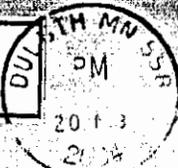


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Conservation Security Program Comments
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Dear Mr. McKay,

2/19/04

On behalf of all our small farmers who practice conservation and/or wish to, we strongly urge & request that the USDA follow the intent of the CSP, which is to help our small farmers practice conservation. They should not be penalized or limited by rigid rules applying only to certain farms. The future of our family farms and rural communities, as well as our soil and land, depends on equal treatment and incentives for these farmers to care for, and continue to care for, the land they farm.

Adequate payment to all farmers who practice conservation is essential to everyone's eventual well-being. Crop land put into pastureland should not penalize the farmer. There must be equal compensation for pastureland as this helps conservation.

We trust you will follow the intent of the CSP, which Congress passed, and help our small farmers, not agri-business which has no desire to practice true conservation. Thank you.

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COMMENT FORM

This form may be helpful to you in making comments on the proposed rules for the Conservation Security Program (CSP). Just circle the response below each statement that best mirrors your thought. Use the space below each statement to add any personal comments, or attach additional sheets of paper. This form is not intended to comment on all aspects of the program, but to provide a guideline for you in making comments.

The completed form should be mailed to: Conservation Security Program Comments, ATTN: David McKay, Operations Division, NRCS, PO Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013 BY MARCH 2, 2004.

You may access the full text of the proposed rules through the NRCS home page at "www.nrcs.usda.gov," then selecting "Farm Bill." Or contact your local soil conservation district.

Please feel free to make copies of this form for your friends and neighbors and ask them to comment as well.

1. All CSP contracts should be limited to five years in length, with annual payments.

Agree Disagree No Comment

2. Any technical assistance or monitoring should only be carried out by personnel approved by the landowner.

Agree Disagree No Comment

3. If some of the property under CSP contract changes ownership, the buyer should have the option of continuing the contract, regardless of the status of the rest of the buyer's operation.

Agree Disagree No Comment

4. If some of the property under CSP contract changes ownership, the seller should be liable for any charges, penalties, etc. IF THE BUYER CHOOSES NOT to continue the contract, but such financial penalties shall not exceed the total CSP dollars received under the contract.

Agree Disagree No Comment

5. If an operator with a signed CSP contract purchases or rents additional land that does not meet CSP guidelines, the operator should not be penalized.

Agree Disagree No Comment

6. If the property changes hands after the CSP contract has ended, the buyer shall not be required to maintain such practices for their lifespan and the buyer shall not be penalized.

Agree Disagree No Comment

7. Once the CSP contract has ended, operators should not be required to maintain such practices for their lifespan.

Agree Disagree No Comment

8. All decisions by the agency should be able to be appealed.

Agree Disagree No Comment

9. CSP participants should have a choice between using the administrative review process and use of the court system to satisfy disputes.

Agree Disagree No Comment

10. The emphasis of the CSP practices should be to enhance the agricultural productivity of soil and water resources rather than for wildlife production.

Agree Disagree No Comment

11. Producers should not be required to sign any permanent easements on their property in order to enroll in any portion of the CSP program.

Agree Disagree No Comment

12. CSP contracts should recognize that some practices may not be able to be implemented or maintained due to natural disasters such as fire, flood, tornado, etc.

Agree Disagree No Comment

13. Other Comments:

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