees. One rule however, is that you cannot use these acres as turn rows. Contact the NRCS or FSA offices for more information.