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Note: Additional planning resources as well as commonly used forms are available on the Kentucky NRCS Programs SharePoint in the CSP folder.

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Foreword

This reference document is not intended to replace or supersede CSP National Policy found in the Conservation Programs Manual (CPM) 440, Part 530 – Working Lands Conservation Programs Manual, Subpart Q – Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). This document is intended to provide general guidance related to the application, planning, and contract phases of administering CSP.

Through CSP, NRCS provides financial assistance and technical assistance to participants for the conservation, protection, and improvement of soil, water, energy, and other related natural resources and for any similar conservation purpose as determined by NRCS. The program encourages producers to address priority resource concerns and improve and conserve the quality and condition of natural resources in a comprehensive manner by –

1. Undertaking additional conservation activities.

2. Improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities across the entire agricultural operation in a manner that increases or extends the conservation benefits in place at the time a contract application is accepted by NRCS.

Conservation planning and assessment of the conservation plan in CD/CART should be completed prior to program ranking.

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Accepting Applications

- Along with the NRCS-CPA-1200 an applicant must provide a map that identifies and delineates the boundaries of all eligible land uses and acres included in the operation. Identify any ineligible land that is part of the operation as described in Title 440 Conservation Programs Manual, Part 530 "Working Lands Conservation Programs Manual", Section 530.302 "CSP Eligibility" D (4). Note: The applicant may provide a map or other documentation that identifies the ineligible land.

- All eligible land in an applicant's operation (either Ag or non-industrial private forestland (NIPF)) for which they have effective control, and which is substantially separate from other operations, must be included in the CSP contract. Land control documentation must be obtained for all contracts. Land control may be verified through the Producer Data Report or other FSA documentation showing ownership by the applicant or may be through a deed or lease agreement document.

- The applicant must be the operator, owner, or other tenant in the FSA farm records management system.

- The process and forms to be used in conducting verification of land control is aligned with the process as described in CPM 440, Part 530, Subpart C, Control of Land Requirements.

- Use only the latest NRCS CPA 1200 application form dated December 2025.

- Be sure the applicant completes ALL portions of the application form.

- Signature is very important and should be signed by the decision maker listed on page one of the form. Signature authority should be verified at the time of application if acting on behalf of another individual or entity.

- If an entity verifies that the person signing has a current FSA 211, POA; they are listed with signature authority on the CCC-902 or have other legal documents which clearly designate signature authority for the joint operation or legal entity such as corporate charter, bylaws, court orders of appointment, trust agreement, articles of partnership. When in doubt contact your area office.

- Be sure and complete Box 3 on page 1 completely, listing last 4 of the applicant's tax identification number.

- Verify the mailing address is used on page one (1). Farm location, shop, etc. can be listed to the right of the address box in "location". Name should be the person responsible for making decisions on the contract.

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- We can only accept electronic signatures on Form NRCS CPA 1200 applications from:
  - Farmers.gov – These undergo eAuthentication
  - OneSpan – this is an agency approved 2-factor authenticated system

- Additional instructions on what documents are acceptable for electronic signature are included in NI 440-319 which is located on the Kentucky NRCS Programs SharePoint under Shared Program Documents.

- Organic participants now self-certify their organic status when they fill out the NRCS CPA 1200. Make sure they select their Organic Certification Status Box 4(d) on the NRCS CPA 1200 application form. Organic producers include those operations that are certified organic, transitioning to organic, or exempt from organic certification.
  - Organic producers who receive ranking preference points or other program-specific benefits because of their status as organic producers agree to implement conservation practices that are consistent with an approved organic system plan. A private or governmental agency, accredited by USDA as a certifying agent, must certify a producer's organic system plan.

- Producers may apply for another contract when they acquire new land or when previously ineligible land becomes eligible, as long as the land is not part of the same operation already enrolled in CSP. However, any application for new land must include all new land in the participant's operation under their effective control that is not covered by any existing contract. See section 530.304 for additional guidance if the new land is part of an operation enrolled in CSP.

