# 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, 2025 may be offered into CLEAR30. If re-enrolled, these practices will continue to reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms. The 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:

- CP8A Grass Waterways
- CP15A Contour Grass Strips
- CP15B 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

Visit FSA's CRP webpage.

To locate your local FSA office, visit: farmers.gov/ service-locator.

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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.
- 23.2 percent Rental rate enhancement
- 20 percent Water Quality rental rate 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, 2025.

#### **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 percent 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 May 12, 2025, to July 31, 2025. CLEAR30 contracts will be effective October 1, 2025.