

CSP Enrollment Categories – Criteria by Land Use and Category

Cropland (row crops, closely grown crops, hay or pasture in rotation with row or closely grown crops, orchards, vineyards, horticultural crops, and permanent hayland)	Category	Criteria				Actions to be completed by the third contract year
	Soil Conditioning Index	Soil Tillage Intensity Rating	Stewardship Practices (from list below) in place for two or more years	Stewardship Activities (from list below) in place for two or more years		
A	at least 0.1	less than 30	at least 3 practices	at least 3 activities	Agree to 1) move to next Tier or to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities from list below and 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity	
B	at least 0.0	less than 30	at least 3 practices	at least 3 activities		
C	at least 0.1	less than 60	at least 2 practices	at least 2 activities	Agree to 1) complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities from list below and 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity	
D	at least 0.0	less than 60	at least 2 practices	at least 2 activities		
E	at least 0.1	less than 60	at least 2 practices	at least 1 activity	Agree to 1) complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities from list below or 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity	
F	at least 0.0	less than 100	at least 1 practice	at least 2 activities		
G	at least 0.0	less than 100	at least 1 practice	any number of activities	Agree to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities from list below	
H	Must meet minimum program eligibility requirements as defined in 7CFR1469				Do not agree to do complete additional actions by the end of the third contract year	

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Stewardship Practice List for Cropland, including Orchards, Vineyards, Horticultural Crops, and Permanent Hayland (Conservation practices from the Field Office Technical Guide which, when applied to a field, improve soil and/or water quality)

- Alley Cropping (ac.) (311)
- Atmospheric Resources Quality Management (370)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Constructed Wetland (656)
- Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (331)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Cross Wind Ridges (589A)
- Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C)
- Drainage Water Management (554)
- Field Border (386)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Forage Harvest Management (511)
- Hedgerow Planting (422)
- Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)
- Hillside Ditch (423)
- Irrigation System-Micro-irrigation (441)
- Irrigation Water Management (449)
- Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)
- Low Disturbance Cropping (No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed) (329d1)
- Pasture & Hayland Planting (512)
- Residue Management – No Till (to reseed permanent hayland or No Till of 5 years or more in cultivated crop land)(329 A)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Sediment Basin (350)
- Soil Salinity Management-Nonirrigated (571)
- Stripcropping (585)
- Structure for Water Control (587)
- Water & Sediment Control Basin (638)
- Well Decommissioning (351)
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

Stewardship Activity List for Cropland, including Orchards, Vineyards, Horticultural Crops, and Permanent Hayland (Activities which, when applied to a field, mitigate off-site resource damage or improve soil and/or water quality)

- Addition of soil amendments such as polyacrylamide (PAM) or gypsum
- Collection of yield data
- Conduct spraying activities and other control of noxious/invasive weeds on a spot basis
- Harvest crops from center of field outward
- Increase amount of sod or perennial crops in rotation for a minimum of 2 years
- Irrigation system efficiency evaluations and adjustment
- Low energy precision application sprinklers
- Minimize the use of pesticides by using pest resistant plant varieties
- Precise application of nutrients such as – banding, side dressing, injection, fertigation
- Split Nitrogen Application to meet crop needs
- Surge irrigation
- Test soil and/or plant tissue on annual basis
- Use a risk assessment tool such as WINPST to select the least toxic product to minimize harmful effects on human health and environmental resources
- Use established local integrated pest management guidelines to set economic thresholds for pest to minimize use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use of beneficial insects
- Use of data from on-farm weather station
- Use of tensiometers or other techniques to assess and improve irrigation water management
- Use of yield monitoring data
- Weather stations installation and/or data collection

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Pasture	Category	Criteria			
		Overall Pasture Condition Scoring Assessment	Stewardship Practices (from list below) in place for two or more years	Stewardship Activities (from list below) in place for two or more years	Actions to be completed by the third contract year
	A	at least 45	at least 3 practices	at least 3 activities	Agree to 1) move to next Tier or to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities and 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity
	B	at least 35	at least 3 practices	at least 3 activities	
	C	at least 45	at least 2 practices	at least 2 activities	Agree to 1) complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities and 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity
	D	at least 35	at least 2 practices	at least 2 activities	
	E	at least 35	at least 2 practices	at least 1 activity	Agree to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities or conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity
	F	at least 25	at least 1 practice	at least 2 activities	
	G	at least 25	at least 1 practice	any number of activities	Agree to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities
	H	Must meet minimum program eligibility requirements as defined in 7CFR1469			Do not agree to do complete additional actions by the end of the third contract year

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Stewardship Practice List for Pasture

(Conservation practices from the Field Office Technical Guide which, when applied to a field, improve soil and/or water quality)

