The Conservation Reserve Program58th Signup Results

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Dear Conservation Partners:

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) continues to thrive in its 37th year as USDA's largest voluntary working lands conservation program providing environmental and economic benefits through partnerships with supporters like you. While the program was originally created to remove environmentally sensitive lands from production, particularly in erosion-prone areas, it has evolved over the years into a multifaceted program that provides natural habitat for wildlife, restores wetlands, protects streams, improves water quality, provides pollinator habitat, sequesters carbon, reduces greenhouse gases, enhances soil productivity, and provides feedstock for livestock in times of natural disasters. The benefits and impacts of CRP are realized locally and nationally.

CRP is one of USDA's most successful conservation programs that has created more than 2.39 million acres of restored wetlands, including riparian forests and grass buffers. Last year, a Climate-Smart Practice Incentive was created to incentivize the use of conservation practices beneficial for sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in CRP. Producers already sequester an annual average of 48 million tons of greenhouse gases in the current CRP programs, which is the equivalent of taking 9 million cars off the road.

CRP continues to promote partnerships with local and State conservation groups through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Currently, there are 53 CREP agreements in 32 states that improve water quality by filtering agricultural runoff, reduce soil erosion, aid in flood control, enhance wildlife habitat, and provide additional protection for watersheds. This general signup included offers for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), which allows producers to install practices that benefit high-priority, locally developed wildlife conservation objectives through the targeted restoration of vital habitat. Currently, 2.4 million acres are enrolled in 35 states.

The 2022 announcement of the 58th CRP Signup built upon the 37-year legacy of cooperative conservation and continues to help our Nation's farmers and ranchers maintain a healthy environment and a sound agricultural economy. I hope you will come away from this report with informed perspectives about how farmers and ranchers make conservation programs an investment to conserve and protect America's greatest treasure, our natural resources.

Sincerely,

USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation

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Conservation Reserve Program Overview

Background

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary land conservation program for agricultural producers who agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve the health and quality of the environment. Producers enrolled in the CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers, such as introduced or native grasses or trees, to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, the FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance for 10 to 15 years. CRP may also be used to preserve existing grasslands.



CRP has a 37-year legacy of successfully protecting the Nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. The amount of sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorous leaving cropland falls dramatically with enrollment in the program. CRP also intercepts an average of over 80% of the sediment lost from upland fields. Half a million acres of habitat expressly for honey bees and native pollinators have been established through CRP, with nearly 15 million acres, overall, of diverse plantings supporting these beneficial species. The restored habitat has increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows, and many other birds. Since 1992, CRP resulted in over 42 million additional ducks from the North Dakota, South Dakota, and northeastern Montana portion of the Prairie Pothole region, according to estimates by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

CRP also provides about \$1.6 billion annually to landowners through rental, cost share, and incentive payments—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs. In addition, CRP plays a critical role in mitigating and sequestering greenhouse gases with an estimated 19.5 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent sequestered in FY2021.

The 58th CRP Signup

The 58th CRP general signup began on January 31, 2022, and continued through March 11, 2022. As of June 1, 2022, 24.2 million acres of land were enrolled in a CRP contract.

Eligibility Criteria

For land to be eligible for general signup, it must be:

- Cropland that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 years between 2012 and 2017; and
- Physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity.

Note: Alfalfa or other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation, not to exceed 12 years, also may be eligible.

Also, cropland must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a weighted average Erodibility Index of eight or greater;
- Be expiring CRP; or
- Be located in a national or State conservation priority area.

Conservation Reserve Program Overview

General Signup

FSA enrolls most CRP acres during "general signups" that occur annually during announced periods of time by USDA. Land is offered into the program on a competitive basis and ranked based on environmental benefits and costs. Land offered is evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the environmental benefits expected to improve the land if it is enrolled in the CRP.