CSP Eligibility

A. All CSP applications must meet
   1. Applicant Eligibility
   2. Land Eligibility
   3. Stewardship Threshold Eligibility (STE)

B. Other Eligibility.

   Per subpart E, section 530.41B(4), NRCS must verify applicant, land, and stewardship threshold eligibility in order to indicate that the participant meets the "other eligibility" requirements in the applicable business tool.

C. Applicant Eligibility.

   To be an eligible participant for CSP, an applicant must meet the following criteria.

   1. Be the operator, owner, or other tenant of an agricultural operation in the Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm records management system.

      Note: Producers must establish or update records with FSA before NRCS will consider them eligible.

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2. Share in the risk of producing a crop; share in the crop available for marketing from the farm (or would have shared had the crop been produced); and participate in the daily management, administration, and performance of the operation for the land included in the contract.
3. Have effective control of the land, as defined in the CSP regulation at 7 CFR part 1470. Refer to subpart C, section 530.22D(2), for more control of land guidance.

D. Land Eligibility

1. Agricultural Operation

a. An applicant's agricultural operation includes all eligible and ineligible land as described below, whether contiguous or non-contiguous, that meets both of the following criteria:

i. Under the effective control of the applicant.
ii. Operated by the applicant with equipment, labor, management, and production or cultivation practices that are substantially separate from other operations.
a. If the applicant provides NRCS with a written explanation and documentation that supports separate operations based on the criteria outlined in exhibit 530.320G, "Determining Substantially Separate Operations," then NRCS must determine whether an applicant has more than one operation, document the determination in writing, and keep all documentation that supports the determination in the participant's case file.

b. A contract application must include all eligible land associated with an applicant's agricultural or NIPF operation, except as identified in section 530.302D(4).

2. Eligible Land

a. The following types of land may be part of the agricultural or NIPF operation and are eligible for enrollment in the program:

(1) Private agricultural land (cropland, pastureland, and rangeland)
(2) Agricultural Indian lands (cropland, pastureland, and rangeland)
(3) NIPF
(4) Associated agricultural land (AAL)
Note: AAL must be associated with an agricultural or NIPF operation and cannot be enrolled on its own.
(5) Farmstead

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(6) Public land associated with the land uses described above, if it is under the effective control of the applicant, and is a working component of the producer's agricultural or NIPF operation.

Note: Refer to Title 180 National Planning Procedures Handbook, Section 600.2 "Definitions" (180 NPPH § 600.2), for land use designation definitions.

Note: An applicant must include AAL and farmstead in the delineation of their operation. However, if these lands may be included in either an agricultural land or NIPF application, the applicant can only include the land in one of the applications.

3. NRCS determines land eligibility based on the land use, condition, and management at the time the producer requests assistance and verifies the determination before contract obligation.

4. Ineligible Land and Other Land Excluded from Enrollment.
   The following lands, even if covered by the definition of eligible land, may be part of the agricultural operation, but are ineligible for enrollment in the program.

   a. Land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), 7 CFR Part 1410.
      (1) However, if the CRP contract expires at the end of the FY in which the producer plans to enroll in CSP, the producer may include this land in the CSP application and NRCS will assess the land based on the planned future condition.
      (2) NRCS must remove land that participants enroll in CRP after enrollment in CSP according to section 530.305D(4).

   b. Land enrolled in an easement through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE) or the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).
      Note: Land enrolled in an ACEP Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE), Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program easement, or in an existing Grassland Reserve Program easement or rental agreement may be eligible for CSP, if allowed by these other programs.

   c. Land enrolled in an unexpired CSP contract, including previously ineligible lands (AAL and farmstead) under the effective control of the applicant at the time of enrollment and considered part of the agricultural operation under contract.

   d. Land used for crop production on or after December 20, 2018, that had not been planted, considered to be planted, or devoted to crop production for at least 4 of the 6 years preceding that date, unless that land does not meet such requirements because of the land

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(1) Was enrolled in CRP;
(2) Had been maintained using long-term rotations as determined by the designated conservationist; or
(3) Was incidental land needed for efficient operation of the farm or ranch as determined by the designated conservationist, such as an area of a farm or ranch that was used for structures that have been removed.

