

*Central Pheasant Opportunity Area*  
**FOCUS ON PHEASANTS**  
More Habitat...More Pheasants...Better Hunting

*Practices and Payment Rates for Focus Area*

**FOCUS AREA OBJECTIVES**

- Demonstrate results that can be transported to other areas:
  - How to increase pheasant populations;
  - That we can increase hunter use & economic benefits.
- Increase and improve available pheasant habitat
- Increase access opportunities—OFW, Small Grain OFW, Etc.



**NEW VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAMS**

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Continuous CRP (CCRP)
  - Signup Incentive Payment (up to \$75.00/acre)
  - Incentive payment for planting high quality diverse seed mixtures that will provide longer term benefits to upland gamebirds (up to \$80.00/acre)
- Other Programs/Practices
  - EQIP, WHIP, NSWCP or other programs or practices for establishment of new grassland without government programs – cost share for seed mixes and other appropriate costs, similar to those listed above.



**EARLY SUCCESSIONAL HABITAT MANAGEMENT ON ESTABLISHED CRP, CCRP AND CREP**

- Incentive payment on Mid-Contract Management (MCM) activities on existing CRP, CCRP or CREP (up to \$60.00/acre) – disking, interseeding, prescribed fire, etc.

**RANGELAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

- Deferment payment for not grazing rangeland, odd areas, etc (up to \$15.00/acre not to exceed 80 acres)
- Incentive Payments on prescribed fire (up to \$25/acre not to exceed 160 acres)
- Incentive Payments for early successional habitat management on ungrazed grassland areas not enrolled in conservation programs (up to \$50.00/acre not to exceed 160 acres)
- Incentive Payments for fencing materials to exclude livestock from small grassland areas that are usually grazed (up to \$2.25/linear foot)
- Incentive Payments for tree removal if deemed necessary (up to \$250/ac)
- Incentive Payments for establishment of native shrub thickets (up to \$425/ thicket)
- Incentive Payment for managing established shrub thickets (i.e. chemical application) if deemed necessary (up to \$25/ac)

**ACCESS PAYMENTS** (based upon OFW rates)

- \$8.00/acre for “good” CRP, CCRP, CREP
- \$4.00/acre for “moderate to good” CRP, CCRP, CREP
- \$3.00/acre for “good to excellent” adjacent rangeland or odd pockets and Tall Wheat and Milo Stubble
- \$1.50/acre for “moderate to low” other habitats and CRP
- \$1.00/acre for roundout acres