The EBI is used to ensure that the most environmentally-sensitive lands relative to cost are selected and that all offers are fairly considered. The six EBI factors are:

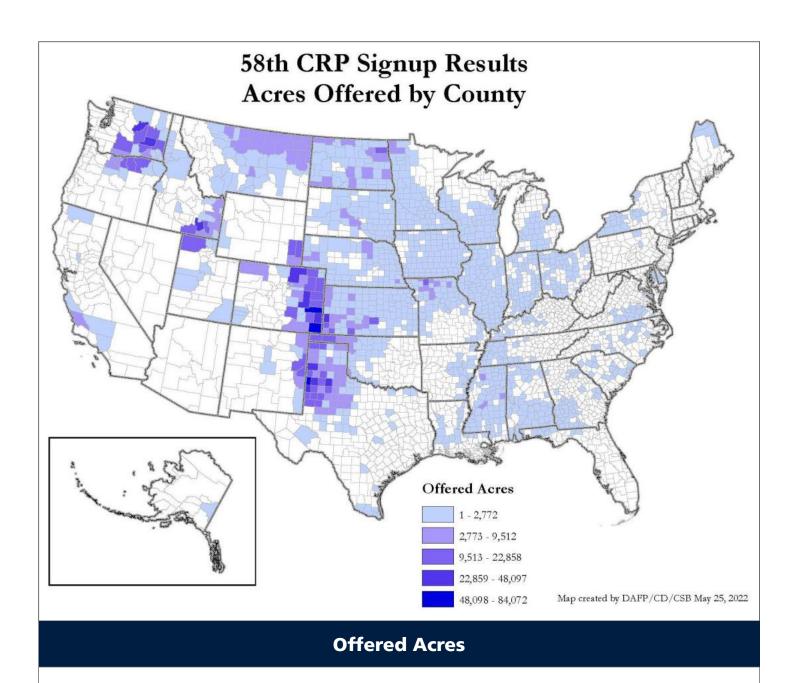
- N1, Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits;
- N2, Water Quality Benefits from Reduced Erosion, Runoff and Leaching;
- N3, On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion;
- N4, Enduring Benefits;
- N5, Air Quality Benefits; and
- N6, Cost.

Rental and Cost Share Payments

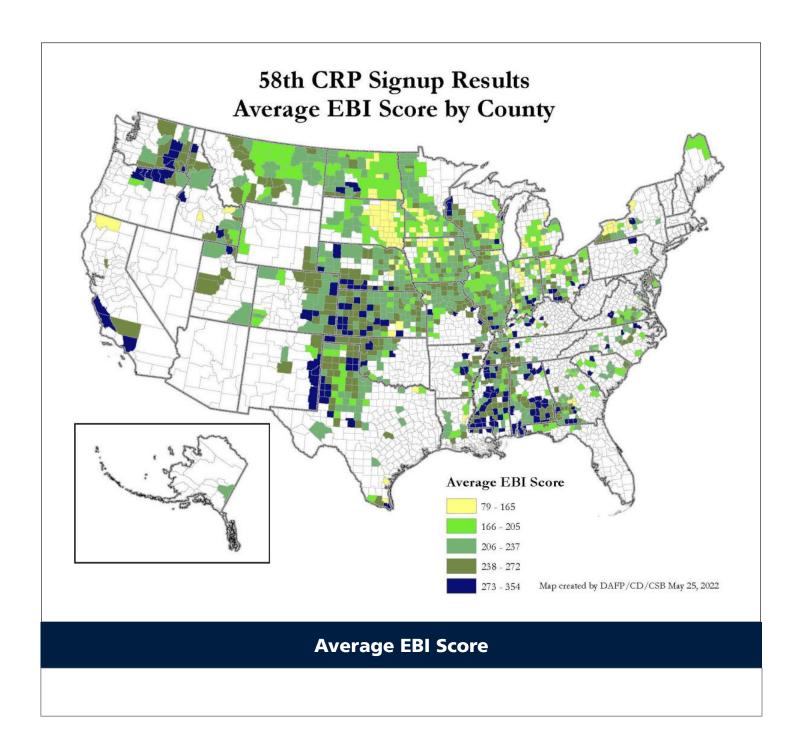
Generally, CRP rental rates are based on the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average local dryland cash rental rates subject to an 85 percent proration. A Climate Smart Incentive of 3, 5, or 10 percent is added to the rental rate based on the practice offered. Producers may offer land at these rates or may of- fer a lower rental rate to increase the likelihood that their offer will be accept- able. CRP cost share assistance is available to eligible participants in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the eligible costs of establishing the approved practice.

