

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**Minnesota  
Notice CA-6272**

**For:** All Minnesota County Offices

**Minnesota State Acres For wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Training**

**Approved by:** Perry Aasness, State Executive Director



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Minnesota FSA recently received approval from the FSA National Office for a new CRP practice under the CRP-SAFE initiative, pursuant to FSA Notice CRP-580. The practice, entitled CP38E—Back Forty Pheasant Habitat, was developed by Pheasants Forever (PF), Inc., of Minnesota, in cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, to enhance pheasant and greater prairie chicken habitat in the state.

Signup has not yet been announced; however, in preparation for a forthcoming enrollment period, training is being provided for FSA, NRCS, SWCD, BWSR, DNR, PF, USFWS and other interested partners as outlined herein.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides information regarding:

- Agencies and personnel authorized to attend;
- Training session times, dates and locations;
- Reporting FSA travel budget needs; and,
- Registration in AgLearn for FSA personnel.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
September 30, 2008	Minnesota FSA County Offices

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### 2 Attendance

This is a joint meeting involving FSA, NRCS, SWCD and other interested partner agencies, including BWSR, DNR, USFWS and PF, etc. FSA CEDs, CRP-PTs, DDs, COTs and CORs are required to attend.

FSA CEDs shall provide a copy of this notice to all partner agencies located in their respective Service Center(s).

See Exhibit 1 for county attendance assignments for each training session.

### 3 Training Sessions

All sessions will begin promptly at 9:30 AM and end no later than 3:00 PM.

**Session I. Thursday, February 21, 2008**  
**St. Cloud Civic Center, Stockinger Suite**  
**10 South Fourth Avenue, St. Cloud, Minnesota**  
**(Downtown along the river, next to the Kelly Inn)**

**Session II. Tuesday, February 26, 2008**  
**Courtyard By Marriott & Conference Center**  
**1080 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Moorhead, Minnesota**  
**(Northeast of the intersection of I-94 and Hwy 75)**

**Session III. Wednesday, February 27, 2008**  
**Springfield Community Center**  
**33 South Cass Avenue, Springfield, Minnesota**  
**(5 blocks south of Hwy 14)**

**Note:** Due to limited meal options in Springfield, a soup & sandwich lunch will be catered into the Community Center; the cost will be \$7.50, with only cash or check accepted. Each FSA office attending Session III shall ascertain the total number of employees from their respective Service Center (FSA, NRCS & SWCD) who plan to have lunch at the Center and email Ben Fast, CED Redwood County, ([benjamin.fast@mn.usda.gov](mailto:benjamin.fast@mn.usda.gov)) by Friday, February 22, 2008.

**Session IV. Thursday, February 28, 2008**  
**Holiday Inn of Owatonna**  
**2365 43<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Owatonna, Minnesota**  
**(Exit 45 off I-35, near Cabela's)**

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### 4 FSA Budget & Attendee Registration

#### A Reporting Travel Budget Needs

Travel budget needs for FSA personnel shall be reported, per county, via the following link as soon as possible, but not later than COB, Wednesday, February 20, 2008:

- [http://intra4.fsa.usda.gov/mn/mni/Conservation/FSA\\_Form\\_SAFETraining.htm](http://intra4.fsa.usda.gov/mn/mni/Conservation/FSA_Form_SAFETraining.htm)

Upon receipt of your reported budget needs, an allocation will be provided to you shortly thereafter. Attendees requiring overnight travel shall arrange their own accommodations.

#### B Registering through AgLearn

FSA attendees may register for this session through AgLearn beginning Wednesday, February 13, 2008; session ID numbers are forthcoming. AgLearn may be accessed at:

- <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/LandingPage.html>.

### 5 Questions

Contact the Conservation Section if you have questions regarding this notice.



Minnesota CRP-SAFE Training Session Attendance Areas

