

# Nationwide CLEAR30 Pilot



The Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers initiative offers 30-year contracts through its CLEAR30 pilot. FSA introduced this pilot in 2020, originally focused on 12 states in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watershed. CLEAR30 is now available nationwide.

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The CLEAR30 Pilot is available in all States and territories. This provides the opportunity to enroll in a 30-year CRP contract.

## Practices Offered in CLEAR30 Pilot

Certain water quality practices currently enrolled under continuous CRP or CREP contracts that are expiring on September 30, 2023 may be offered into CLEAR30. If re-enrolled these practices, will continue to reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides farmers and landowners with different signup types, practices and initiatives like this to achieve many farming and conservation goals.

Producers may reenroll these expiring CRP Practices in CLEAR30:

- ◆ CP-8A – Grass Waterways
- ◆ CP-15A – Contour Grass Strips
- ◆ CP-15B – Contour Grass Strips on Terraces
- ◆ CP-21 – Filter Strips
- ◆ CP21B – Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strip

- ◆ CP21S – Saturated Filter Strips
- ◆ CP22 – Riparian Buffer
- ◆ CP22B – Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers
- ◆ CP22S – Saturated Riparian Buffer
- ◆ CP23 – Wetland Restoration
- ◆ CP23A – Wetland Restoration, Non flood plain
- ◆ CP29 – Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
- ◆ CP30 – Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
- ◆ CP31 – Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
- ◆ CP37 – Duck Nesting Habitat



## CLEAR Continued Impacts

- ◆ Decreased Erosion
- ◆ Improved Water Quality
- ◆ Increase Wildlife Habitat
- ◆ Longer Term Conservation

## More Information

For more information about FSA and its programs, visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov) or your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/servicelocator](https://farmers.gov/servicelocator).

CLEAR30 is an option available through CRP, which is one of the largest voluntary private- lands conservation programs in the United States. CRP was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and stabilize commodity prices by taking environmentally sensitive lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing numerous conservation and economic benefits. In addition to CLEAR30, signups are also open for **Continuous CRP** and **Grassland CRP**.



## Financial Benefits

- ◆ 30 years of annual rental payments.
- ◆ 27.5% Rental rate enhancement
- ◆ 20% Water Quality Incentive
- ◆ Practice Specific Climate-Smart Incentive
- ◆ Onsite monitoring and technical assistance throughout the contract term.
- ◆ Maintenance payments for all practices.

## Eligible Land

Cropland and certain marginal pastureland that is currently enrolled in a Continuous CRP or CREP contract, dedicated to an eligible water quality practice, and expiring on September 30, 2023.

## Practice Maintenance

Land enrolled in CLEAR30 will have periodic, onsite monitoring performed by USDA. Recommendations for maintenance activities will be incorporated into the Conservation Plan throughout the 30-year contract term. Participants will receive 75% maintenance incentive payments for performing required maintenance activities.

## Compatible Uses

Land enrolled in CLEAR30 may be used for the following activities provided the activity is consistent with the Conservation Plan and does not degrade water quality or conflict with other purposes of the practice:

- ◆ Hunting/Fishing
- ◆ Managed timber harvest
- ◆ Periodic haying and grazing.

## Sign up Period

Producers may apply for CLEAR30 from April 1, 2023, to July 31, 2023. CLEAR30 contracts will be effective October 1, 2023.