

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service



Delaware

CSP PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

You could be eligible for the 2005 CSP. Eligibility hinges on treating soil and water quality to specific levels and having documentation available as proof. It is likely you could be eligible to participate in this program if you can answer "yes" to the following questions for the part of your operation (cropland/pasture) that you wish to enroll in CSP. A "no" answer does not mean you are ineligible for CSP. The CSP Self-Assessment workbook and interview with NRCS staff will determine final eligibility. This preliminary eligibility assessment can be used to determine if you wish to complete the larger self-assessment workbook.

Yes No

- 1. Do you share in the risk of producing crops or livestock on this operation? (Landlords who receive only cash payment for renting land are NOT eligible.)
- 2. If you have been a USDA program participant, is your land in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill?
- 3. Will you have control of the land for the length of the contract?
- 4. Are all gullies on your farm stabilized?

For at least a portion of the land that is cropped:

Yes No

- 1. Can you show records of pest management by field for the two of the last three years?
- 2. Do you have a nutrient management plan or nutrient management records?

For at least a portion of land that is currently pastured:

Yes No

- 1. Do you have a pasture management plan or pasture management records?

For all land to be enrolled in CSP:

Yes No

- 1. Do you have records going back at least two years that document and support the answers provided above?

If you answered yes to all of the above questions that apply to your operation or the part of the operation you wish to enroll, call your local NRCS office to request a copy of the self-assessment book or complete the online self-assessment at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp.

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