

For: State and County Offices

CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, on Pivot Corners

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

CRP practice CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, provides food and cover for quail and upland birds on cropland areas. The practice is typically installed surrounding a cropped field or field edges. Pivot corners have **not** previously been allowed to be enrolled unless they were connected by a buffer along the edge of the field.

Additional flexibility for producers in applying practice CP33 is important to provide benefits for quail and upland birds. Beginning January 26, 2015, with continuous CRP signup 47, producers will be allowed to enroll pivot corners under CP33, CP38B, and CP38E.

B Purpose

This notice provides the following:

- policy on pivot corners on CP33 and related CP38 State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) practices
- instructions for using the Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment (TERRA) to enroll pivot corners as CP33 and related CP38 SAFE practices
- instructions for completing offers in the Conservation Online System (COLS) for pivot corners as CP33 and related CP38 SAFE practices.

2 CP33 Policy for Pivot Corners

A Eligible Land

Pivot corners that meet the provisions of eligible land according to 2-CRP, paragraph 151, are eligible for enrollment as CP33 and related CP38 SAFE practices. The pivot corners must be installed around a cropped field. A connecting boundary is **not** required when enrolling pivot corners around the cropped field.

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2 CP33 Policy for Pivot Corners (Continued)

A Eligible Land (Continued)

There is no minimum or maximum size requirement for pivot corners that are enrolled as part of CP33.

All other eligibility requirements of CP33 in 2-CRP, Exhibit 11 shall apply. 2-CRP will be amended to provide the provisions of this notice.

B Cost Share

Cost share is authorized for pivot corners enrolled as CP33 and related CP38 SAFE practices according to 2-CRP, Exhibit 11.

C Signup Incentive Payment (SIP)

Participants who enroll pivot corners as practice CP33 and related CP38 SAFE practices may receive CRP-SIP according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 197 A.

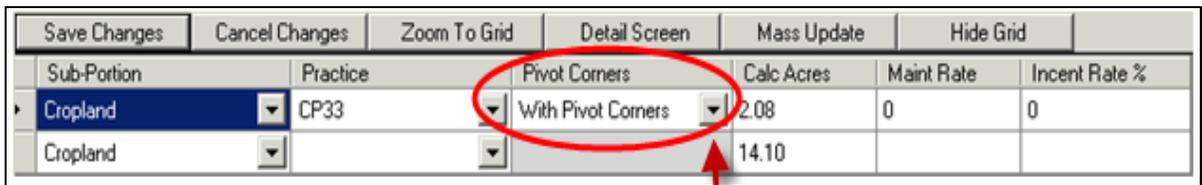
D Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)

Participants who enroll pivot corners as practice CP33 and related CP38 SAFE practices may receive PIP according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 197 B.

3 Using TERRA for Pivot Corners as CP33

A TERRA Scenario

When a user selects the CP-33, CP38B-33, or CP38E-33 CRP practice, a “Pivot Corners” column is added to the attribution grid. See the following example. Using the down arrow, the user may select, “With Pivot Corners” or “Without Pivot Corners”. The software defaults to “With Pivot Corners”.



The screenshot shows a table with columns: Sub-Portion, Practice, Pivot Corners, Calc Acres, Maint Rate, and Incent Rate %. The first row shows 'Cropland' under Sub-Portion, 'CP33' under Practice, and 'With Pivot Corners' under Pivot Corners, with a value of 2.08 in the Calc Acres column. The second row shows 'Cropland' under Sub-Portion and a value of 14.10 in the Calc Acres column. A red circle highlights the 'Pivot Corners' dropdown menu, and a red arrow points to the 'With Pivot Corners' option.

Sub-Portion	Practice	Pivot Corners	Calc Acres	Maint Rate	Incent Rate %
Cropland	CP33	With Pivot Corners	2.08	0	0
Cropland			14.10		

B TERRA Report

If the user selects an applicable practice and then selects “With Pivot Corners” in the attribution grid, the TERRA report will reflect the practice as follows.