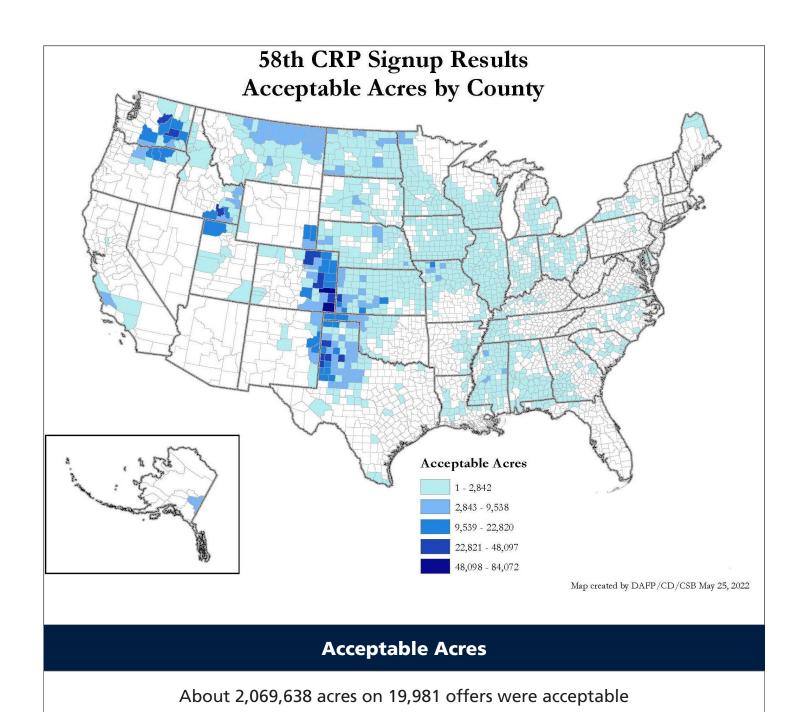
Benefits

In addition to providing a safety net for America's agricultural producers during times of low commodity prices, CRP generates significant environmental benefits. The program enhances soil health by effectively reducing soil erosion on each acre enrolled. The enrollments also impact water quality and quantity by intercepting sediment and nutrient losses from upland fields before they reach surface, waters and contributing to aquifer recharge. CRP restores important habitat, such as prairie, wetlands, and longleaf pine. CRP is credited with aiding grouse populations in the West, ducks in the Prairie Pothole Region, bobwhite quail in the Southeast, and songbirds and ringed-neck pheasant through-out the Great Plains.



