

For: State and County Offices

FY 2011 CRP State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Updated Acreage Allocations

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Certain CRP initiatives and their associated continuous practices are limited by a national enrollment cap. States are allocated specific acreage amounts and instructed to ensure that their respective allocations are **not** exceeded. Enrollment authority for CRP is 32 million acres. Current CRP enrollment stands at approximately 31.2 million acres. Following CRP contract expirations effective September 30, 2011, and new contract acreage because of CRP Signup 41, it is estimated that CRP enrollment will be approximately 2 million acres below the enrollment authority.

Notice CRP-691 provided updated acreage allocations for several continuous CRP conservation practices, excluding CP38, SAFE. Several State Offices have requested SAFE acreage adjustments/increases and/or modifications to SAFE project areas or technical practice descriptions to improve program delivery. Those requests, along with current SAFE enrollment, offers loaded into the system, and conservation activity, have been reviewed.

The national enrollment cap for CP38, SAFE is 850,000 acres.

B Purpose

This notice provides updated acreage allocation for CP38, SAFE for each State and Puerto Rico (Exhibit 1).

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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C Policy

Changes associated with this notice include the following.

- Reducing SAFE acres allocated to certain SAFE projects with limited conservation activity and producer interest and returns those acres to the SAFE national reserve.
- Increasing SAFE acres allocated to certain SAFE projects of significant conservation activity and high producer interest in terms of SAFE offers loaded into the system. Conservation of important habitat for lesser prairie chicken, sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, and other grassland bird species that are threatened or endangered or are being considered for listing is the primary consideration about release of additional acres from the SAFE national reserve.
- Providing authority for the adding Daniels and Sheridan counties to the Montana Pheasant Winter Cover SAFE project.
- Providing authority to reduce practice eligibility requirement from 25 to 10 acres for the Virginia Culpeper Basin SAFE Project.
- Instructing State Office to reject CRP-1's about offers loaded into the SAFE web-based system not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C.
- Advising State Offices that SAFE project activity will be reviewed continuously and State Office requests to modify SAFE technical practice descriptions, practice eligibility requirements, or other project administrative procedures to improve SAFE efficiency and effectiveness should be submitted to CEPD by September 1 to allow sufficient time for software configuration, if needed, **before** the beginning of the next program year.
- Informing State Offices that review of requests for additional SAFE acres from the SAFE national reserve is suspended until such time as the SAFE national acreage cap is raised. At such time, State Office will be notified about availability of and the manner of making requests for additional SAFE acres.

D Contact

Direct any questions about allocations to Beverly Preston, CEPD, by e-mail to beverly.preston@wdc.usda.gov.

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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices **must**:

- review this notice with NRCS, State Technical Committee, and other conservation partners
- review updated acreage allocations for each SAFE project in Exhibit 1 and ensure that enrolled acreage does **not** exceed updated acreage allocations
- provide a copy of this notice to County Offices and ensure that County Offices understand the provisions of this notice
- provide a copy of this notice to NRCS State Conservationists and State Foresters.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the provisions in this notice.

