

Estimating Wildlife Response To The Conservation Reserve Program

The objective of this project is to produce estimates of population response of the ring-necked pheasant to land use changes associated with implementation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The project will provide a methodology the Farm Service Agency (FSA) can use to annually generate estimates of CRP effects on the ring-necked pheasant population

The WEST Team is working provide a method by which FSA can annually generate estimates of CRP effects on the ring-necked pheasant population. These annual estimates will be used to meet the GPRA requirements that programs set measurable goals and measure progress in meeting those goals. Further, results will be used for communication with decision and policy-makers concerning CRP benefits and refinement of program priorities.

For additional CRP information, go to <http://www.wildlife.org/policy/WPNApril05.pdf>