Note: When available, NRCS may use FSA records or other documentation such as historical aerial photography, producer records, or other relevant information to verify compliance with this crop history requirement.

e. Other lands that fail to meet the eligible land described in section 530.302D(2) above or in subpart O, exhibit 530.143Q, "Land Eligibility Chart." This includes acres in other land uses as defined by 180 NPPH § 600.2.

f. Newly acquired or newly eligible land on which the applicant cannot demonstrate or document their management system. Once the applicant establishes a documented management system on the land, it will become eligible, and a producer can offer it for enrollment.

g. Leased land for which the applicant does not have effective control for the CSP contract term.

Note: NRCS must document the reason an applicant excludes any land from the application in the case file to ensure the land does not become part of the contract.

E. Stewardship Threshold Eligibility Requirement

1. NRCS uses applicable business tools to assess the resource concerns across an applicant's entire operation based on existing and planned management to determine the stewardship threshold. Refer to exhibit 530.320D, "CSP Regulation 7 CFR Part 1470," for specific criteria used to establish stewardship thresholds.

2. For CSP classic applications, an applicant's documented conservation activities must meet or exceed the stewardship threshold as follows.

a. At least two resource concern categories at the time of contract offer on all land uses included in the operation.

b. At least one additional resource concern category by the end of the conservation stewardship contract on at least one land use.

Note: Refer to section 530.306 for policy on earning annual payments.

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3. An applicant may meet or exceed different resource concern categories for each land use.

4. If the applicant fails to meet the required number of resource concern categories at the time of application for any land use, NRCS must determine the entire application ineligible.

Historically Underserved (HU) Category:

- We no longer verify HU self-certifications; however, at the time of application we need to provide and explain the definition of each HU category. HU definitions are included on the NRCS-CPA- 1200 instructions.
  - To receive program-specific HU considerations, participants on the contract must meet, at a minimum, the percentage interest requirements according to the following table.

HU Category Definitions

Table 530C-1: (entities)

HU Category	% interest of HU certifying participant
Limited Resource Farmer (LRF)	100
Beginning Farmer (BF)	100
Socially Disadvantaged Farmer (SD)	50 (NRCS does not recognize gender as a HU category based on statutory authority)
Veteran Farmer	100

Limited Resource Farmer

The term "Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher" means a participant:

- With direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than the current indexed value in each of the previous two years, and
- Who has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four, or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years.

- For LRF, a self-determination tool is publicly available, or producers may request the link from the local NRCS field office.

Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher - Determination Tool (usda.gov)

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Beginning Farmer

- To be considered as a Beginning Farmer, the application must be directly involved in the day-to-day management of the farming operation included in the EQIP application.

- Beginning Farmer must certify they had no IRS form 1040 farming (income or expense) and they were not directly involved in the day-to-day management of the farming operation in any one of the last 10 years. For Program year 2026, this would be from years 2015 to 2024. (Tax returns not yet filed for year 2025 as of the date of this program for FY 26).

- For nonindustrial private forestland, the applicant must meet one of the criteria below to be considered a Beginning Farmer: not owned any land in the operation for more than 10 consecutive years. OR
    - If owned for more than 10 years, have not had definitive decision-making authority over the land for 10 consecutive years.

Veteran Farmer
To verify eligibility as a VFR, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Released under conditions other than dishonorable during the most recent 10-year period (10 fiscal years); (After 10/1/2016 for FY 2026 program year) or

- Meet the conditions of a VFR as described above AND have a DD Form 214 documenting discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable (can be from any year).

- For a legal entity or joint operation to be considered a VFR entity, all members must meet the definition of VFR.

Entering Applications into ProTracts and Selecting CART Ranking Pools and Categories:

- Enter participant signed NRCS CPA 1200 into ProTracts. Enter the date the participant signed the NRCS CPA 1200 into the signup date field. This date will default to the date the application is being entered into ProTracts if not manually entered.