FY 2011 CP38, SAFE

State	Project	Acreage Allocation	Add	Reduce	Final Allocation
AL	Black Belt Prairie	3,800			3,800
AR	Trees	5,000			5,000
AR	Grass	5,700	2,000		7,700
AR	Wetlands	3,500			3,500
CO	Lesser Prairie Chicken	9,900	11,600		21,500
CO	Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse	1,475	5,000		6,475
CO	Shortgrass Prairie	1,475	10,000		11,475
CO	Western Slope Grouse	5,850	6,750		12,600
GA	Restoring Native Pine Savannah	8,800			8,800
ID	Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse	64,300	30,000		94,300
IL	Prairie	20,600		5,000	15,600
IL	Spoon River	3,600			3,600
IL	Mercer County	800			800
IL	Sangamon	2,000			2,000
IN	Bat	2,100	1,000		3,100
IN	Henslow's Sparrow	3,075	2,000		5,075
IN	Northern Bobwhite	5,875	2,000		7,875
IN	Sedge Wren/ Grasshopper Sparrow	2,050	1,000		3,050
IA	Early Successional/Neotrop	3,500		2,300	1,200
IA	Gaining Ground	31,650	4,600		36,250
IA	Grand River	4,500		2,300	2,200
KS	Upland Game Birds	30,100			30,100
KS	Lesser Prairie Chicken	30,000			30,000
KY	Early Successional/ Bottomland	8,600			8,600
LA	Bayou Bartholomew	1,700		1,000	700
LA	Gulf Coast Prairies	3,500		2,500	1,000
ME	Upland Sandpiper	2,250			2,250
ME	New England Cottontail	0			0
MI	Diverse Grassland	7,500			7,500
MI	Native Pollinators	2,500			2,500
MN	Back Forty Pheasant	33,900			33,900
MS	Black Bear	4,950		2,500	2,450
MS	Black Belt Prairie	2,500	2,500		5,000
MS	Bobwhite Quail	9,450			9,450
MO	Bobwhite Quail	14,650	3,000		17,650
MO	Nesting Habitat	3,700		2,200	1,500
MO	Sand Grassland	3,250			3,250
MT	Pheasant Winter Cover	10,000	5,200		15,200
MT	Prairie Pothole	7,700	800		8,500
MT	Sagebrush	1,000			1,000
NE	Tallgrass	11,450	10,000		21,450
NE	Upland Bird	15,950	15,000		30,950
NJ	Agricultural Heritage	300			300
NJ	Grassland	400			400
NJ	Raritan-Piedmont	300			300
NM	Lesser Prairie Chicken	2,600			2,600

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State	Project	Acreage Allocation	Add	Reduce	Final Allocation
NY	Grassland	4,900	-	-	4,900
NC	Grassland	5,600	-	3,000	2,600
ND	Coteau-drift Prairie Water	20,000	-	-	20,000
ND	Habitat for Pheasants	18,000	-	-	18,000
ND	Sagebrush Restoration	1,000	-	-	1,000
ND	Tallgrass Prairie	6,090	-	-	6,090
OH	Big Island/ Killdeer	925	-	-	925
OH	Grand River/ Mosquito	100	-	100	0
OH	Grasslands for Pheasants	5,600	1,000	-	6,600
OH	Killbuck	100	-	100	0
OH	Kitty Todd	250	-	50	200
OH	LaSuAn Grasslands	2,500	-	550	1,950
OH	Paint Creek	875	-	200	675
OH	Western Lake Erie	400	-	-	400
OH	Grassland Bird	850	-	-	850
OK	Mixed Grass Prairie	15,100	-	-	15,100
OR	Heppner Mule Deer	5,500	-	-	5,500
PA	Seasonal Pools/ Early Successional	5,200	-	2,600	2,600
PR	Subtropical Forest	1,300	-	-	1,300
SC	Northern Bobwhite	2,300	-	-	2,300
SD	Sagebrush Restoration	500	-	-	500
SD	Pheasants	50,200	-	-	50,200
SD	Western SD Grassland Wildlife	18,000	-	-	18,000
TN	Grass	6,000	4,000	-	10,000
TN	Trees	600	-	300	300
TN	Wetlands	500	-	100	400
TX	Gulf Coast Prairies	14,400	-	13,900	500
TX	Mixed Grass	45,000	33,400	-	78,400
TX	Rio Grande Thornscrub	5,000	-	3,000	2,000
VA	Culpeper Basin	1,000	-	500	500
VA	Longleaf Pine	1,000	-	-	1,000
VA	Rare and Declining Habitats	500	-	200	300
VA	Riparian Buffer	1,800	-	1,300	500
WA	Coastal Roosevelt Elk	500	-	500	0
WA	Columbia Basin	500	-	350	150
WA	Palouse Prairie	2,000	-	1,272	728
WA	Sage and Sharptail Grouse	63,000	-	-	63,000
WA	Shrubsteppe	5,200	2,122	-	7,322
WI	Central WI Grassland	2,000	-	1,000	1,000
WI	Glacial	2,250	-	-	2,250
WI	Shortgrass	2,000	-	-	2,000
WI	SW Grassland	4,000	1,000	-	5,000
WI	Western prairie	2,500	-	-	2,500
WY	NE Wyoming	10,000	-	-	10,000
	National Reserve	117,160	-	107,150	10,010
	TOTAL	850,000	153,972	153,972	850,000