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Together We Can Do More.

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Your Stewardship Goals.

Our Assistance.

Sustainable Production

CSP is for working lands. It is the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled in CSP. Thousands of people have chosen to enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operation.

CSP participants are seeing real results. Some of these benefits include:

- Increase in cattle gains per acre
- Increase in crop yields
- Increase in wildlife populations
- Decrease in producer inputs
- Greater resilience to impacts of weather extremes

Through CSP, we can help you build your business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of your entire operation. Good land stewardship not only conserves the natural resources on your farm, ranch or forest, it also provides multiple benefits to local communities, including better water and air quality and wildlife habitat, as well as food and fiber.

Management Makes a Difference

Every piece of property is unique with opportunities to improve natural resources and address any areas of concern. Human activities contribute to the condition of natural resources on the land — they can help improve them or contribute to their decline, which can result in what we refer to as a “resource concern.” We can help you recognize the resources on your land and develop a management plan to improve them. Examples of CSP management activities that can improve resource concerns are:

- Grazing management to improve wildlife habitat
- Extend filter strips to reduce excess sediment, nutrients and chemicals in surface water
- Plant cover crops to reduce wind and water erosion
- Plant range grasses to improve soil health and wildlife habitat

Investment in the Future

From enrollment to planning and implementation, many CSP participants feel the process of working with their NRCS conservation planner helps build an awareness about the resources on their land and helps them look at their land in a more comprehensive and engaging manner. Most participants find that the reporting and tracking that they do in CSP gives them valuable information to refine their operation and make management adjustments that have a positive outcome on their land and their bottom line.

How do I apply?

If you feel like you are ready to take your conservation efforts to the next level — we are here to help. You can apply for CSP any time throughout the year but there will be announced cutoff dates for ranking and funding opportunities. For more information on applications visit USDA NRCS Florida CSP or visit your local Service Center.

Managing riparian buffers to benefit wildlife is a popular CSP enhancement activity.