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Informational Stakeholder Outreach Session

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
What is CREP?

- Part of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- Partnership with state agencies, Tribes, non-profits and other groups to address state or nationally significant conservation concerns.

- Address conservation and environmental issues of State and the Nation

- Combines Federal and Non-Federal Resources to target a specific geographic area
**CREP**

**Federal Commitments**
USDA provides financial, educational, and technical assistance.

**Partner Commitments**
Partners typically provide 30 percent of the total project cost in the form of direct payments to participants, in-kind contributions, or technical assistance.
Administered under the same statutes and Federal regulations as CRP.

The following statutory requirements are applicable to all CREPs:

- Cropping history for cropland-based projects
- 32.5% Sign-Up Incentive Payment (SIP)
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) is considered cost share
- Cost share cannot exceed 100% of establishment costs
- $900,000 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions and $50,000 annual payment limitation

Discretionary Provisions:

- Rental rate and PIP incentive rates
**CRP Rental Rates**

**Cropland**
- Based on annual NASS survey estimates
  - Non-irrigated (dryland) rental rates are the same as other CRP.
  - Irrigated soil rental rates are established for applicable counties with CREP agreements which authorize the use of an irrigated rental rate.

**Marginal Pastureland (MPL)**
- Based on annual average cash rental values on non-irrigated riparian area grazing land.

**Grasslands CRP**
- Based on annual NASS pastureland rental rates.
New CREP Project Development

- Concept Paper
- Proposal
- Environmental Assessment
- CREP Agreement
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Questions

Recordings

• 12/20/2021 CREP Stakeholder Meeting
• Today’s 01/04/2022 CREP Informational Session

Located online at: