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Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program (RPP)

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Regenerative Pilot Program Requirements

- Whole Farm Assessment
- Primary Practices
- Soil Health Evaluation
- Minimum 5-year contract






Primary RPP Practices

A minimum of one primary Regen Practice

- Existing - being implemented
- Planned – future implementation

May also include supporting as well as other practices and activities

- Supporting – needed to facilitate the primary
- Other - allows for a conservation plan to be written to meet all the client's objectives, beyond RPP

Conservation Practices

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

States can add to the list of primary regenerative practices, through consultation with their State Technical Advisory Committee.

RPP Primary Practices

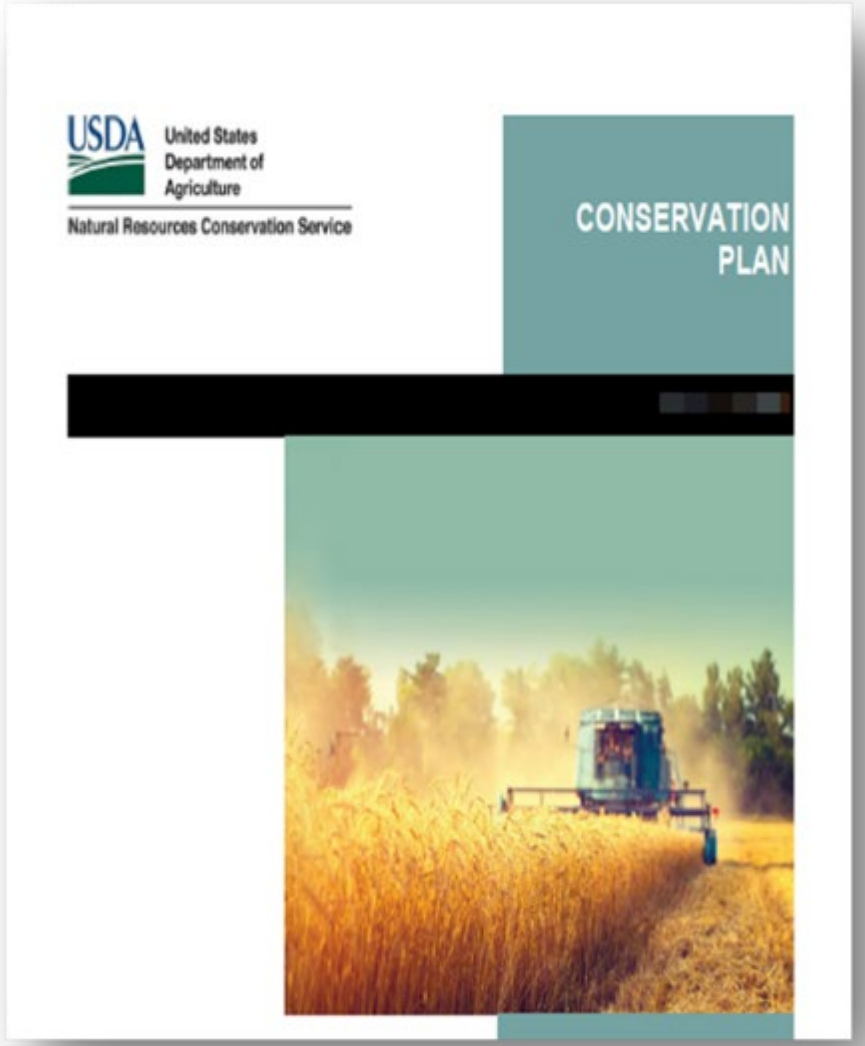
- 327 Conservation Cover (NV NEW)
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- 331 Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crop
- 336 Soil Carbon Amendment (NV NEW)
- 340 Cover Crop
- 345 Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
- 449 Irrigation Water Management
- 484 Mulching
- 511 Forage Harvest Management
- 512 Pasture and Hay Planting (NV NEW)
- 528 Grazing Management
- 550 Range Planting (NV NEW)
- 554 Drainage Water Management
- 585 Stripcropping
- 590 Nutrient Management
- 595 Pest Management Conservation System
- 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment (NV NEW)
- 666 Forest Stand Improvement

Conservation Plan

The goal is to establish a whole farm plan by the end of the contract period, which at a minimum, meets NRCS planning criteria for the State's identified critical soil and water resource concerns.