FSA received 22,919 offers to enroll about 2.29 million acres





STATE	Offers Received	Acceptable Offers	Offered Acres	Acceptable Acres	Enrollment April 2022	Expiring 9/30/2022	Oct. 2022 Enrollment be- fore Continuous and Grasslands ¹
U.S.	22,919	19,981	2,291,034	2,069,638	22,079,590	3,973,814	20,175,415
ALABAMA	388	373	18,713	17,658	140,066	45,312	112,412
ALASKA	2	2	657.75	658	10,970	134	11,493
ARIZONA					10,251		10,251
ARKANSAS	122	116	6,942	5,998	200,609	18,964	187,643
CALIFORNIA	26	24	7,223	6,447	39,094	16,376	29,166
COLORADO	1,905	1,851	396,330	384,239	2,035,627	458,573	1,961,293
DELAWARE	3	1	17.75	6	3,214	130	3,089
FLORIDA	43	40	1693.1	1,581	11,418	5,482	7,516
GEORGIA	323	282	11,640	9,756	183,530	50,807	142,479
HAWAII					4,887		4,887
IDAHO	608	525	95724.290	82,346	432,512	137,825	377,033
ILLINOIS	1,671	1,382	29,551	25,443	826,738	66,655	785,527
INDIANA	294	237	5656.3	4,614	200,336	20,685	184,265
IOWA	688	548	15,539	12,669	1,698,837	118,526	1,592,980
KANSAS	2462	2392	222671.740	218,974	1,731,085	293,223	1,656,836
KENTUCKY	104	93	2,758	2,556	190,097	56,135	136,518
LOUISIANA	75	72	6208.03	5,659	256,488	12,876	249,271
MAINE	14	10	351	286	3,935	1,014	3,206
MARYLAND	7	7	50.78	51	45,273	4,666	40,658
MASSACHUSETTS					9		9
MICHIGAN	153	111	3069.97	2,197	116,954	9,148	110,003
MINNESOTA	980	795	35,099	30,992	1,000,163	104,639	926,517
MISSISSIPPI	811	784	43235.390	41,834	518,564	97,669	462,729
MISSOURI	1,936	1,760	87,304	82,583	769,401	231,766	620,218
MONTANA	570	534	97215.160	89,663	789,612	189,417	689,857
NEBRASKA	989	857	67,209	58,936	1,527,265	80,049	1,506,152
NEVADA					2,718		2,718
NEW JERSEY					1,817	328	1,489
NEW MEXICO	200	200	48233.71	48,234	611,245	123,884	535,595
NEW YORK	37	23	964	483	16,485	2,562	14,405
NORTH CAROLINA	83	78	1247.63	1,177	28,398	7,717	21,858
NORTH DAKOTA	1,497	888	120,287	76,673	1,246,557	370,839	952,391
OHIO	237	173	5134.4	4,012	227,555	22,753	208,815
OKLAHOMA	591	584	75,929	75,417	621,193	152,963	543,648
OREGON	293	280	65722.41	64,651	533,248	82,104	515,795
PENNSYLVANIA	2	2	5	5	93,767	18,918	74,854
PUERTO RICO					495		495
RHODE ISLAND					28		28
SOUTH CAROLINA	48	47	1594.62	1,558	38,391	11,811	28,138
SOUTH DAKOTA	363	153	20,909	14,063	1,761,340	137,818	1,637,584
TENNESSEE	161	160	4099.25	4,087	104,713	14,754	94,045
TEXAS	3,171	2,653	536,678	449,644	2,330,626	706,472	2,073,798
UTAH	118	116	23237.26	22,945	138,154	23,898	137,201
VERMONT					2,120	319	1,801
VIRGINIA	51	47	896.63	832	31,668	4,543	27,957
WASHINGTON	1,446	1,402	191,812	185,532	1,045,991	212,243	1,019,281
WEST VIRGINIA					7,413	652	6,760
WISCONSIN	343	288	6,091	5,237	196,650	17,523	184,364
WYOMING	104	91	33335.19	29,942	292,085	41,639	280,388

