



# Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program

STATE ACRES FOR WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT (SAFE) INITIATIVE  
Habitat Restoration | Carbon Sequestration | Water Quality Enhancement

**FACT SHEET**  
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## Why Choose CRP State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement?

The State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative restores vital habitat in order to meet high-priority state wildlife conservation goals. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides farmers and landowners with several opportunities like this to achieve many conservation goals. Through SAFE, landowners establish wetlands, grasses, and trees. These practices are designed to enhance important wildlife populations by creating critical habitat and food sources. They also protect soil and water health by working as a barrier to sediment and nutrient run-off before they reach waterways.

States may submit proposals for new or modified SAFE projects during announced proposal periods.

### SAFE Practices:

- CP-38A Buffers
- CP-38B Wetlands
- CP-38C Trees
- CP-38D Longleaf Pine
- CP-38E Grass

Practices may be available through CRP continuous or general signup. Please check with your local FSA county office for signup periods for SAFE practices in your area.

## SAFE Initiative Benefits

Species targeted by SAFE include those designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered including the lesser prairie chicken, those that have suffered population decline – like the New England cottontail, bobwhite quail, and grassland birds. SAFE also provides habitat for other wildlife, including deer, game birds such as pheasants, waterfowl, and pollinators that have significant social and economic value.

## SAFE Initiative Impacts

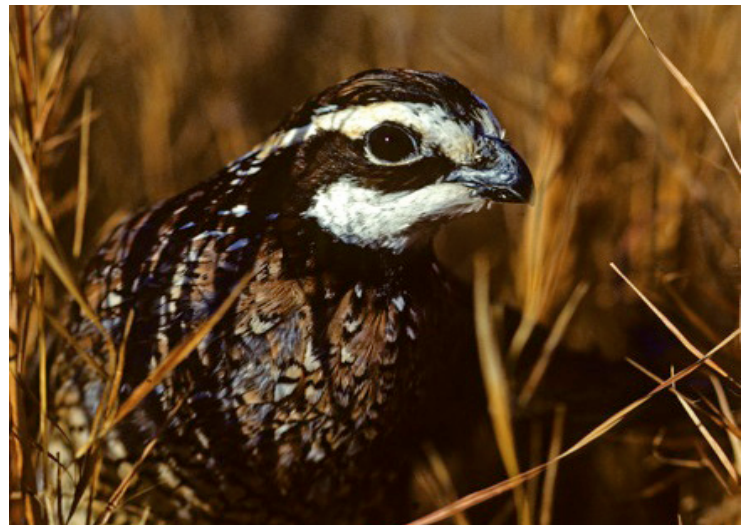
- Enhances populations of high priority species by working with states to identify practices and sites that will have the largest benefit
- Improves native grassland habitats for rare, threatened, endangered, and declining species that are dependent on native prairie communities
- Restores trees, primarily hardwoods, to create habitat that will benefit species such as northern bob-white quail, the Indiana bat, ducks, and other wildlife
- Promotes carbon sequestration

### Financial Benefits

- 10-15 years of annual rental payments
- Payments of up to 50% Cost-Share for practice establishment
- Practices enrolled through CRP Continuous Signup will also receive
  - A 5% Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)
  - Sign-up Incentive Payment (SIP) equal to 32.5% of first full year's annual rental payment.

## More Information

For more information, contact your local service center and USDA Farm Service Agency office: [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator).



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