***IMPORTANT* Category Selection Parameters** - This one assessment will be ranked through the category that most aligns with the majority extent of practice(s) planned. Use the following parameters to select the appropriate ranking pool category:

- Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) Category
    - If an applicant meets the criteria for RPP, the application must be ranked only in the RPP category.

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- Organic Category
  - If the applicant self-certifies as certified, transitioning, or exempt organic, only rank in the Organic category.

- Beginning Farmer and Socially Disadvantaged Category
  - If the applicant self certifies as Beginning Farmer or Socially Disadvantaged, the application must be ranked only in the Beginning Farmer or Socially Disadvantaged category.

- Area General Categories
  - If the majority extent of the practices planned in the application does not fit into any of the other categories, only rank in the appropriate Area General category.

- If an application is preapproved in the category that is most applicable to the majority extent of practices planned within the application, then all practices associated with the application will be preapproved for funding. There will be no partially funded applications.

- The Service Center associated to the ProTracts application must match the Service Center associated to the client's CD case file. Do not assign ProTracts applications to a Program Delivery Point.

FY 2026 CSP Fund Accounts and Categories

Agland CSP KY FY26	NIPF CSP KY FY26
Area 1 Agland General	Area 1 NIPF General
Area 1 Agland Beginning Farmer	Area 1 NIPF Beginning Farmer
Area 1 Agland Socially Disadvantaged	Area 1 NIPF Socially Disadvantaged
Area 1 Agland Regenerative Agriculture	Area 1 NIPF Regenerative Agriculture
Area 1 Organic Agland	Area 2 NIPF General
Area 2 Agland General	Area 2 NIPF Beginning Farmer
Area 2 Agland Beginning Farmer	Area 2 NIPF Socially Disadvantaged
Area 2 Agland Socially Disadvantaged	Area 2 NIPF Regenerative Agriculture
Area 2 Agland Regenerative Agriculture	Area 3 NIPF General
Area 2 Organic Agland	Area 3 NIPF Beginning Farmer
Area 3 Agland General	Area 3 NIPF Socially Disadvantaged
Area 3 Agland Beginning Farmer	Area 3 NIPF Regenerative Agriculture
Area 3 Agland Socially Disadvantaged	
Area 3 Agland Regenerative Agriculture	
Area 3 Organic Agland	

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Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)

The Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) is a farmer-first, outcomes-based approach to conservation designed to return the agency to its core mission, helping people help the land, by addressing whole-farm resource concerns through support for voluntary regenerative agriculture Conservation Plans.

RPP will offer financial and technical assistance through CSP to promote whole-farm planning and voluntary development of regenerative agriculture conservation plans that are designed to address natural resource concerns. RPP contracts will be a minimum of 5 years.

- Requirements for CSP-RPP
  - All land under control for the life of the contract will be evaluated
  - All applicable resource concerns evaluated
  - Meet CSP Stewardship Threshold Eligibility

    - RPP Addition – Soil and Water RC thresholds are at met condition by end of contract on at least one land use (pasture, crop, forest).
    - Planned practices necessary to achieve outcome must be contracted **and**
    - Primary Practice: At least one primary practice must be scheduled or currently being implemented on one land unit included in the CSP application.
    - Soil Health Testing (CEMA 216) beginning and end of contract.

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Primary Conservation Practices

Code	Practice Name	Crop	Forest	Pasture
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	Y	N	N
330	Contour Farming	Y	N	N
340	Cover Crop	Y	Y	Y
554	Drainage Water Management	Y	Y	Y
511	Forage Harvest Management	Y	Y	Y
666	Forest Stand Improvement	N	Y	Y
449	Irrigation Water Management	Y	Y	Y
484	Mulching	Y	Y	Y
590	Nutrient Management	Y	Y	Y
595	Pest Management Conservation System	Y	Y	Y
528	Grazing Management	Y	Y	Y
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	Y	N	N
345	Reside and Tillage Management, Reduced	Y	N	N
585	Stripcropping	Y	N	N

- Soil Health Testing: Participants must agree to perform soil health testing in the first and last year of the contract (at a minimum) to establish a starting baseline and to record the resulting changes. Financial assistance for soil health testing will be available to producers who have not previously completed testing and producers who are already testing their soil health. CEMA 216 must be scheduled in the first and last year of the contract.

Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities

Code	Practice Name	Crop	Forest	Pasture
CEMA 216	Soil Health Testing	Y	Y	Y

- RPP-Funded Applications
  - RPP is not a program, but rather a source of funding; therefore, obligating contracts with RPP funds does not need a separate NRCS-CPA-1200.

- Please do not wait until the application cutoff date to begin working on application assessments. Once CART is made available for CSP, assessments should be started as soon as possible after receipt of the application.

- To streamline program implementation, NRCS is offering a single signup in FY 2026. Therefore, there will be no renewal opportunity in FY 2026. NRCS may offer the renewal opportunity in future years.

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Planning Considerations

- The conservation stewardship plan includes a record on the participant's decisions and identifies the new conservation activities the applicant agrees to implement to achieve additional conservation performance through the CSP contract.

- Conservation plans must be developed according to National Planning Procedures Handbook as noted in 530.303 CSP Planning.

- Planners must follow CPA-52 Development procedures including Cultural Resources, Threatened/Endangered Species reviews, etc.

- If conservation activities need creation, review, or approval of specifications, by anyone other than the planner, it is strongly encouraged to have those specifications during the planning phase to ensure proper and accurate application of activity.

- All planners must follow ESJAA and EJAA as applicable.

- Planners will schedule at least one conservation practice or activity (E300EAP does not count) that the participant must implement within the first 12 months of the contract.

- In accordance with the conservation activity lifespan and contracting guidance provided on national headquarters' annual "Activity List," and as appropriate, planners must schedule conservation activities to recur for the remaining years of the contract after the first year scheduled.

- A participant must schedule and implement at least one additional conservation activity in the contract. Refer to section 530.306 for policy on earning annual payments.

- When an applicant only meets two resource concern categories at the time of application, the applicant must schedule and implement a conservation activity to meet or exceed at least one additional resource concern category by the end of the contract as described in section 530.302E.

- If the applicant has already met the requirement to address one additional resource concern category by the end of the contract, the applicant may choose to schedule and implement more conservation activities to increase the level of conservation regardless of whether the additional activity meets or exceeds a resource concern category.

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- **For contracts obligated prior to FY 2026**, participants who have not yet implemented the base conservation practice may schedule the conservation practice in addition to the enhancement in the CSP contract. If a participant schedules the conservation practice with an enhancement, the participant must implement the conservation practice first or at the same time as the enhancement.

- CSP eligible practices must be installed according to the most current conservation practice standard that was in effect at the time of obligation. A list of CSP eligible practices for KY is included below.

- **E300EAP is a Full Extent and Primary Practice.**

    - **Plan on all land units included within the operation/assessment for five years.**

    - **The planned amount each year will be "1" so the annual payment is $4,000 per year.**

- Conservation Desktop (CD) Planning
    - Planners must use the CD Plan type "Conservation" for development of conservation plans for CSP Classic.

- CART Entry
    - When completing the resource inventory in the CART assessment, planners must assign a land use "group" to each land unit. CART will roll land units up by land use group for the CART summary report.

    - Planners will use the CART summary report to determine whether the applicant meets the stewardship threshold eligibility (STE) for each land use and the number of resource concerns (RCs) met at time of application that will be used for the existing activity payment.

    - States must identify eight priority resource concern categories for agricultural land and NIPF. Planners must assess each RC as applicable for each application, based on land use. These RCs will be identified in Resource Concerns to Assess documents that will be posted to the Kentucky CSP 2026-1 SharePoint. Additionally, any other RC that is being specifically addressed with a new activity must be evaluated.

    - For CSP classic applications, an applicant's documented conservation activities must meet or exceed the stewardship threshold as follows.:

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- At least two resource concern categories at the time of contract offer on all land uses included in the operation.
- At least one additional resource concern category by the end of the conservation stewardship contract on at least one land use.