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Brush Management (314)
- Channel Bank Vegetation (322)
- Fence (for sensitive area protection only) (382)
- Grassed Waterway (412)
- Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (516)
- Irrigation Water Management (449)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Pipeline (516)
- Pond (378)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Soil Salinity Management – Nonirrigated (571)
- Spring Development (574)
- Streambank & Shoreline Protection (580)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Watering Facility (614)
- Waste Utilization (pathogen and organic runoff control) (633)
- Water & Sediment Control Basin (638)
- Water Well (642)

Stewardship Activity List for Pasture

(Activities which, when applied to a field, mitigate off-site resource damage or improve soil and/or water quality)

- Added functional group pastures
- Confinement animal wastes, if applied, are injected
- Grazing distribution facilitated by watering locations, based on locally identified distances between water locations and water available in each sub-divided pasture
- Improved laneways
- Increased plant diversity – forbs and legumes greater than 40%
- Integrated pest management activities for weeds, brush, insects, or diseases
- Interseeding
- Livestock ponds and watering areas have controlled access points or are outfitted with watering facility
- Pastured bottomland or riparian area is treated as a separate grazing treatment unit and alternative watering facilities in place
- Rotate feeding and salting areas
- Rotational grazing
- Test soil and/or plant tissue test every 3 years on pastures not receiving confinement wastes
- Use of decision support tools in development of grazing management plans, such as Grazing Lands Spatial Analysis Tool (GSAT), Nutritional Balance Analyzer (NUTBAL), Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP), etc.
- Where confinement wastes are applied, test soil and/or plant tissue on annual basis prior to next application
- Where fertilizer nitrogen is applied, split applications to meet current crop needs

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Range	Category	Criteria		
		Rangeland Health Assessment	Stewardship Practices and Activities (from list below) in place for two or more years	Actions to be completed by the third contract year
	A	none to slight for all 3 attributes	Prescribed grazing plus 3 or more practices or activities in place, including brush management or range seeding resource needs adequately addressed	Agree to 1) move to next Tier or to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities and 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity
	B	none to slight for all 3 attributes	Prescribed grazing plus 2 or more practices or activities in place and either brush management or range seeding resource needs adequately addressed	
	C	none to slight for 2 attributes and slight to moderate for 1 attribute	Prescribed grazing plus 3 or more practices or activities in place and either brush management or range seeding resource needs adequately addressed	Agree to 1) complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities and 2) conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity
	D	none to slight for 2 attributes and slight to moderate for 1 attribute	Prescribed grazing plus 2 or more practices or activities in place and either brush management or range seeding resource needs adequately addressed	
	E	none to slight for 2 attributes and slight to moderate for 1 attribute	Prescribed grazing plus 2 or more practices or activities in place and either brush management or range seeding resource needs adequately addressed	Agree to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities or conduct on-farm project or assessment and evaluation activity
	F	none to slight for 1 attribute and slight to moderate for 2 attributes	Prescribed grazing plus 2 or more practices or activities in place	
	G	slight to moderate for 2 attributes	Prescribed grazing plus 1 or more practices or activities in place	Agree to complete two additional Stewardship Practices or Activities
H	Must meet minimum program eligibility requirements as defined in 7CFR1469		Do not agree to do complete additional actions by the end of the third contract year	

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Stewardship Practice and Activity List for Range

(Conservation practices from the Field Office Technical Guide which, when applied to a field, improve soil and/or water quality)

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Brush Management (314)
- Channel Bank Vegetation (322)
- Channel Stabilization (584)
- Fence (for sensitive area protection only) (382)
- Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)
- Pipeline (516)
- Pond (378)
- Range Planting (550)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Spring Development (574)
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Watering Facility (614)
- Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)
- Wetland Enhancement (659)
- Wetland Restoration (657)

(Activities which, when applied to a field, mitigate off-site resource damage or improve soil and/or water quality)

- Application of monitoring protocols
- Brush and weed management utilizing integrated techniques that include follow-up treatment
- Create a mosaic or pattern to enhance wildlife habitat linkages and corridors through mechanical, chemical or burning means
- Management that provides for shallow water wildlife habitat improvement
- Management that provides for upland wildlife habitat improvement
- Management that provides for wetland wildlife habitat improvement
- Managing vegetative fuels to reduce wildfire hazards
- Participating in grassbanking
- Prescribed burn prescriptions designed to create a mosaic or pattern to enhance wildlife habitat linkages and corridors
- Use of decision support tools in development of grazing management plans, such as Grazing Lands Spatial Analysis Tool (GSAT), Nutritional Balance Analyzer (NUTBAL), Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP), etc.
- Vegetation manipulation to reduce sediment and other pollutants in surface runoff