	Expiring	Now Landa	Average Bental Bay	Total Devital	Average E	BI Score
STATE NAME	Sept. 2022 (Acres)	New Lands (Acres) ¹	Average Rental Pay- ment (\$/Acre)	Total Rental Payment (\$/Year)	without cost	with cost
NATIONAL	1,754,699	314,939	\$51.54	\$106,659,056	158	259
ALABAMA	17,247	411	\$49.53	\$874,511	165	267
ALASKA	0	658	\$48.61	\$31,970	116	237
ARIZONA						
ARKANSAS	5,439	558	\$77.94	\$467,469	187	274
CALIFORNIA	6,415	33	\$28.74	\$185,300	175	285
COLORADO	343,758	40,480	\$31.03	\$11,921,898	145	257
DELAWARE	6	0	\$82.91	\$489	154	260
LORIDA	1,528	53	\$62.69	\$99,106	116	211
GEORGIA	9,331	425	\$83.77	\$817,323	176	260
HAWAII						
DAHO	65,511	16,835	\$40.65	\$3,347,787	155	260
LLINOIS	19,917	5,527	\$181.49	\$4,617,745	188	227
NDIANA	3,912	702	\$161.47	\$745,076	185	233
OWA	8,579	4,090	\$207.45	\$2,628,197	203	223
KANSAS	189,081	29,893	\$43.07	\$9,431,555	172	276
KENTUCKY	1,979	577	\$165.19	\$422,240	225	266
OUISIANA	4,933	726	\$66.49	\$376,259	114	216
MAINE	286	0	\$67.18	\$19,212	97	203
MARYLAND	40	10	\$130.37	\$6,621	154	229
MASSACHUSETTS						
MICHIGAN	1,822	375	\$123.39	\$271,027	140	214
MINNESOTA	27,770	3,223	\$100.59	\$3,117,407	149	228
MISSISSIPPI	40,998	836	\$72.61	\$3,037,405	179	273
MISSOURI	72,035	10,548	\$149.35	\$12,333,711	190	239
MONTANA	58,038	31,625	\$30.32	\$2,718,728	118	228
NEBRASKA	45,907	13,029	\$96.10	\$5,663,781	166	242
NEVADA						
NEW JERSEY						
NEW MEXICO	36,554	11,680	\$27.81	\$1,341,502	185	297
NEW YORK	391	92	\$57.32	\$27,673	126	230
NORTH CAROLINA	1,018	159	\$80.50	\$94,725	157	242
NORTH DAKOTA	66,109	10,565	\$54.06	\$4,145,119	125	227
OHIO	2,799	1,213	\$143.63	\$576,255	178	237
OKLAHOMA	70,040	5,377	\$27.71	\$2,089,768	149	260
OREGON	60,908	3,743	\$48.70	\$3,148,350	193	295
PENNSYLVANIA	1	3	\$59.04	\$268	121	214
PUERTO RICO						
RHODE ISLAND						
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,483	74	\$44.60	\$69,470	123	226
SOUTH DAKOTA	12,656	1,407	\$47.09	\$662,233	114	217
ΓENNESSEE	3,242	844	\$118.35	\$483,651	184	254
ΓEXAS	384,061	65,583	\$38.28	\$17,210,428	157	266
JTAH	12,091	10,854	\$31.98	\$733,873	134	243
/ERMONT						
/IRGINIA	569	263	\$46.56	\$38,733	126	227
WASHINGTON	150,388	35,145	\$61.06	\$11,328,477	171	269
WEST VIRGINIA						
VISCONSIN	3,666	1,572	\$150.15	\$786,397	177	233
VYOMING	24,191	5,751	\$26.29	\$787,317	122	235

STATE NAME	Average Erod- ibility Index (EI)	Highly Erodible (Acres)	National Priority Area (Acres)	State Priority Area (Acres)	Rare and De- clining Habitat (Acres)	Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Acres)	Pollinator Habitat (Acres)
NATIONAL	15	1,815,301	190,681	1,085,646	37,757	261,017	12,735
ALABAMA	17	15,245	16,083	588	62	459	1
ALASKA	11	658	0	0	02	400	'
ARIZONA		000					
ARKANSAS	15	4,486	0	4,283		229	4
CALIFORNIA	10	5,617	0	5,772		5,126	
COLORADO	14	378,565	0	142,358		80,185	668
DELAWARE	1	070,000	6	0		5	1
FLORIDA	11	1,278	1,581	0			
GEORGIA	10	6,366	9,302	86		487	
HAWAII	10	0,000	3,002			401	
IDAHO	23	78,686	0	61,501		23,890	756
ILLINOIS	19	21,831	0	8,639	25	3,162	2,705
INDIANA	15	3,097	533	2,205	21	332	317
IOWA	22	12,258	1,072	2,103	3,591	675	285
KANSAS	14	198,965	0	134,964	22,148	42,570	306
KENTUCKY	36	2,556	0	1,811	729	42,370	48
LOUISIANA	11	4,810	1,907	0	123	93	5
MAINE	7	4,810	0	231		93	3
MARYLAND	4	11	51	0		1	3
MASSACHUSETTS	4		31	0		I	3
MICHIGAN	6	542	2,197	0		177	36
MINNESOTA	10	18,124	29,082	617	3,748	3,937	507
MISSISSIPPI	26	34,828		18,293	3,740	134	1
MISSOURI	19	81,589	14,004	68,036	660	61	982
MONTANA	13		56,972	14,007	77	537	468
NEBRASKA	13	84,081	0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6,200	3,685	1,527
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NEW MEXICO	20	40.004	0	38,204		FOF	
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NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA	10	790	458 362	25 616		81 17	I
					60		105
NORTH DAKOTA	11	55,931	51,179	17,131	68	35,900	125
OHO	17	2,898	986	1,176	157	693	571
OKLAHOMA	13	68,253	0	62,177	50	0.400	15
OREGON	21	64,437	0	58,231	13	2,482	12
PENNSYLVANIA	11	5	5	0			
PUERTO RICO							
RHODE ISLAND		550	4.405	F.4		004	•
SOUTH CAROLINA	8	553	1,405	54		231	2
SOUTH DAKOTA	11	12,068	1,891	7,982	4	2,072	122
TENNESSEE	26	3,956	0	1,697		24	65
TEXAS	15	353,569	0	258,285		24,116	1,987
UTAH	9	12,360	0	18,414			
VERMONT							_
VIRGINIA	13	666	408	124			9
WASHINGTON	16	147,622	0	104,754	96	29,005	1,146
WEST VIRGINIA							
WISCONSIN	21	4,397	1,198	1,478	109	146	62
WYOMING	16	29,942	0	26,694		I	

