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The Conservation Stewardship Program

Maintain, improve, or adopt new conservation practices



What is CSP?

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, rotational grazing, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat -- all while maintaining active agricultural production on their land. Crop producers, dairy farmers, forest landowners, poultry producers, organic farmers, and speciality crop farmers all participate in the program.

What makes CSP unique?

CSP taps into producers' deep-rooted commitment to conservation. CSP participants voluntarily enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operations - providing food, fiber, and energy. Participants enroll their entire agricultural operation in the program under a 5-year contract, with the option to renew for another 5 years. NRCS helps producers maintain or improve the existing conservation activities on their operations and adopt new ones. The program offers greater incentives for producers who want to kick their conservation up a notch with bundles of enhancements with higher payment rates.

How does CSP work?

Most agriculture producers approved to participate in CSP have already been implementing conservation practices on their land. CSP steps in and offers enhancements for those practices. For example, if you have been practicing prescribed grazing, CSP would give you options to enhance that practice with activities such as grazing management to improve plants for wildlife, or grazing management to reduce soil compaction, or grazing management to improve riparian function, just to name a few. If you decide to enroll in CSP, the local NRCS conservation planner will have a one-on-one consultation with you to evaluate your current management system and the natural resources on your land. Then the NRCS



conservation planner will present a variety of CSP enhancement alternatives for you to consider implementing on your land, based on existing conservation practices. The variety of CSP practices that are offered give you a lot of freedom to select enhancements that help you meet your management goals. These improvements work naturally with your land to bring out your land's best potential. Once you choose the enhancements that best fit your operation, CSP offers annual incentive payments for installing these practices on your land. If you want to take it even a step further, CSP also offers bundles where you can select a suite of enhancements to implement and receive an even higher payment rate.

Are you eligible for CSP?

To participate in CSP, you must be in compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements, and have current farm records with USDA Farm Service Agency. You must have effective control of the land for the term of the proposed contract, be actively engaged in the day-to-day management of the agricultural operation, and share in the risks associated with agricultural production. You must also be meeting the stewardship threshold for at least two resource concerns at the time of application. Contact your local NRCS office to learn more about the program and determine if you meet these requirements.



How do you 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 www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp or visit your local Service Center.

