



Common Enhancement Activities of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

More Information

- The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) allows farmers and ranchers to maintain or improve existing conservation efforts and adopt new ones on their agriculture operations.
- CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled in CSP. 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 7 million acres statewide.
- For more information visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/sd/programs/financial/csp/>

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



E595116X-Reduce risk of pesticides in surface water by utilizing precision pesticide application techniques **OR**

E595116Z-Reduce risk of pesticides in surface water by utilizing IPM PAMS techniques



E590118Z-Improving nutrient uptake efficiency and reducing risk of nutrient losses to surface water **OR**

E590118X-Reduce risks of nutrient losses to surface water by utilizing precision ag technologies



E328106Z2 -Modifications to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter

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E511137Z1-Harvest of crops (hay or small grains) using measures that allow desired species to flush or escape



E449114Z7 and E449114Z8-Advanced Irrigation Water Management– Soil moisture monitoring.



E340107Z-Cover crop to minimize soil compaction **OR**



E327137Z-Conservation cover to provide cover and shelter habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects

E340134Z-Cover crop to suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles



E393118Z-Extend existing filter strip to reduce excess nutrients in surface water



E340106Z2-Use of multi-species cover crops to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter

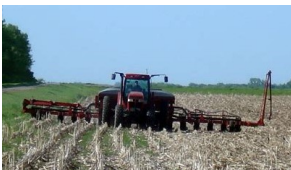


E612136Z-Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food **OR**



E328136Z-Leave standing grain crops unharvested to benefit wildlife food sources

E612137Z-Tree/shrub planting for wildlife cover



E329106Z-No till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content **OR**



E345101Z-Reduced tillage to reduce water erosion **OR**

E329101Z-No till to reduce water erosion

E345115Z-Reduced tillage to increase plant-available moisture: moisture management