- An applicant may meet or exceed different resource concern categories for each land use.
- If the applicant fails to meet the required number of resource concern categories at the time of application for any land use, NRCS must determine the entire application is ineligible.
- Select **grazing** as a modifier for pastureland. This will ensure the livestock RCs are available during the assessment.

Resource Concerns Categories

Categories

Category
Animals (Aquatic habitat)
Animals (Livestock production limitation)
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)
Energy (Inefficient energy use)
Plants (Degraded plant condition)
Plants (Pest pressure)
Soil (Concentrated erosion)
Soil (Soil quality limitations)
Soil (Wind and water erosion)
Water (Field pesticide loss)
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)
Water (Weather resilience)

- Payment Rates
  - The payment estimator for the 2026-1 Classic signup is available on the Kentucky Programs SharePoint in the Payment Schedules folder.

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- CSP provides an annual payment made up of contract items for existing conservation activities and additional conservation activities completed in the previous FY.

- Users must ensure that they select the correct cost list in ProTracts as there may be more than one available.

- Overall, annual payments may vary from year to year depending on the management system agreed to at the time of enrollment. E300EAP will equate to $4,000 annually.

    - Additional activity payments will be based on the actual extent of the conservation activity the participant completes each year.
    - EAPs will be the same each year, unless NRCS approves a contract change.

- To earn payments, the participant must schedule and implement at least one additional conservation activity on a land use included in the contract. If the participant chooses not to schedule an additional activity on a land use, the participant will forego payment for that land use. Refer to section 530.305A for more guidance on scheduling conservation activities.

    - The participant does not need to implement a conservation activity on the land use each year but does need to implement a conservation activity on the land use during the term of the contract.
    - Land uses not receiving annual payments are still enrolled in CSP, and the participant must continue to maintain existing activities following the management system in place at the time of enrollment as documented in the assessment reports.

- Refer to table 530.306-1 for a summary of CSP payment percentages based on conservation activity or payment type.

Table 530.306-1: CSP Payment Percentages

Conservation Activity/Payment Type	Payment Percentage
Enhancement (when offered)	100
Cover crop activity	125
Bundle (when offered)	115
Conservation practice	75
Supplemental payment (RCCR, IRCCR, AGM)	150

    - Prior to FY 2026, the payment percentage for conservation practices was 10 percent.

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- Planners must review the EAP Calculation Guidance and use the FY26 CSP Cost Estimator Kentucky to calculate estimated contract costs. Both are found on the Kentucky Programs SharePoint in the Payment Schedules folder.

- Historically Underserved rates **are not** applicable to CSP.

- CSP minimum contract payments are $4,000 a year.

Contracting Considerations

- CSP participants must sign the *Appendix to Form NRCS-CPA-1202, "Conservation Program Contract" date November 2024*.

- Complete the 2026-1 CSP Pre-obligation checklist for every CSP contract at the field level prior to obligation. The checklist is posted on the Kentucky NRCS Programs SharePoint in the Forms and Checklists folder.

- CSP Forms and Checklists can be found on the Kentucky NRCS Program SharePoint in the Forms and Checklists folder.

- Program Payment Limitations

  - A person or Legal Entity may not receive, directly or indirectly, payments that in the aggregate exceed $200,000 for all CSP contracts originally obligated during **FY 2019-2024**.

  - **Note: Payment limitations do not apply to contracts obligated for FY 2025 and FY 2026.**

- Contract Limitations

  - Each CSP contract with a person or legal entity will be limited to $300,000 over the term of the contract period.

    - CSP contracts with joint operations (FSA business type 2 or 3) may have a contract limit of up to $600,000 over the term of the initial contract period.

- States must use payment caps as explained in subpart F, section 530.50G, to keep a contract within the established contract limits. When making these adjustments, states must.:

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- If the contract requires adjustments to meet contract limits, apply practice payment caps to the additional activities.

- Apply payment caps across contract items to allow the participant to receive equal annual payments (to the maximum extent practical).

- Ensure that after applying payment caps, the annual payment does not fall below the minimum payment amount as described in 530.306(4).

    - Note: States must not cap contract items to frontload the annual payments.