- **EQIP** – a minimum of one field in the conservation plan must meet NRCS planning criteria for the state's identified critical soil and water resource concerns

- **CSP** – On at least 75% of the acres within at one land use (range, pasture, crop, forest) must meet NRCS planning criteria for the state's identified critical soil and water resource concerns. *(note: CSP Stewardship Threshold Eligibility is separate)*



Nevada Required Resource Concerns

- Overall, very few changes
- Removed Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table) from Crop & Pasture
- Removed Water Quality (Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost applicatons transported to ground water) from Pasture & Range
- Removed Water Quality (Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost applicatons transported to surface water) from Pasture & Range

Nevada Required Resource Concerns By Land Use

FY 2027 - CSP Classic, EQIP & CSP Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)

				Resource Concerns	Crop	Pasture	Range	Forest	Farmstead	Associated Ag
SOIL	Erosion	Concentrated Erosion	CSP PRIORITY RC	Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or water conveyance channels)	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*
				Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	X	X	X	X	X	X
				Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	X	X	X			
		Wind & Water Erosion		Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	X	X	X	X		X
				Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	X	X	X	X		X
	Health	Soil Quality Limitations	CSP PRIORITY RC	Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	X	X	X	X		
				Soil Health (Compaction)	X	X	X	X		
				Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	X	X	X			
				Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	X	X	X	X		
				Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	X	X	X	X		
				Soil Health (Subsidence)						
WATER	Quantity	Source Water Depletion	CSP PRIORITY RC	Water Quantity (Ground water depletion)	X	X				
				Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	X	X				
				Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	X	X				
		Weather Resilience		Water Quantity (Drifted snow)						
				Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)			X	X		
				Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	X	X				
				Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)						
				Water Quantity (Seeps)						
	Quality	Field Pesticide Loss	CSP PRIORITY RC	Water Quality (Pesticides transported to ground water)	X	X	X			X
				Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	X	X	X			X
		Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss		Water Quality (Nutrients transported to ground water)	X	X				
				Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	X	X				
				Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost applications transported to ground water)	X					
				Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost applications transported to surface water)	X					
				Water Quality (Sediments transported to surface water)	X	X	X	X		
		Salt Losses to Water		Water Quality (Salts transported to ground water)						
				Water Quality (Salts transported to surface water)						
		Storage and Handling of Pollutants		Water Quality (Nutrients transported to ground water)					X	
				Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)					X	
				Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals, and other pollutants transported to ground water)					X	
				Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals, and other pollutants transported to surface water)					X	
AIR	Quality	Air Quality Emissions		Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)						
				Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs))						
				Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)						
				Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)						
				Air Quality (Objectionable odors)						
PLANT	Health	Degraded Plant Condition	CSP PRIORITY RC	Plant Health (Plant productivity and health)	X	X	X	X		
				Plant Health (Plant structure and composition)		X	X	X		
		Pest Pressure	CSP PRIORITY RC	Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	X	X	X	X		X
	Wildfire	Fire Management		Wildfire Hazard (Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation)			X	X		
ANIMAL	Terrestrial	Terrestrial Habitat	CSP PRIORITY RC	Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Aquatic	Aquatic Habitat		Aquatic Habitat (Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms)						
				Aquatic Habitat (Elevated water temperature)						
	Livestock	Livestock Production Limitation	CSP PRIORITY RC	Livestock Health (Feed and forage imbalance)		X	X			
				Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)		X	X			
				Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution)		X	X			
ENERGY	Energy	Inefficient Energy Use		Energy Use (Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities)					X	
				Energy Use (Energy efficiency of field operations)					X	

X	Applicable RC
X*	Applicable RC with "Water Feature" Modifier
	Not Applicable to Land Use

Soil Health Evaluation

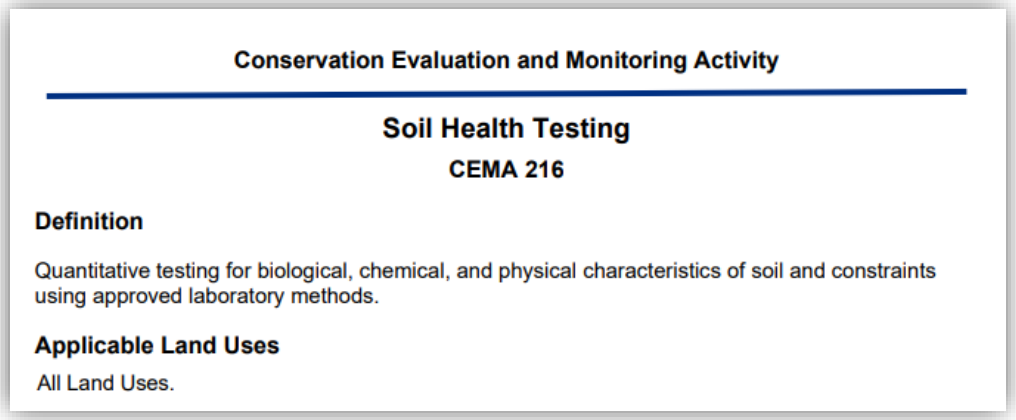
Participants must agree to perform one of the following activities in the first and last year of the contract (at a minimum) to establish a starting baseline and to record the resulting changes.

