

**Job Sheet EHM-4 – Manage Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds**

**DESCRIPTION** – This enhancement will manage field borders to provide habitat for early successional species by planting appropriate habitat or by allowing establishment through natural succession.

**Enhancement Details**

- The payment is \$30/plot/year
- The unit of measure is a 1/4 acre plot
- This enhancement is similar to the CP-33 practice in CRP, but has two options:
  - Option 1:
    - a) No disturbance is allowed
    - b) Minimum width is 30 feet
  - Option 2:
    - a) Area can be used intermittently use as turn rows and as a road/lane (but not as a haul road)
    - b) Area can not be mowed, grazed, hayed, sprayed or used for storage of equipment or hay bales
    - c) Minimum width is 60 feet
- The following apply to either Option 1 or Option 2 listed above:
  - ⇒ \$30 will be paid for every 1/4 acre plot. For example, if 2 acres are managed as field borders, the payment will be \$240/year (\$30 x 8 one-quarter acre plots)
  - ⇒ Field borders can be established by planting appropriate species, or by allowing habitat establishment through natural succession
- See **CSP Job Sheet EHM-4 Addendum *Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds*** for further guidance and additional seeding options.

**Required Documentation**

The CSP Participant will certify this activity annually by signing an annual payment certification letter and submitting it to the NRCS office servicing the contract. The CSP Participant will retain records and indicate on aerial photographs the locations of the habitat buffers.

**Use the following to determine the number of plots managed annually:**

(Plot Width x Plot Length) divided by 43,560, then divide again by 4. Add all of the calculations for each area for the total number of plots.

Mgmt Unit	Width of Plot (ft.)	X	Length of Plot (ft.)	=	ft <sup>2</sup>	Divided by 43,560 (ft <sup>2</sup> per acre)	=	# Plots (in acres)	Multiply by 4	=	# Plots (in ¼ acres)
		X		=		/ 43,560	=		X 4	=	
		X		=		/ 43,560	=		X 4	=	
		X		=		/ 43,560	=		X 4	=	
		X		=		/ 43,560	=		X 4	=	
		X		=		/ 43,560	=		X 4	=	
<b>Total Number of ¼ Acre Plots:</b>											

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