



The 2018 Farm Bill created new opportunities for our participants to increase adoption of conservation practices.

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The Farm Bill authorizes increased payments for certain practices deemed more environmentally beneficial, as determined by each state in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

The goal of these increased payments is to make these practices more attractive to producers to increase their adoption. This increased payment schedule at 90% is available to **ALL** contract participants.

These practices must address specific causes:

- impairment relating to excessive nutrients in groundwater or surface water,
- address the conservation of water to advance drought mitigation and declining aquifers,
- meet other environmental priorities and other priority resource concerns identified in habitat or other area restoration plans,
- or be geographically targeted to address a natural resource concern in a specific watershed.

What are WA proposed Top Ten Conservation Practices?

The idea is to “bundle” the practices to get the highest adoption meeting the intent of the Farm Bill.

- **T&E** (396 Aquatic Organism Passage, 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, 391 Riparian Forest Buffer)
- **Forest Health/Wildfire Risk Reduction** (666 Forest Stand Improvement, 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment)
- **Water Quality** (313 Waste Storage Facility, 386 Field Border)
- **Soil Health** (340 Cover Crop, 329 Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till, 327 Conservation Cover).