



# Continuous CRP Practice Information

## CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat

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The purpose of the practice is to enhance duck nesting habitat on the most duck-productive areas and to restore the functions and values of cropped wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. Only those areas designated as having the potential to produce greater than or equal to 25 breeding duck pairs per square mile, as identified on the CRP CP37 eligibility map, are eligible for enrollment.

### Practice Guidance:

The total eligible acreage for CP37 can be determined by calculating either or both acreages of non-cropped wetlands and cropped converted wetlands. The CP37 buffer acreage shall be a minimum of 4:1 not to exceed a maximum of 10:1 ratio of upland buffer to wetland area (both non-cropped and cropped).

Those eligible wetlands which have been manipulated, either entirely or partially, and which meet CRP cropland eligibility requirements along with the associated upland buffer areas. All hydric soils, as identified on the county hydric soils list, which have been cropped and meet CRP requirements are eligible for restoration. For soil complexes that are listed as having hydric soil components an in-field review will determine the extent of each site eligible as a cropped wetland.

- NRCS Practice Number 657 for wetland seeding and restoration
- NRCS Practice Number 645 or 643 for upland seeding
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) equal to 40% of the eligible installation costs. PIP is additive to 50% cost-share equaling 90% cost-share for practice establishment.

### ■ Practice Requirements

- Entirely outside the 100 year floodplain
- Practice may enroll a minimum of 4 acres of upland soils for every 1 acre of hydric soil, not to exceed a 10:1 upland to wetland ratio.
- The total eligible acreage for CP37 can be determined by calculating either or both acreages of non-cropped wetlands and cropped converted wetlands.
- Wetland restoration is dependent on practice feasibility. As a last alternative "cessation of cropping" satisfies the restoration requirement.

### Additional Information:

[NRCS CCRP CP37 Eligibility Document](#)

[NRCS CCRP CP37 Job Sheet](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 657 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 643 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 327 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Eligibility Shapefile](#)



*Example of Duck Nesting Habitat*

### ■ CCRP Practice Contract information

- Contract length 10-15 years
- \$100 / acre Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)
- 20% CRP Rental Rate Incentive