

Farm Program Services Conservation Programs Reference

Program	Administrator	Eligibility			Enrollment		Contracts						Examples of Covered Practices	
		FSA Rules Apply	AGI Cert.	Other Criteria	Continuous	Sign-up Date	Contract Length	Cost Share (%)	Rental Payment	Incentive Payments	Payment Limits (\$)	Limit Level		"Person" Det.
CRP - Conservation Reserve Program	FSA	X	X			X	10-15 yrs	Up to 50%	Yearly	Varies by state	50,000/year	Individual	1-PL	Seeding native grass
Continuous CRP	FSA	X	X		X		10-15 yrs	Up to 50%	Yearly	Varies by state	50,000/year	Individual	1-PL	Shelter belts, Riparian buffers
CREP - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	FSA	X	X	Priority area	X (contingent on priority area)		10-15 yrs	Up to 50%	Yearly	Varies by state	50,000, including other CRP payments	Individual	1-PL	Same as CRP
EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program	NRCS		X		X (subject to ranking periods)		Not to exceed 10 years	Up to 75% *up to 90% for young, beginning, or limited resource	N/A	Varies by state	450,000 over the life of a contract period including incentive payments	ID No.	N/A	Management Incentives - *change in tillage practices *placing ground in grazing land management Cost-share Incentives - *terraces on cropland *livestock waste management lagoons
CSP - Conservation Security Program	NRCS		X	By watershed		Can sign up anytime within specified sign-up period	Tier 1 - 5 yr Tier 2 - 5-10 yr Tier 3 - 5-10 yr	N/A	N/A	Yearly incentive payments - existing, maintenance, enhancement, new practice components	Tier 1 - 20,000/yr Tier 2 - 35,000/yr Tier 3 - 45,000/yr	ID No.	N/A	Maintained conservation stewardship and implementation of additional conservation practices that provide added environmental enhancement.
FRPP - Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program	NRCS		X		X (subject to ranking periods)		5-10 yrs	up to 50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Land must be and remain in agricultural production
GRP - Grasslands Reserve Program	NRCS		X		X (subject to ranking periods)		10,15,20, or 30 years	Up to 90% on land never cultivated, up to 75% on land previously cropped	Yearly rental of 75% of the grazing value of the land if in a rental contract	Yearly rental payment	Rental payment not more than 75% of grazing value	N/A	N/A	Seeding native grass; can still graze and hay
WRP - Wetlands Reserve Program	NRCS		X		X (subject to ranking periods)		Permanent or 30-year easements - 10-yr cost share agreement	NRCS not to exceed 75% *does not include other Fed. Contr.	N/A	*States may make incentive payments	Refer to WRP Fact Sheet for Easement valuation	N/A	N/A	Any reasonable practice needed to restore wetlands, and appropriate adjacent upland should be considered. State conservationist has authority to identify eligible practices
WHIP - Wildlife Habitate Incentives Program	NRCS		X		X (subject to ranking periods)		Between 5 and 10 years	Total Fed. Contributions not to exceed 75%	N/A	*States may make incentive payments	N/A	N/A	N/A	Practice eligibility determined by State Conservationist

For more specific questions call Todd Jennison with FPS at 3618 (network) or 785-899-2042.