

South Carolina Receives Additional CP-33 Upland Habitat Bird (Quail Strip) Acres

Mr. Ken Rentiers, State Executive Director, South Carolina Farm Service Agency (FSA) is pleased to announce that South Carolina has received an additional 5,000 acres for the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) practice CP-33 Upland Habitat For Birds, commonly referred to as "Quail Strips". The purpose of this practice is to retire a border around row-cropped fields in order to establish habitat for quail and other upland birds.



Producer Eligibility

Eligible producers are producers that have owned or operated the land offered for 12 months prior to the close of signup. Owners must provide the FSA County Office with a copy of their deed.

Land Eligibility



Eligible land is cropland that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the years 1996 to 2001 and is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner. An upland bird border with a minimum width of 45 feet will be established on a minimum of 50 percent of the field perimeter for approved contracts.

Benefits

Producers approved Practice CP-33 contracts will receive an annual rental payment for 10 years, a one-time signup bonus of \$100 per acre, and financial assistance to install and manage the buffer area.

Signup

Farm Service Agency county offices began accepting applications on June 5, 2006. Applications will be approved in the State on a first come first serve basis as approved conservation plans are completed. Signup will continue until all 5,000 acres are obligated.

More Information

For more information regarding CCRP Practice CP-33 contact your local USDA-Farm Service Agency Office.