



# CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds

## CRP Mid Contract Management Options

October 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Field(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tract: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Apply MCM in contract years 3 and 6 to all acres for CP33.**
- See your conservation plan and aerial photo for areas to be treated.
- Refer to Iowa MCM Job Sheet for more information.
- A combination of MCM options may be used on the same acres to achieve the planned result.
- Native forbs must be used when interseeding a CP33.
- Use the table below to schedule your MCM activity(ies)
- **Managed haying or grazing is not authorized on CP33.**

MCM Option (Select from pull down menu)	Field	Year	Acres

### CP33 MCM Options

- Tillage
- Interseeding
- Prescribed Burning

\* **Interseeding only will not meet MCM requirements.** Also schedule tillage or prescribed burning.

## MCM Option Descriptions

### ***Tillage***

Use a tillage tool such as a disk to break the sod and stir the soil surface to a shallow depth not to exceed 4 inches leaving 50% residue and 50% bare ground. This may require a minimum of 2-3 passes. Complete tillage from October 1 to May 14 or August 2 to September 30, outside of the primary nesting season. Mowing or burning may be needed prior to tillage if equipment is not heavy enough to penetrate existing sod. To protect soil, water, and wildlife resources, management activities will be applied to no more than 1/3 of the CRP contract acres in any year. Apply management to a different 1/3 of the contract acres in subsequent years until all of

the contract acres have received management. Rotate the tilled areas, either blocks within the field or strips across the field. When tilling in strips, alternate tilled strips that are less than 75' wide with an area twice the size of the tilled strip across the field on the contour/cross-slope. Repeat the process in successive years until entire field has been tilled. Follow NRCS Early Successional Habitat Management Standard (647).

### ***Interseeding***

Interseed native forbs such as partridge pea, black-eyed

## Prescribed Burning

- **Cool Season Grasses**, March 1 – April 15
- **Warm Season Grasses**, April 1 – May 14
- **Forbs**, September 1 – February 1

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