

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CREATING AND MAINTAINING QUAIL HABITAT IN GEORGIA

Management Practice	Where Applicable	Benefits	Timing	Frequency	Cost Share Availability*			
					CRP	WHIP	EQIP	PFW
Wildlife Buffers & Filter Strips	Row crop land, forest edges & drainage areas	Provides nesting & brood-rearing cover	November through February	As needed, Disturb every 2 to 3 years	X	X	X	X
Timber Stand Improvement	Commercial and precommercial thinning in pine stands	Opens stand, Increases forage and cover	Year-round	Will vary by tree species and site index	X	X	X	
Native Warm Season Grass Establishment	Fallow fields, field borders & buffers, pine savanna understory	Nesting and roosting cover. Best with forb/legume in mix. Use low seeding rates.	March through mid-May	As needed, Disturb every 2 to 3 years with burning or winter disking	X	X	X	X
Longleaf Pine Planting	A variety of soils throughout the coastal plain, sandhills, and portions of piedmont and ridge and valley	Restores fire- and wildlife-friendly ecosystem. Greater management flexibility than loblolly and slash.	Fall and Winter	As needed, periodic thinning and frequent burning. Longer rotation age is best	X	X	X	X
Prescribed Burning	Fallow fields, thinned pine & mixed pine/hardwood stands	Renovates ground cover, reduces fuel loads, forest health, hardwood control	Winter and Spring	Varies by soil quality, 2-year rotation is best		X	X	X
Pest Management	Control of exotic invasive species (e.g. bermudagrass, Chinese privet, etc)	Remove exotic species that out-compete native plants beneficial to quail and other wildlife	Species dependent	Species dependent, annually or as needed		X	X	

* Program details are subject to change. Check with respective agency for current availability and details

- CRP – Conservation Reserve Program, Farm Service Agency
- WHIP – Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- PFW – Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, US Fish and Wildlife Service