Scenario Polygon Information				
ID	Subportion	Practice	Pivot Corner	Acreage
3	Cropland	CP33	Yes	2.08
4	Cropland	CP26		14.10

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4 COLS Instructions for Pivot Corners as CP33

A Instructions for Processing Pivot Corners in COLS

When the TERRA xml file is uploaded into COLS, the CP33, CP38B-33, and/or CP38E-33 pivot corner information will auto-populate on the practice window in COLS. If the user selected “CP33” in the “Practice Code” field and indicated “Yes” in the “Pivot Corners” field in TERRA, COLS will denote “Y” in the table and on the Enrollment Information Worksheet.

On the Enrollment Information Worksheet, the “Pivot Corners” column will display as follows.

Practices													
Field Number	Practice Code	Practice Acres	Cropland Acres	MPL Acres	Infeasible To Farm Acres	Practice Length	Pivot Corners	Est. Total Cost-Share (\$)	Incentive Rate /	Maintenan ce Rate (\$)	Re-enrolling Acres	SIP Incentive Rate/Acre	SIP Total Amount(\$)
0001	CP33	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	10	Y	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	15.00	450.00

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4 COLS Instructions for Pivot Corners as CP33 (Continued)

B COLS Practice Window

When the TERRA xml file is uploaded into COLS, the CP33, CP38B-33, and/or CP38E-33 pivot corner information will auto-populate on the practice window in COLS. If the user selected “CP33” in the “Practice Code” field and indicated “No” in the “Pivot Corners” field in TERRA, COLS will denote “N” in the table and on the Enrollment Information Worksheet.

Field Number	Practice Code	Practice Acres	Cropland Acres	MPL Acres	Infeasible To Farm Acres	Practice Length	Est. Total Cost-Share (\$)	Incentive Rate/Acre (%)	Maintenance Rate (\$)	Re-enrolling Acres	Maintenance Desc	SIP Incentive Rate/Acre (\$)	SIP Total Amount (\$)	Pivot Corners	
0001	CP33	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	10	0.00	0	0.00	0.00		15.00	450.00	N	Edit Delete
Total		3.0			0.00					0.0			450.00		

Note: In TERRA, if the user designates CP33, CP38B-33, and/or CP38E-33 **with** pivot corners after the xml file upload into COLS, COLS will denote “Y” in the “Pivot Corners” column on the practice table. If the user designates CP33, CP38B-33, and/or CP38E-33 **without** pivot corners, COLS will denote “N” in the “Pivot Corners” column on the practice table. Additionally, any non-CP33, CP38B-33, and/or CP38E-33 practice will display as blank in the “Pivot Corners” column.

C COLS to CCMS

After COC approval of the offer in COLS, the offer is converted to a contract and assigned a contract number. The contract is now accessible in the Conservation Contract Maintenance System (CCMS).

The screenshot shows the USDA Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) web interface. At the top, the USDA logo and "United States Department of Agriculture" are visible, along with the "Farm Service Agency" and "Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)" text. A navigation bar contains links for Home, About FSA, Help, Contact Us, Exit CRP, and Logout of eAuth. On the left, a "Conservation Offer Processing" sidebar lists options: New Offer, New GIS Offer, Upload GML Data, Edit Offer, and View Offer. The main content area displays a message: "The offer is converted to contract in Contract Maintenance System. Contract Number is 11002" with an "OK" button.

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4 COLS Instructions for Pivot Corners as CP33 (Continued)

D Pivot Corner Information in CCMS

From the “Search Contract” mode on the View Contract Screen in CCMS, the “PC” notation for pivot corner will display in the “Practice Information” section on the contract for the applicable practice.

