

Summary of Conservation Reserve Programs

CRP Program	Number of Contracts	Acres
General CRP	1,857	396,625.76
HELI	179	36,515.78
Continuous	52	3,316.53
Grasslands	24	9,622.30
SAFE	3	2,600.00
		448,680.37

As of August 8, 2017

Beginning October 1, 2017, the number of acres for the **HELI program** will go up to 57,600 acres, **CRPG** offers will go up to 38 contracts.

Highly Erodible Land Incentive

The HELI program offers a continuous signup to establish long-term cover on highly erodible cropland that has a weighted EI greater than or equal to 20 that will reduce:

- erosion to below the soil loss tolerance level which will assist in maintaining the long-term productivity of the land
- off-site adverse impacts to water quality
- adverse impacts to hydrology by changing the land use, including reducing potential adverse flood impacts associated with severe storm events
- adverse impacts commonly associated with wind borne soil, including impacts to human health and property damage associated with severe dust storms.

Conservation Reserve Program Grassland

The purpose of CRP grasslands is to provide assistance to landowners and operators to protect grazing uses and related conservation values on eligible private range and pasturelands. CRP grasslands emphasize support of grazing operations, maintaining and improving plant and animal biodiversity, and protecting grasslands and shrublands from the threat of conversion to uses other than grazing.

On September 30, 2017, of the 396,625.76 acres in General CRP, 121,006.45 will expire.

Transition Incentive Program (TIP)

In New Mexico, some retired or retiring owners who had CRP Contracts expiring in FY2017, have partnered with beginning the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring CRP

contract from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

The Retired or retiring owners and operators who qualify under TIP may be eligible to receive annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP-1 expiration.

Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

In FY2017, there was a new BCAP Facility approved in Colfax County. The facility converts or proposes to convert eligible material into heat, power, biobased products, or advanced biofuels. Eligible Material Owner EMO, for purposes of the matching payment, is a person or entity having the right to collect or harvest eligible material and who has delivered or intends to deliver the eligible material to a QBCF, including **eligible material harvested or collected from:**

- **private lands**, including cropland, the owner of the land, the operator or producer conducting farming operations on the land, or any other person designated by the owner of the land.
- **public lands**, a person having the right to harvest or collect eligible material pursuant to a contract or permit with FS or other appropriate Federal agency, such as a timber sale contract, stewardship contract or agreement, service contract or permit, or related applicable Federal land permit or contract, and who has submitted a copy of the permit or contract authorizing such collection to CCC.