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FY 2026 CSP Activity List of Practices

Practice Code	Crop (Annual and Mixed)	Crop (Perennial)	Pasture	Range	Forest	Associated Ag Land	Farmstead	Practice Name	Units	lifespan
199	X	X	X	X	X			Conservation Plan	no	1
216	X	X	X	X	X			Soil Health Testing	no	1
217	X	X	X	X	X			Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	no	1
314			X	X	X	X		Brush Management **Can be scheduled up to 3 times.*	ac	10
315			X	X	X	X	X	Herbaceous Weed Control **Can be scheduled up to 3 times.*	ac	5
327	X	X			X	X	X	Conservation Cover	ac	5
328	X							Conservation Crop Rotation	ac	1
329	X							Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	ac	1
330	X	X						Contour Farming	ac	5
338			X	X	X	X		Prescribed Burning	ac	1
340	X	X	X					Cover Crop	ac	1
342	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Critical Area Planting	ac	10
345	X							Residue and Tillage management, Reduced till	ac	1
380	X	X	X	X		X	X	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	ft	15
381			X			X		Silvopasture Establishment	ac	15
382	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Fence	ft	20
384					X	X		Woody Residue Treatment	ac	10
386	X	X				X		Field Border	ac	10
390	X	X	X	X		X	X	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	ac	5
391	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Riparian Forest Buffer	ac	15
393	X	X				X	X	Filter Strip	ac	10
394	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Firebreak	ft	5
395	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	ac	5
420	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wildlife Habitat Planting	ac	5
422	X	X				X		Hedgerow	ft	15
449	X	X	X		X	X	X	Irrigation Water Management	ac	1
472	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Access Control	ac	10
484	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Mulching	ac	1
490	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	ac	1
511	X	X	X	X				Forage Harvest Management	ac	1
512	X	X	X			X	X	Pasture and Hay Planting	ac	5
516	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Livestock Pipeline	ft	20
528	X	X	X	X	X	X		Prescribed Grazing	ac	1
533	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Pumping Plant	no	15
554	X	X				X		Drainage Water Management	ac	1
561			X	X	X	X	X	Heavy Use Area Protection	sq ft	10
570	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Stormwater Runoff Control	no	1
574			X	X		X		Spring Development	no	20
585	X	X						Stripcropping	ac	5
590	X	X	X					Nutrient Management	ac	1
595	X	X	X	X	X		X	Integrated Pest Management	ac	1
612	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Tree/Shrub Establishment	ac	15
614			X	X	X	X		Watering Facility	no	10
644	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	ac	1
645	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	ac	1
647	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	ac	1
649	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Structures for Wildlife	no	5
654	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	ft	10
655					X			Forest Trails and Landings	ft	5
660	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Tree/Shrub Pruning	ac	10
666					X	X	X	Forest Stand Improvement	ac	10
E300EAP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Existing Activity Payment (CStwP Enhancements 2018)	no	1

