

Overview

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

Assistance is delivered in accordance with the rules of existing conservation programs (e.g. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)).

Partners: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Pheasants Forever, and Audubon Nebraska.

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USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service offers voluntary Farm Bill conservation programs that benefit agricultural producers and the environment.

Benefits

RCPP encourages partners to join in efforts with producers to increase the restoration and sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife and related natural resources on regional or watershed scales.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers for improving habitats for grassland birds including bobwhite quail and greater prairie-chicken.
- Cost share of up to 75% available.
- Eligible lands include cropland, rangeland, pastureland, and odd areas.



Grassland Bird Initiative

Goals

- Enhance grassland bird habitat for bobwhite quail and greater prairie-chicken.
- Improve grassland management through grazing plans, prescribed fire, and infrastructure improvement.

Management Practices Eligible for Financial Assistance

- Deferment payment for not grazing rangeland.

- Prescribed fire.
- Early successional habitat management on ungrazed grassland areas not enrolled in conservation programs.
- Fencing materials and watering facilities for livestock.
- Brush management.
- Establishment of shrub thickets in ungrazed grassland areas.
- Cropland conversion to upland habitat.
- Grazing management.

More Information

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Counties Eligible for RCPP Grassland Bird Initiative

