

# Conservation Stewardship Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service



*This flier provides an overview of the information needed from CSP applicants.*

## Applying for CSP

A complete CSP application means an applicant has submitted a signed NRCS-CPA-1200 and

- Identified the farm operation
- Provided maps of the operation
- Identified existing conservation
- Has chosen new activities to adopt through CSP.

Other eligibility requirements or certifications may be required if an application is preapproved.

## Identify the Farm Operation

Applicants must identify the entire farming operation which includes land that is eligible and ineligible for CSP. This information can be provided using Farm Service Agency records, maps or a list.

Applicants applying for more than one CSP contract may be asked to complete a certification that they are a separate operation.

## Provide Maps of the Operation

Applicants must provide maps of the operation. Producers may request maps from the Farm Service Agency. Maps must indicate the land use, such as cropland, pasture, forest, farmstead or associated ag land. Maps may be used to identify eligible/ineligible land as well as new and existing conservation practices

## Identify Existing Conservation

Applicants can work with NRCS to identify existing records that reflect past conservation practices or enhancements used in the farming operation. This information is used to determine if your operation meets the CSP Stewardship eligibility threshold.

## Choose New Conservation Activities

Applicants must select new conservation activities to implement on each land use. Applicants must select at least one new activity on each land use. NRCS will assist applicants with determining those new activities that will help the farming operation meet minimum stewardship eligibility.

Ask your local service center for a list of eligible practices and enhancements.

## Using a Third-party Representative

Applicants may choose to allow NRCS to disclose information about their CSP application or contract to a third-party. This must be completed in writing by specifying what information may be shared and to whom NRCS may share the information. NRCS may not disclose applicant or participant information to a third party without this information.

## How to Apply

Apply at your local USDA Service Center, which you can find at [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator). Applications are accepted at any time.

## More Information

For more information, visit [nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill](http://nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill) or [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov).

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