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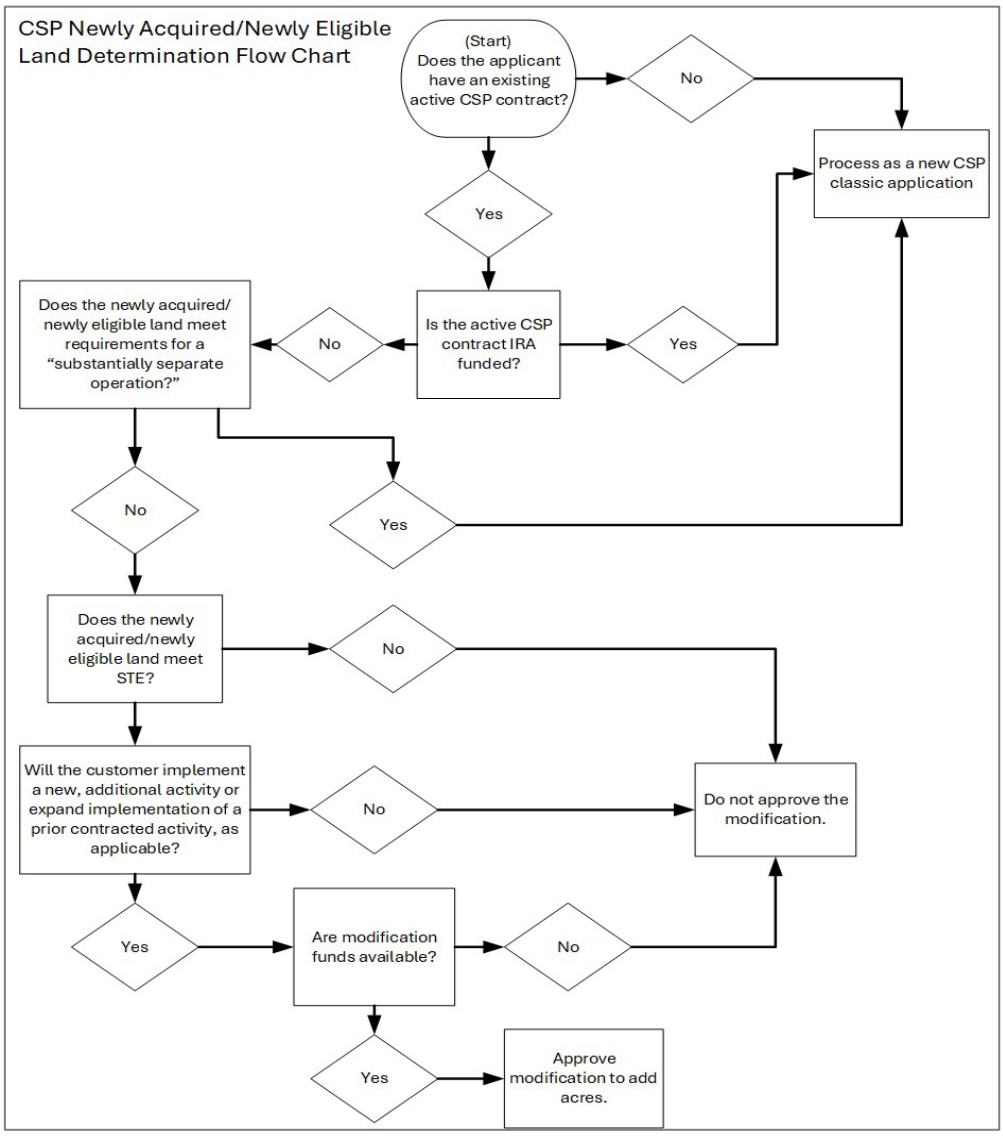
CSP Newly Acquired/Newly Eligible Land Determination

Changes to program policy in fiscal year (FY) 2026 will give the opportunity for newly acquired and newly eligible land to be modified into an existing CSP contract when part of the same operation. Field verification may be necessary to evaluate the land. New acres may only be added during quarter 1 or quarter 2 of the fiscal year.

Protracts Modification Type: Modification to add newly acquired or newly eligible land to an active CSP contract must use the Add, Edit, or Delete Practice or Components modification type. Do **not** use the Land Transfer or Partial Land Transfer modification type.

Modifications to add newly acquired or newly eligible land cannot be approved if funding is not available.



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1) Does the applicant have an existing active CSP contract?
    a) If yes, continue to the next step.
    b) If no, process as a new CSP classic application.

2) Is the active CSP contract IRA-funded?
    a) If yes, process as a new CSP classic application.
    b) If no, continue to the next step.

3) Does the newly acquired/newly eligible land meet requirements for a "substantially separate operation?"
    a) If yes, process as a new CSP classic application.
    b) If no, continue to next step.

4) Does the newly acquired/newly eligible land meet STE?
    a) If yes, continue to step 5
    b) If no, do not approve the modification

5) Will the customer implement a new, additional activity or expand implementation of a prior contracted activity, as applicable?
    a) If yes, continue to next step
    b) If no, do not approve the modification

6) Are modification funds available?
    a) If yes, approve modification to add acres
    b) If no, do not approve the modification

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