STATE NAME	Introduced Grass	Native Grass	Total Grass	Hardwood Trees	Softwood Trees	Total Trees
NATIONAL	598,713	1,074,023	1,672,736	3,044	79,394	82,438
ALABAMA	2,494	566	3,060	321	13,687	14,009
ALASKA		658	658			
ARIZONA						
ARKANSAS	681	1,132	1,813	407	3,526	3,933
CALIFORNIA	1,321		1,321			
COLORADO	15,606	287,767	303,373			
DELAWARE						
FLORIDA				53	1,528	1,581
GEORGIA	73		73	187	9,004	9,191
HAWAII						-
DAHO	56,746	274	57,021		679	679
LLINOIS	13,771	4,654	18,425	597	202	799
NDIANA	1,887	1,753	3,640	275	7	282
OWA	5,795	2,013	7,808	88	17	105
KANSAS	1,867	151,665	153,532	30		30
KENTUCKY	1,420	304	1,724	29	5	34
LOUISIANA	20	227	247	22	5,244	5,267
MAINE	286		286		-,	-,
MARYLAND	27	16	42	4		4
MASSACHUSETTS						•
MICHIGAN	1,252	324	1,575	29	356	385
MINNESOTA	15,201	5,099	20,300	166	1,986	2,152
MISSISSIPPI	3,766	482	4,248	303	37,055	37,358
MISSOURI	66,775	13,517	80,292	79	01,000	79
MONTANA	67,298	21,277	88,575	10		7.5
NEBRASKA	6,918	40,520	47,439	17	6	23
NEVADA	0,010	10,020	11,100			20
NEW JERSEY						
NEW MEXICO	6,429	41,300	47,729			
NEW YORK	368	41,500	368		32	32
NORTH CAROLINA	123	30	153	111	896	1,007
NORTH DAKOTA	39,067	1,299	40,366	111	5	5
OHIO	871	1,358	2,229	106	210	316
OKLAHOMA	28,029	47,299	75,327	100	210	310
OREGON	58,056	3,947	62,003		132	132
PENNSYLVANIA	3	5,341	62,003	1	132	132
PUERTO RICO	J		3			
RHODE ISLAND						
SOUTH CAROLINA		2	2		1,309	1,309
SOUTH DAKOTA	10,118	1,599	11,716		1,509	1,309
ENNESSEE	1,784	806	2,590	42	1,357	1,399
TEXAS		372,695		42	1,337	1,399
JTAH	50,640 22,945	312,093	423,335 22,945			
/ERMONT	22,940		22,940			
	82	44	126	2	605	607
/IRGINIA				2	695	697
VASHINGTON	84,739	69,538	154,277		971	971
VEST VIRGINIA	0.044	4.050	4.470	475	400	050
VISCONSIN	2,314	1,858	4,172	175	483	658
WYOMING	29,942		29,942			

Continuous CRP Signup

Continuous signup provides an effective, ongoing means to enroll certain practices such as filter strips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, shelterbelts, field windbreaks, wetlands restoration, and high-valued wildlife habitat. Unlike general sign up, there is no bidding and ranking; the land is enrolled automatically if it meets the legibility criteria.

As of May 31, 2022, 22 million acres of land are enrolled in a CRP contract; 7.9 million acres were cumulatively enrolled for all continuous CRP sign up conservation practices; and 785,553 total acres were enrolled in CREP in 32 states.

