

(2014 Farm Bill) CONSERVATION PRACTICES & PROGRAMS FOR YOUR FARM

Program	What land is eligible?	Agreement Length	What USDA Offers			Producer Obligations	Typical Practices
			Rental Payments	Easements	Cost Share		
<p>*Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) & Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) *</p>	<p>Cropland next to streams & other water bodies and is highly erodible, some marginal pastureland. Private grassland, shrub land, & land containing forbs or land that historically contained those features.</p>	<p>10 - 15 years 10, 15, 20, or 30 years; permanent</p>	<p>\$\$ annual payment based on length of agreement</p>	<p>\$\$ one-time, up-front payment</p>	<p>\$\$ up to 50% (with possible 40% additional incentive for waterways)</p>	<p>Develop & follow a plan for the conservation of cropland; implement conservation practices for length of contract. Develop & comply with a plan for the easement or restoration agreement; assist with the remaining costs.</p>	<p>Filter strips Grassed waterways Pollinators Warm/Cool Season grasses Wetlands Windbreaks</p>
<p>Wetlands Reserve Easements (WRE)</p>	<p>Cropland that is restorable & suitable for wildlife benefits. Most private wetlands converted to ag. use prior to 1985.</p>	<p>30 years; permanent</p>		<p>\$\$ one-time, up-front payment</p>	<p>\$\$ up to 100%</p>	<p>Develop & follow plan for the restoration & maintenance of the wetland.</p>	<p>Wetland maintenance Wetland restoration</p>
<p>Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) <i>See EQIP Fact sheet</i></p>	<p>All private land in agricultural production; includes cropland, grassland, pastures, organic & non-industrial private forestland and wildlife.</p>	<p>1 – 10 years</p>			<p>\$\$ Flat rate/practice</p>	<p>Implement conservation practices & methods of an EQIP; assist with installation costs.</p>	<p>Access Roads Ag. Containment Animal Waste Structures Cover Crops Fencing Forestry Heavy Use Pads High Tunnels (Hoop Houses) Roof Runoff Spring Development Stream Crossing WASCOB Watering Facilities</p>
<p>Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)</p>	<p>All private agricultural land & forested land that is part of an agricultural operation.</p>	<p>5 years</p>	<p>\$\$ annual payment based on stewardship practices</p>			<p>A conservation stewardship plan is required to install &/or maintain conservation practices on working lands.</p>	<p>Conservation Tillage Nutrient Management Managed Grazing Timber Stand Improvements</p>
<p>Agricultural Land Easements</p>	<p>Private land that contains prime farmland or other unique resources & is subject to a pending easement from an eligible entity.</p>	<p>permanent</p>		<p>\$\$ one-time, up-front payment</p>		<p>Continue to use the land for agricultural purposes. Develop a conservation plan & comply w/ the terms of the easement.</p>	

*Program notes: CRP includes a general sign-up, continuous sign-up. Incentive payments are available for certain practices. All programs are subject to final USDA regulations. NRCS standards and specifications are to be followed.

Applying for Conservation Programs: Proper paperwork must be supplied for signing authorities for all applicants, both individuals & entities. Failure to provide required information may cause your application to be considered "ineligible" for the program year.