



CP-33 Information Sheet

Purpose:

- To create favorable field border habitat for the betterment of the Northern Bobwhite Quail population and/or other upland birds.

Quality Habitat Selection:

- To ensure applicable habitat is enrolled, consultation with NRCS and/or CDOW biologists is necessary. Must identify type of habitat to be developed or improved, e.g. food, nesting, brood rearing, or winter food cover.
 - Habitat Needs:
 - Nesting cover – warm/cool season mixture of grasses, forbs and legumes
 - Brood cover – annual forb vegetation with lightly disturbed areas
 - Fall-Winter cover – low and medium height thickets with stiff grasses
- Applications must be within designated population areas with favorable habitat as identified by NRCS or CDOW biologists.
- Quality habitat may qualify for other financial assistance from other organizations.

Grass Seeding:

- Border design will use NRCS Standard and Interim Specification for Field Borders – 386.
- Species selection is based on the habitat requirements of the Northern Bobwhite Quail and type of habitat being developed, e.g. food, nesting, brood rearing, or winter cover.
- Seeding operations will be completed according to NRCS Standard and Specification for Range Seeding – 550 or Pasture and Hay Planting – 512 using the developed seed mix from CRP Seed Mix – 30 seeding matrix.

Shrub Planting:

- Species selection must be based on habitat development requirements for the type of habitat being developed for quail if identified as necessary by the Wildlife Habitat Model.
- Plant stock must be at least one year old seedlings (*can not use seed*).
- Plantings will be done in linear rows or clumps (*preferred method*) following NRCS Standards and Specifications for 380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment or 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment, if necessary.

Operation & Maintenance:

- Border areas will be managed for the identified habitat type of the Northern Bobwhite Quail with operations done during acceptable dates.
- NRCS Standard and Specification for Early Successional Habitat – 647 will be used to attain and maintain the desired habitat in conjunction with Upland Wildlife Habitat Management – 645 through mid-contract management.
- Weed control is necessary for noxious weeds but some less aggressive weeds indicate successional habitat and provide advantageous food sources for the quail.