CROP

- Soil Health Testing, CEMA 216

- **FOREST, PASTURE, RANGE**
- Soil Health Testing, CEMA 216
- In-Field Soil Health Assessment, CEMA 215

Financial assistance will be available to both customers who have not previously and are already implementing soil health testing.



Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity

Soil Health Testing

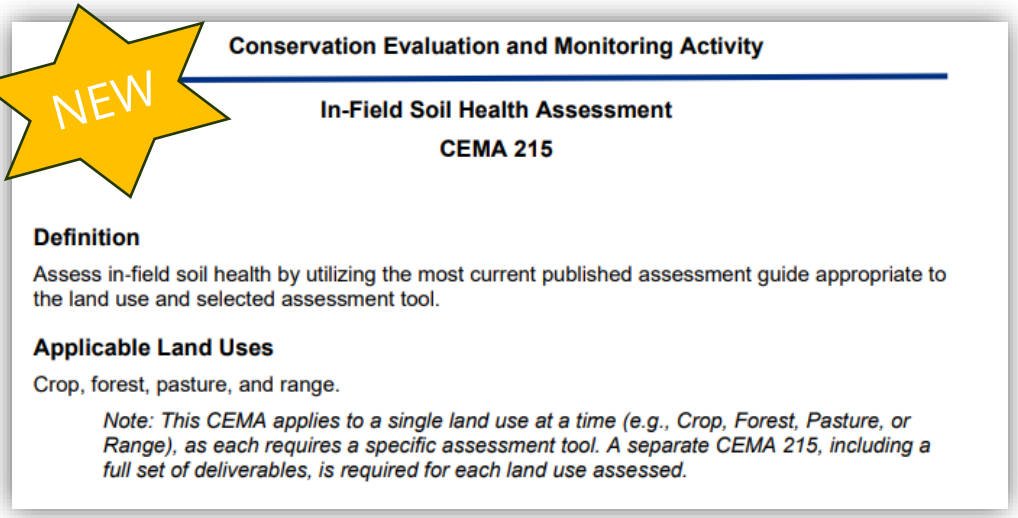
CEMA 216

Definition

Quantitative testing for biological, chemical, and physical characteristics of soil and constraints using approved laboratory methods.

Applicable Land Uses

All Land Uses.



Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity

In-Field Soil Health Assessment

CEMA 215

Definition

Assess in-field soil health by utilizing the most current published assessment guide appropriate to the land use and selected assessment tool.

Applicable Land Uses

Crop, forest, pasture, and range.

Note: This CEMA applies to a single land use at a time (e.g., Crop, Forest, Pasture, or Range), as each requires a specific assessment tool. A separate CEMA 215, including a full set of deliverables, is required for each land use assessed.

Soil Health Testing CEMA 216

CEMA 216 – includes collecting soil samples and having them sent to a lab to be tested for specific metrics.
Soil sampling protocol is very specific, and the labs must be certified/accredited.

A QI for Soil Health Testing CEMA 216 meets one of the following:

1) Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) or Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg) through the American Society of Agronomy or a Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSS) or Associate Professional Soil Scientist (APSS) through the Soil Science Society of America.
2) Technical Service Providers (TSP) certified for Soil Health Management Plan Conservation Practice Activity (116) or Soil Health Management Design and Implementation Activity (162).
3) An associate degree or higher in an agricultural or soil science field with at least 2 years of experience collecting soil for laboratory analysis.
4) Individuals working under the guidance or management of a QI are allowed to collect soil samples for this CEMA.

Excerpt from CEMA 216 Soil Health Testing document

In-Field Soil Health Assessment – CEMA 215

CEMA 215 – includes following process specific to that land uses “In-Field Soil Health Assessment”. No lab needed.

A QI for CEMA 215 In-Field Soil Health Assessment must meet one of the following:

1) Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) or Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg) through the American Society of Agronomy or a Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSS) or Associate Professional Soil Scientist (APSS) through the Soil Science Society of America.
2) Technical Service Provider (TSP) certified for Conservation Practice Activity (CPA) Soil Health Management Plan (Code 116) or Design and Implementation Activity (DIA) Soil Health Management (Code 162).
3) An associate degree or higher in an agricultural, forestry, forage, range, or soil science field with at least 1 year of experience assessing soil health.

How to apply?

- If you have submitted an application this year, or have a deferred application on file, it can be used for CSP-RPP or EQIP-RPP. Reach out to your local field office for more information.
- 1st batching period cut-off was 10/15/2026.
- 2nd batching period cut-off is 3/5/2027 (contingent on availability of funds).

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