

Incentive Payments

- ❖ Annual rental payment and maintenance cost. Producers will receive annual rental payments for the length of the contract (10 -15 years). The payment is a weighted average of the county specific rental rate for comparable land, plus practice maintenance (\$2 per acre per year).
- ❖ Signing Incentive Payment equal to \$100 per acre.
- ❖ Cost-share assistance equal to State established rates for practice establishment and mid-contract management activities.
- ❖ Practice Incentive Payment of up to 40 % of eligible practice costs.

Sign-Up Period

Indiana is allowed to enroll up to 13,100 acres in SAFE. Sign-up is on a continuous basis until the state's allocation has been enrolled. Enrollment will begin May 12, 2008.

Eligibility

- ❖ To be eligible, cropland must be suitably located in one of the State's SAFE Priority Areas.
- ❖ The cropland must have been cropped 4 out of the 6 years from 1996 to 2001.
- ❖ The cropland does not need to be classified as highly erodible.
- ❖ Expired/expiring CRP is eligible for enrollment provided it is offered before June 1 of the following year after contract expiration.

Information and Assistance

Additional information on SAFE Continuous CRP Sign Up is available by visiting or calling your local USDA Service Center or by contacting your IDNR District Wildlife Biologist or District Forester.

To locate the USDA Service Center in your area, visit:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>

To locate your District Biologist, visit:

www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/huntguide1/wbiolo.htm or call (317) 232-4080.

To locate your District Forester, visit:

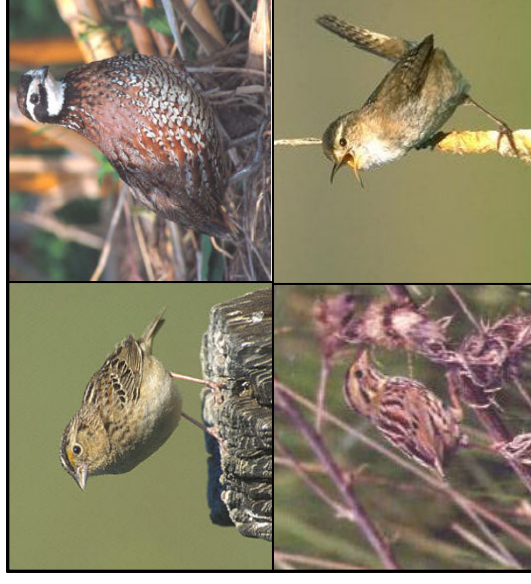
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry> or call (317) 232-4105.

Additional incentive payments may be available to producers enrolling lands in SAFE if they are located in one of IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife's Quail and Pheasant Priority Areas. For additional information contact your IDNR District Wildlife Biologist.



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SAFE State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement



Sign Up Begins May 12, 2008

Continuous CRP practices for restoring habitat for at-risk

New Opportunity

United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) approved SAFE proposals to address state and regional high-priority wildlife objectives. SAFE practices provide the flexibility to meet the specific needs of high-value wildlife species in a participating state or region. Conservation practices currently offered under CRP are fine-tuned through SAFE to improve, connect or create higher-quality habitat to promote healthier ecosystems in areas identified as essential to effective management of high priority species.

Through continuous CRP sign-up, USDA accepts year-round producer offers, provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements. Producers can offer land for enrollment in SAFE and other CRP programs at their local FSA Service Center.

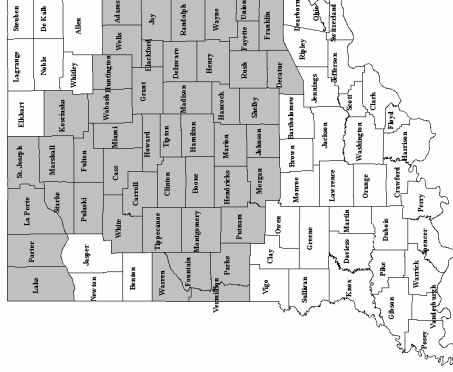
Producers within an approved SAFE area (**counties shaded in gray**) can submit offers to voluntarily enroll acres in CRP contracts for 10-15 years (the contract length depends on the SAFE proposal authorized for the area). In exchange, producers receive annual CRP rental payments, incentives and cost-share assistance to establish habitat-enhancing natural covers on eligible land.

Participants will be required to allow IDNR personnel access to the property for monitoring purposes.

Indiana SAFE Priority Areas and Eligible Practices

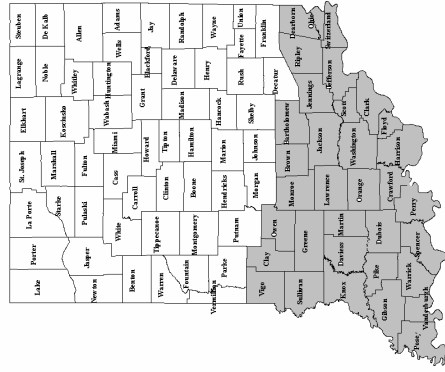
Northern Bobwhite Quail Priority Area

- ❖ Permanent Native Grasses¹
- ❖ Permanent Wildlife Habitat²
- ❖ Rare and Declining Habitat³

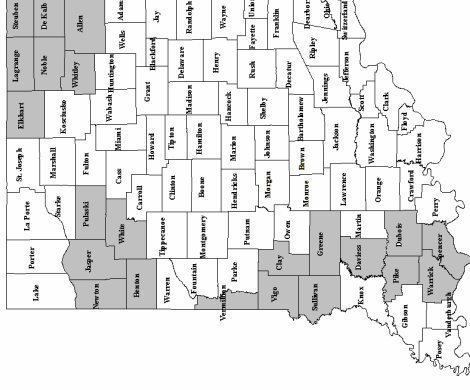


Henslow's Sparrow Priority Area

- ❖ Permanent Native Grasses¹
- ❖ Permanent Wildlife Habitat²
- ❖ Rare and Declining Habitat³

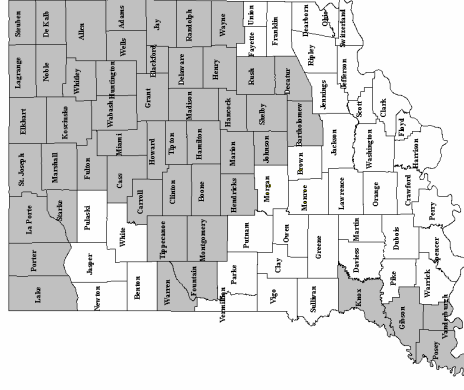


- Sedge Wren/Grasshopper Priority Area
- ❖ Permanent Native Grasses¹
- ❖ Wetland Restoration – Non Floodplain
- ❖ Wetland Restoration – Floodplain
- ❖ Rare and Declining Habitat³



Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) Priority Area

- ❖ Hardwood Tree Planting
- ❖ Bottomland Timber Establishment



- 1 Permanent Native Grasses will be short stature native grasses
- 2 Permanent Wildlife Habitat will consist of both short stature native grass blocks and tame grass blocks
- 3 Rare and Declining Habitat will be planted:
 - ❖ Tall stature prairie,
 - ❖ Short stature prairie, or
 - ❖ Sedge meadow.