

**Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Sign-up 39**  
**Interim Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) Practice Code Guidance**

The Interim CRP CPO is designed to show the participant(s) the potential practices that will be included in the final CRP CPO. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or a Technical Service Provider (TSP), in consultation with the contract participant, will complete the final CPO by December 31, 2010. The plan will include some or all of the practices listed below. There may be a need for the plan to include additional practices not listed depending on existing site conditions present. All practices shall follow NRCS conservation practice standards and construction specifications.

**Cover Crop (NRCS Code 340)** - Herbaceous plants established for seasonal cover. Typically, a milo or forage sorghum cover crop planted to provide a seedbed which native grass/forb seed mixes will be drilled into. Existing standing crop stubble may be utilized where adequate and acceptable. Generally, cover crops shall be weed-free.

**Access Control (NRCS Code 472)** - The exclusion of animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment from the contract acres. There shall be no haying or grazing of CRP acreage for the life of the contract other than that included in the contract CPO as allowed by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee.

**Pest Management (NRCS Code 595)** - Manage agricultural pest infestations (including weeds, insects, animals, disease, and other organisms) to reduce adverse effects on plant growth, crop production, and environmental resources. Use environmentally-sensitive prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression strategies. Refer to Form KS-ECS-595, Pest Management, for specifications. Once the cover is established, all disturbances to the cover will be avoided during the upland bird nesting season of April 15 to July 15. Mowing or other control measures may be necessary during establishment of permanent cover. Noxious weeds shall be controlled on all CRP contract acreage for the life of the contract. If herbicides are used for control, the kind(s) and rate(s) of application will be within Kansas State University (KSU) Extension and product label recommendations. Care needs to be exercised in using chemicals that harm forbs/legumes or other desirable vegetation. Spot spraying rather than whole field spraying should be considered anytime herbicides are used.

**Range Planting (NRCS Code 550)** - Establishment of adapted perennial vegetation such as grasses, forbs, and legumes into an approved seedbed. Mix requirements shall be dependent upon cover type selected and points awarded at time of enrollment. Species, amounts, and seeding dates will be noted and agreed upon by the participant on Form KS-ECS-4, Grass Seeding.

**Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitat (NRCS Code 643)** - Restoring and managing rare and declining habitats and their associated wildlife species by seeding a mixture of native grasses, forbs, and legumes into an approved seedbed. Only native species may be utilized. Mix requirements shall be dependent

upon type of community to be restored. Species, amounts, and seeding dates will be noted and agreed upon by the participant on Form KS-ECS-4.

**Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (NRCS Code 645)** - Provide and manage upland habitats through creation, maintenance, or enhancement of cover for wildlife habitat. This may be accomplished through interseeding, light disking, burning, food plot establishment, or other approved methods. No disturbance to perennial CRP cover shall occur during the nesting season (April 15 to July 15) that has detrimental effects to wildlife and/or habitat. Management practices shall be required during the life of the contract. Types and frequency shall be dependent upon practice enrolled and site conditions.

**Prescribed Burning (NRCS Code 338)** - Applying controlled fire to a predetermined area. Prescribed burns will be completed during approved time periods only. Acreage will not be burned as a management practice in any two consecutive years. Participants will develop a prescribed burn plan, must follow all county and state burning guidelines, and must obtain necessary permits prior to conducting any prescribed burns. *(Note: Prescribed Burning is a required maintenance practice on all CRP acres enrolled under practice code CP25 except on sand prairie and sand sage sites.)*

**Prescribed Grazing (NRCS Code 528)** - Managing the controlled harvest of vegetation with grazing animals. Grazing will be restricted to FSA program rules and regulations and NRCS standards and specifications. Grazing shall not occur during the nesting season (April 15 to July 15).

**Forage Harvest Management (NRCS Code 511)** - The timely cutting and removal of forages from the field as hay. Haying shall be completed according to FSA program rules and regulations and NRCS standards and specifications.

**This list is not all inclusive and does not provide full practice requirements. Always follow program rules and regulations and practice standards and specifications.**