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More about Buffers...

SAFE is an acronym for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement.

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CP-21 can be used as a turn row provided the established grass isn't damaged. However, neither CP-33 nor CP-38E can be used as a turn row.



It's time to think about how buffers benefit YOU!

Please note: All CRP contracts are subject to a \$46.00 application fee at the time of sign up with the Farm Service Agency .



Making “\$ense”

Out of Buffers

CP-21

CP-33

CP-38E

Understanding the Differences Among Buffer Options

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BUFFERS/FILTER STRIPS—FIELD BORDERS—SAFE

What are they? What are they for? What are the differences? Program features compared below.

Buffer/Filter Strip (CP-21)

Purpose: Reduce amounts of contaminants such as fertilizers, soil, etc. from entering a stream.

Cropland that will become a buffer must be eligible for CRP.

Must consist of an approved mix of native warm season grasses or brome. Forbs and legumes are optional.

Must have an adjacent perennial or seasonal streambank within 90 feet of field edge.

Minimum width 30 ft.; 120 ft. maximum overall average width which includes the existing riparian area.

A field visit is required to determine size and eligibility.

Any size field can be buffered. If half or more of the field is buffered, then an additional 25% of the buffered acres can be added at the base rental rate.

Annual base rental payment is \$62-\$112 per acre.

20% added to base rental rate.

30% added to base rental rate in certain priority watersheds.

One time incentive payment of up to \$100/acre.

Practice incentive payment is cost sharing on seed/seeding.

Ten to 15 year CRP contract.

Field Border (CP-33)

Purpose: Provide habitat for upland birds; a secondary, yet important function is water quality.

Cropland that will become a border must be eligible for CRP.

Same grass mix as CP-21, but cannot use brome. Forbs and legumes ARE REQUIRED to be 10% of mix.

No stream needed. If all sides are not bordered, one side must address water quality; surface water must enter or exit through it.

Thirty ft. minimum, 120 ft. maximum average.

A field visit is required to determine size and eligibility.

Field must be at least 5 acres prior to CP-33. Cannot border more than 1/2 of the field.

Annual base rental payment is \$62-\$112 per acre.

No additional payment.

No additional payment.

One time incentive payment of up to \$100/acre.

Practice incentive payment is cost sharing on seed/seeding.

Only a ten year CRP contract.

SAFE (CP-38E)

Purpose: Wildlife habitat.

Cropland that will become a SAFE acres must be eligible for CRP.

Same as CP-33. CP-38E can include shrub planting.

No stream needed. May include corners on center pivot irrigation systems, or could include terrace tops.

Must average between 30 ft. and 200 ft.

A field visit is not necessarily required.

Five acres or less can enroll entire field; 5 acre maximum for fields <25 acres. Cannot enroll more than 20% of a field =>25 acres to 80 acres maximum.

Annual base rental payment is \$62-\$112 per acre.

No additional payment.

No additional payment.

One time incentive payment of up to \$100/acre.

Practice incentive payment is cost sharing on seed/seeding.

Ten to 15 year CRP contract.