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Ducks Unlimited wants protection from shift to corn

DUCKS Unlimited reacted positively to the news that U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns has decided to let landowners determine the use of their lands based on market demands rather than eliminating investments made with taxpayer funds under the Conservation Reserve Program.

USDA indicated in March that it likely would not charge a penalty for early contract releases to allow the conversion of CRP acres to corn to meet national demands for ethanol. The agency rethought that decision in light of a national report that farmers would use acres currently in production to increase corn plantings substantially.

Jeff Nelson, director of Duck Unlimited's Great Plains Regional Office, says one of its strongest concerns about CRP is the possibility of early contract releases, especially without penalty.

"Allowing early releases would send the wrong message to the American public about the conservation value of lands enrolled in the program," Nelson says. "We thank the secretary and the White House for listening to the concerns of our members ... by recognizing the importance of soil, water and wildlife conservation delivered through CRP."

Nelson says Johanns' decision is an important step in maintaining CRP and signals the importance of the program to farmers and the American public.

"However, as the corn ethanol industry continues its rapid growth, we expect to face the same questions over the next several years," he adds.

CRP contracts slated to expire

THE U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates a minimum of 1.8 million acres of Conservation Reserve Program land will expire in 2007.

Although many contracts were extended through the recent re-enrollment and extension options, another 4.6 million acres are set to expire by 2010.

New QU chapter organized

ATTRACTED to the concept that they can make a difference in wildlife populations, many landowners and sportsmen attended an organizational meeting in Buffalo in March. They represented some 2,600 acres of local wildlife habitat.

The result of the meeting, the new "Buffalo Bob" Quail Unlimited chapter, will be led by Craig Alderman, a private-land conservationist and QU member.

"One of the greatest rewards my family and I have is looking out our

windows and seeing the quail, deer and turkey flourishing on my farm," Alderman says. He works to incorporate habitat plans provided by wildlife professionals through QU and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

"Now I want to help my neighbors and new friends enjoy the work on their own lands and share the great results: healthy wildlife populations on their land," he adds.

"The heritage of respect for the land and its wildlife in Missouri is well-

known," says Brad Myers, newly elected officer of the Buffalo Bob QU chapter. "This new chapter takes it to the next level of dedicated involvement with a community spirit that brings fun and cooperative efforts in our local area."

Quail Unlimited is dedicated to the restoration of habitat for wild quail and upland game. Its almost 300 chapters nationwide raise local project dollars for on-the-ground projects.

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