- State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) areas, which allows producers to install practices that benefit high- priority, locally developed wildlife conservation objectives using targeted restoration of vital habitat. SAFE provides states and regions the opportunity to conserve 1,750,000 acres for high-priority wildlife such as sage grouse, lesser prairie chicken, and ring-necked pheasant. Currently 2,430,960 acres are enrolled in 35 states.
- The Clean Lakes, Estuaries and River (CLEAR) Initiative: 3,457,085 acres. CLEAR prioritizes water quality practices on the land that, if enrolled, will help reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms.
- **Upland Bird Habitat Nesting: 196,164 acres.** The Upland Bird Habitat Nesting initiative helps producers plant ground covers, shrubs, and grass, to provide appropriate habitat conditions for common upland birds such as northern bobwhite quail. Studies show that these conservation practices have increased the upland bird species populations. Up to 500,000 acres can be enrolled in this initiative.
- Prairie Pothole Duck Habitat: 446,699 acres. The Prairie Pothole Duck Habitat initiative helps increase
 duck populations by an estimated 60,000 birds annually and may enroll up to 600,000 acres in this initiative.
- **Bottomland Hardwood: 157,784 acres.** The Bottomland Hardwood initiative works to improve air quality and water quality on up to 250,000 acres as well as increase wildlife habitat along wetland areas.
- Non-Floodplain Wetland Restoration: 744,360 acres. Since 2005, the Non-Floodplain Wetland Restoration
 initiative has provided an opportunity to enroll up to 568,000 acres of wetlands and playa lakes located
 outside of the 100-year floodplain.
- Floodplain Wetlands Restoration: 411,846 acres. Available since 2004, the Floodplain Wetlands Restoration initiative provides an opportunity to enroll up to 482,000 acres of wetlands located in the 100-year floodplain.
- Longleaf Pine: 147,295 acres. The Longleaf Pine initiative's goal is to repopulate the natural longleaf pine
 forest ranges by enrolling up to 250,000 acres throughout nine Southern states. Re-establishing some of
 the original range of 60 million acres will improve water quality, provide critical habitat for wildlife, and
 help sequester greenhouse gases.
- Pollinator Habitat initiative: 535,401 acres. The Pollinator Habitat initiative is used in addition to the
 pollinator practice under General Signup to permit producers to develop pollinator habitat for many
 pollinator species by enrolling up to 400,000 acres.

The Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP): 362,936 acres. The FWP is allowed to restore up to 750,000 acres of farmable wetland and associated buffers by improving the land's hydrology and vegetation through CRP. Eligible land types authorized include certain cropped wetlands, former commercial aquaculture, flooded land located in the prairie pothole region, and constructed wetlands to receive flows from row crop drainage systems.

Other CRP Initiatives

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a continuous CRP signup program. Through a public-private partnership, states, Tribal governments, non-profit and private entities partner with FSA to develop CREP agreements designed to address conservation goals on agricultural lands in specific geographic areas. Partners work with FSA to define practices that achieve substantial on-site and off-site natural resource benefits targeting conservation and environmental objectives such as decreasing soil erosion, restoring wildlife habitat, and safeguarding ground and surface water. Enrollment in CREP is voluntary and may provide additional benefits not available through other CRP signups.

CREP includes targeted conservation practices such as filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands, and pollinator plantings. These conservation practices help protect streams, lakes, and rivers from sedimentation and agricultural runoff, establish wildlife habitat, and restore and enhance wetlands.

Since CREP was authorized in 1997, USDA has entered into 53 CREP agreements with state partners, 35 of which are active.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Active Project Areas as of September 30, 2021

About the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Division (CD):

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Conservation Division serves the Nation's agricultural producers, providing assistance and opportunities for producers to voluntarily invest in safeguarding environmentally sensitive lands.

CD implements multiple diverse programs that help accomplish these goals, including the following programs:

- Biomass Crop Assistance Program
- Conservation Reserve Program
- Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
- Emergency Forest Restoration Program
- Emergency Conservation Program
- Farmable Wetlands Program
- Source Water Protection Program

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