Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Overview
Enrollment Authority

• Extended CRP authority to 2023

• Enrollment authority increases from 24 million in 2019 to 27 million in 2023.
Eligible Land

- **Updated Cropping History, 2012-2017**

- **Land Enrolled in 15-year CRP Contracts**
  that Expired September 2017, September 2018 or September 2019 are Eligible to be Offered for Enrollment if Both Apply:
  
  - No Opportunity for Enrollment
  - Practice Under Expired Contract Maintained
Eligible Land (*New Category*)

**Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR)**

- Available Under Continuous Signup
- Prioritizes Water Quality Practices
  - Contour Grass Strips
  - Filter Strips
  - Riparian Buffers
  - Wetlands
  - Prairie Strips (new)
- 40 Percent of Continuous CRP Signup Total Acres Targeted
Eligible Land (New Provision)

Land Devoted to Hardwood Trees Limited to One Re-enrollment

- Exceptions:
  - Riparian Buffers
  - Forested Wetlands Enrolled under CLEAR or CREP
  - Shelterbelts
Annual Signup and Enrollment

- General Signup
- Grasslands
Participants No Longer Need

- Annual Crop Insurance
  or
- FSA-570 (*Crop Insurance Waiver*)
Highly Erodible Land Initiative (HELI)

- Not Under Continuous Signup (*Change*)
- General CRP Signup (*New*)
Grasslands

- No Fewer Than 2 Million Acres in CRP Grasslands by FY2023

- Annual Grasslands Enrollment:
  - Conducted After General CRP Signup

- If Grassland Enrollment Acres Not Met:
  - Acres will Remain Unenrolled
  - Not Available for Other Signup Types
SAFE in General and Continuous Signup

Beginning with General CRP Signup 54

- SAFE Grass and Tree Practices Moved to General Signup

- SAFE Buffer and Wetland Practices Remain Under Continuous CRP Signup
CREP

- Statute Addressed CREP Specifically for First Time
  - New Provisions TBA

- FY2020 Offers and Contracts will Use
  - Same Provisions that Applied in FY2019
Pilot Programs

2 New Pilot Programs

• CLEAR 30

• Soil Health and Income Protection Pilot Program (SHIPP)
  • Eligible Land Within 1 or More States in the Prairie Pothole (MT, MN, IA, ND, SD)
CLEAR 30

- **Only Expiring Continuous CLEAR Practices Eligible**
  - For Example:
    - Grass Waterways
    - Filter Strips
    - Riparian Buffers
    - Wetlands

- **30 Year Contracts**

- **Land May be Used for Compatible Economic Uses Such As:**
  - Hunting
  - Fishing
  - Periodic Haying and Grazing
Annual Acreage Report

Continuous Certifications No Longer Apply

Annual Certification of Compliance Required

• Certification Forms:
  • FSA-578 (Report of Acreage)
  • CRP-817U (Certification of Compliance for CRP)

• Completed Before CRP Annual Rental Payments are Issued
Permissive Uses – Haying/Grazing

Statute Expanded Opportunities and Permits Activities or Commercial Uses of Cover if Activities are:

- Consistent with Soil, Water Quality, and Wildlife Habitat
- Subject to Restrictions During Primary Nesting Season (PNS)
- Contribute to Health and Vigor of Cover
- Consistent with Site Specific Plan
Payments

• **Practice Establishment**
  
  • Limits Cost Share to 50 Percent of Actual Cost
  
  • Limits Cost Share Plus Payment from Other Sources to Not Exceed 100 Percent of Total Actual Cost

• **Seed Costs**
  
  • Limits Cost Share to Not Exceed 50 Percent of Actual Seed Mixture Cost
Payments

Practice Incentive Payments (PIP)

- Authorized for All Continuous Signup Practices
- Shall Not Exceed 50 Percent of Actual Cost to Establish Practice
Payments

Signup Incentive Payment (SIP)

• One Time Payment for Initial Enrollment of Land in CRP

• 32.5 Percent of First Full Year Annual Rental Payment Amount for Continuous Signup Practices

• Paid After Contract Approval
Payments

Forest Management Incentive (FMI) Cannot Exceed 100 percent of Total Cost of:

- Tree Thinning and Other Practices to Improve Condition of Resources
- Promoting Forest Management
- Enhancing Wildlife Habitat

$12 Million Provided for FMI
Soil Rental Rates

- **Annual NASS Survey**
  - Average County Dryland Cash Rents
  - Published Estimates on September 15th

- **General Signup Enrollments**
  - Not More Than 85 Percent of Estimated Rental Rate

- **Continuous Signup Enrollments**
  - Not More Than 90 Percent of Estimated Rental Rate
CRP Contracts *(New Provisions)*

Participants Will Not be in Violation of CRP Contract if:

- During the Final Year of CRP Contract Period Land is Enrolled in EQIP or CSP and Participant Begins Establishment of a Practice Under Such Programs

Or

- During the 3 Years Prior to the End of CRP Contract Period, Participant Begins the Certification Process Under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990
Future Enrollment

Over the Next 3 Years Expiring CRP Acres will be the Most in Last 10 Years

What Does the Mean?

• Potential for Largest General CRP Signup in Over a Decade
Current CRP Enrollment and Expirations

- Current CRP enrollment is at 22 million acres
- Expiring CRP Acres
  - 5.36 million acres in FY 2020
  - 3.01 million acres in FY 2021
  - 4.01 million acres in FY 2022

Expirations (Million Acres)
Future Enrollment

CRP FY 2020 Enrollment

FY 2020 Enrollment Cap - 24.5 Million

Total Available for Enrollment: 7.4 Million

- FY20 Grasslands
- Available for Enrollment 1/
- Enrolled, Expiring FY20
- Enrolled, Not Expiring

1/ Available for either continuous or general signup enrollments.

Predecisional, Draft, Deliberative.
Implementation Timeline

- SRR’s Posted and Made Effective: Nov – Dec. 2019
- General Signup: December – February 2020
- Continuous Signup: Dec. 2019 - Continuing
- SHIPP Signup: Spring 2020
- General Signup-Up Acceptance/Rejection: Spring 2020
- Conservation Planning: April – September 2020
- Grassland Signup: March 2020 – May 2020
- CLEAR 30 Signup: Spring 2020
- Grassland Ranking: Summer 2020
Implementation Timeline

Conservation Planning for General Signup Ends – Sept. 2020

SRRs Effective November 2020

CRP Rental Payments After October 1, 2020

General Signup December 2020 – February 2021

Grasslands Signup April 2021 – May 2021