View Contract

Contract Status:	Approved	Activity Type:	No Activity
Admin State:	Kansas (20)	Admin County:	Jefferson (087)
Physical State:	Kansas (20)	Physical County:	Jefferson (087)
Contract Number:	11002	Signup Number:	46
Program Type:	CRP	Signup Name:	Continuous SU46
Program Year:	2015	Signup Type:	Continuous
Contract Description:	Pivot Corner	Subcategory Type:	Regular

Approval Date:	09/30/2014	Original Contract Start Date:	10/01/2014
Effective Contract Start Date:	10/01/2014	Effective Contract End Date:	09/30/2024
Contract Acres:	3.55	Re-enrolled Acres:	0.00
Cropland Acres:	3.55	Marginal Pastureland Acres:	0.00
Rental Rate per Acre:	\$115.00	Annual Contract Payment:	\$408
HUC Code:	10270103040080	Extended:	No

Farm/Tract and CLU Information

Farm Number	Tract Number	CLU	CLU Acres
		1	3.55

Producer Information

Producer Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Share
		EASTON	KS	66020	100.00 %

Practice Information

Practice Code	CLU	Practice Status	Practice Acres	Estimated Cost Share per Practice
CP33(PC)	1	N/A	3.55	\$0

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4 COLS Instructions for Pivot Corners as CP33 (Continued)

E County Office Reports for Pivot Corners

Under “County Reports”, the user can generate a report for practices with pivot corners by populating the following:

- applicable administrative State and county
- “Practices” in the “Report to Generate” field

Note: This is the only “Report to Generate” option that will produce a report that includes practices with the “PC” display.

- applicable signup or signups in the “Signup Name” field
- applicable practice, such as “CP33(PC)”, “CP38B-33(PC)”, and/or “CP38E-33(PC)”.

CLICK “Generate Report”.

County Reports

Admin State: * Kansas (20) ▼

Admin County: * Jefferson (087) ▼

Report to Generate: * Practices ▼

Filter By: * Signup Name ▼

Signup Name: *
Continuous SU46
General CRP Signup 45
SU 44 CREP Kansas - Upper Arkansas River
General CRP Signup 43

Practice: *
CP31
CP33
CP33(PC)
CP36

Use Shift or Ctrl to make multiple selections

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Generate Report Back

The screenshot shows a web form titled "County Reports". It contains several dropdown menus and checkboxes. Red arrows point to the "Admin State" (Kansas (20)), "Admin County" (Jefferson (087)), "Report to Generate" (Practices), "Practice" (CP33(PC)), and the "Generate Report" button. The "Signup Name" dropdown is open, showing a list of signups with "Continuous SU46" selected. The "Practice" dropdown is also open, showing a list of practices with "CP33(PC)" selected. A blue highlight is visible on the "Continuous SU46" item in the "Signup Name" dropdown and on the "CP33(PC)" item in the "Practice" dropdown. A blue note "Use Shift or Ctrl to make multiple selections" is present next to both dropdowns.

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E County Office Reports for Pivot Corners (Continued)

The report will generate and “PC” will display for applicable practices as follows.

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Administrative State: Kansas		PRACTICE SUMMARY BY SIGNUP NAME			
Administrative County: Jefferson					
SIGNUP NAME: Continuous SU46					
Practice Code: CP33(PC)					
Practice Acres	Estimated Cost Share	Farm Number	Tract Number	Program Year	Signup Name
3.55	\$ 0	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2015	Continuous SU46
1.50	\$ 0	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2015	Continuous SU46
SUMMARY of SIGNUP NAME Continuous SU46					
Total Practice Acres			Total Estimated Cost Share		
5.05			\$ 0		
Practice Code	Number of Farms	Number of Practice Acres	Estimated Cost Share		
CP33(PC)	2	5.05	align="center">\$ 0		
GRAND TOTALS					
Total Number of Contracts: 2					
Practice Code	Number of Farms	Number of Practice Acres	Estimated Cost Share		
CP33(PC)	2	5.05	align="center">\$ 0		

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5 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice
- provide a copy of this notice to NRCS.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the provisions of this notice. If there are questions about:

- CRP policy, contact Beverly Preston, CRP Program Manager, by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **beverly.preston@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-9563
- TERRA automation, contact David Taylor, Program Specialist, by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **david.taylor@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-6255
- COLS automation, contact either of the following:
 - Shanita Landon by:
 - e-mail to **shanita.landon@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-690-1612
 - Mike Walter by:
 - e-mail to **michael.walter@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 816-926-7902.