

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)



Program Overview

FSA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):

- Is a voluntary program
- Focuses on environmentally sensitive land
 - improve the quality of water
 - control soil erosion
 - enhance wildlife habitat.
- Contracts are between 10 and 15 years.

In return, FSA provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance (50%) to install needed practices.

CRP Signups

- There are two ways to sign up for CRP. Available practices vary depending on the signup type.
 - General Signup
 - Announced by the National Office
 - Bid Process
 - Continuous Signup
 - On-going
 - Not Competitive

Continuous CRP

Practices Available include:

- Riparian Buffers
- Field Windbreaks
- Pollinator Habitat
- Wetland Restoration
- Contour Grass Strips
- Tree Planting

Land Eligibility

- Eligible Cropland, must be both:
 - Planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 crop years from 2002 through 2007.
 - Physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity
- Marginal Pastureland – Not cropland, forestland or woodland.
 - Land cannot be both cropland and marginal pastureland.
 - Not available under General Signup.

Land Eligibility

- Ineligible Acreage includes, but is not limited to:
 - Acreage permanently underwater
 - Land already enrolled in CRP
 - Land where the producer is required to perform a practice as another obligation

Producer Eligibility

- Eligible Participants can include: individuals, associations, joint operations, estates, etc.
- An owner is eligible to offer land into CRP if they have owned the land for 12 months
- An operator is eligible to offer land into CRP if:
 - Operated the land for 12 months, AND
 - Provides evidence that they will maintain control of the land through out the CRP-1 period (10 – 15 years)

CRP Payments

- CRP Payments vary by individual scenario, and are made as follows:
 - Cost Sharing for the initial installment of the practice , 50%
 - Annual Rental rate for the term of the contract (10-15 years)
 - Soil Rental Rate
 - Rental Rate Incentives and Maintenance Incentives, if applicable
- Additional, one-time, incentives may include:
 - Signup Incentive
 - Practice Incentive

Before CRP



After CRP

