The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) allows farmers and ranchers to maintain or improve existing conservation efforts and adopt new ones on their agriculture operations.

This fact sheet shows a sample of common enhancement activities being implemented on cropland in South Dakota.

**More Information**

- CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with 27 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled during fiscal years 2017-2020. Participants voluntarily enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operations—providing food, fiber, and energy.

- South Dakota leads the nation with the greatest number of acres enrolled at just over 2.5 million acres statewide during 2017-2020.


- **E595A** - Reduce risk of pesticides in surface water by utilizing precision pesticide application techniques OR

- **E595B** - Reduce risk of pesticides in water and air by utilizing IPM PAMS techniques

- **E59A** - Improving nutrient uptake efficiency and reducing risk of nutrient losses

- **E590B** - Reduce risks of nutrient losses to surface water by utilizing precision ag technologies

- **E328F** - Modifications to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter

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**E511A** - Harvest of crops (hay or small grains) using measures that allow desired species to flush or escape

**E340F** - Cover crop to minimize soil compaction OR **E340H** - Cover crop to suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles

**E340C** - Use of multi-species cover crops to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter

**E328D** - Leave standing grain crops unharvested to benefit wildlife food sources

**E329D** - No till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content OR **E329A** - No till to reduce water erosion

**E449D** - Advanced IWM - Equipment and soil moister or water level monitoring

**E327A** - Conservation cover for pollinators and beneficial insects

**E393A** - Extend existing filter strip to reduce water quality impacts

**E612G** - Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food and/or cover

**E612A** - Cropland Conversion to trees or shrubs for long term improvement of water quality

**E345A** - Reduced tillage to reduce water erosion

**E345C** - Reduced tillage to increase plant-available moisture;