

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Continuous Enrollment



Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting offers for specific conservation practices under the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Signup.

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) CRP is a voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is devoted to conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers"), to control soil erosion, improve the water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Continuous CRP signup enrollment contracts are 10 to 15 years in duration.

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized CRP. The program is also governed by regulations published in 7 CFR, part 1410. The program is implemented by FSA on behalf of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation. The President signed the American Relief Act, 2025 (Pub. L. 118-158) which extended authority for the CRP program until September 30, 2025.

Benefits

CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. The vegetative covers also make CRP a major contributor to increased wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

Administration

FSA administers CRP while technical support functions are provided by:

- USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS);
- State forestry agencies;
- Local soil and water conservation districts; and
- Other non-federal providers of technical assistance.

Continuous Enrollment

To submit an offer for Continuous CRP signup, producers should contact the FSA at their local USDA Service Center by July 31, 2025, in order to have an offer effective by Oct. 1, 2025. To ensure enrollment acreages do not exceed the statutory cap, FSA will accept offers from producers on a first-come, first-served basis and will return offers for approval in batches throughout the year.

Additionally, producers with acres enrolled in Continuous CRP scheduled to expire September 30, 2025, can offer acres for re-enrollment beginning May 12, 2025. A producer can both enroll new acres into Continuous CRP and re-enroll any acres expiring September 30, 2025.

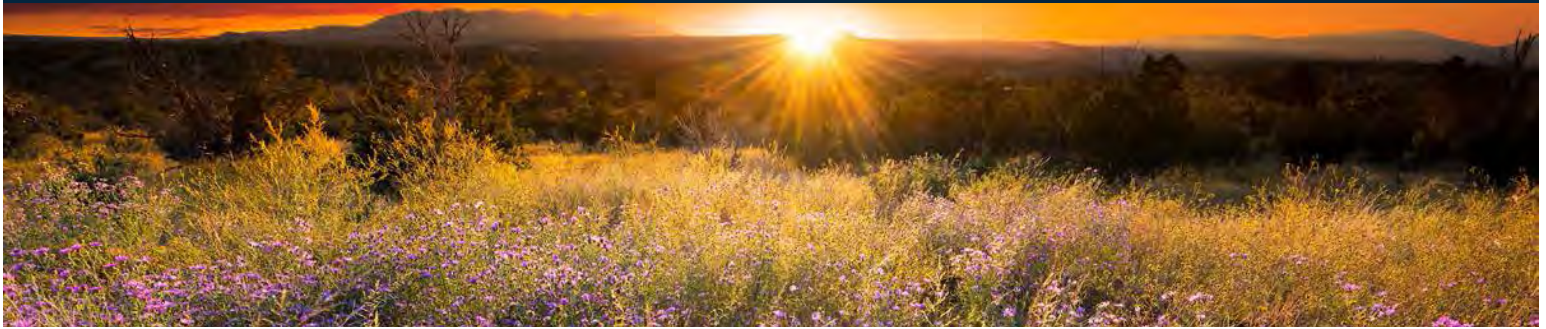
To find your local FSA office visit <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Who is Eligible?

A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law; or
- The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.





Eligible Land

Land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the six crop years from 2012 to 2017 and is physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Certain marginal pastureland that may be devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, or wetland buffers is also eligible.

Eligible Practices

Land must be eligible and suitable for any of the following conservation practices:

- CP5A - Field Windbreak
- CP8A - Grassed Waterway
- CP9 - Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
- CP15A - Contour Grass Strip
- CP15B - Contour Grass Strip on Terraces
- CP16A - Shelterbelt
- CP17A - Living Snow Fences
- CP21 - Filter Strip
- CP21B - Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips
- CP21S - Saturated Filter Strips
- CP22 - Riparian Buffer
- CP22 - Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer
- CP22S - Saturated Riparian Buffer
- CP23 & CP23A - Wetland Restoration on Floodplain and Non-floodplain
- CP27 - Farmable Wetlands
- CP28 - Farmable Wetlands Buffer
- CP29 & CP30 - Marginal Pastureland Habitat Buffer & Wetland Buffer
- CP31 - Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
- CP33 - Habitat Buffer for Upland Birds
- CP36 - Longleaf Pine Establishment
- CP37 - Duck Nesting Habitat
- CP39 - Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) Constructed Wetland
- CP40 - FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration

- CP41 - FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland
- CP42 - Pollinator Habitat
- CP43 - Prairie Strips
- Wellhead Protection Area Practices
- State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)
- Highly Erodible Land Initiative (HELI)

Payments

Under continuous CRP signup, FSA provides eligible participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance.

A Signup Incentive Payment of 32.5 percent of the first full year annual rental payment is paid at contract approval on all newly enrolled Continuous CRP contract acreage. A Practice Incentive Payment of up to 50 percent is paid for installing the practice.

Annual Rental Payments

- In return for establishing long-term, resource-conserving covers, FSA provides annual rental payments to participants. Rental rates are based on the relative productivity of soils and county cropland rent rates or marginal pastureland rates factored to a statutory 90 percent limitation.
- The per-acre annual rental rate may not exceed the calculated rate or \$300/acre.
- Water Quality Incentive: FSA provides a 20 percent rental rate incentive for CRP water quality practices that will improve water quality by reducing sediment loading, nutrient loading and harmful algae blooms.

Cost-Share Assistance

FSA provides cost share assistance to participants who establish approved practices on land enrolled in CRP. Cost share assistance cannot exceed 50 percent of the participant's eligible costs and is not available for any management activity.

More Information

Visit FSA's CRP webpage <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/conservation-reserve-program>.

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

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