

Conservation Reserve Program

CP36

LONGLEAF PINE ESTABLISHMENT

Wildlife Habitat | Carbon Sequestration | Soil and Water Quality



Why Choose CRP? You Benefit Land, Water, and Wildlife.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides farmers and landowners with various enrollment opportunities to achieve many farming, ranching, and conservation goals. Whatever the challenge—soil conservation, water quality protection, or wildlife habitat enhancement—CRP is a proven land performance and management solution.

Why Longleaf Pines?

Restoring longleaf pine forests on marginal cropland has significant ecological and economic benefits for farmers. Establishing this conservation practice:

- Enhances wildlife habitat for game and wildlife species
- Reduces risk of catastrophic loss from insects, fire, disease, and weather
- Mitigates erosion by reducing the negative impacts of wind and water
- Protects soil quality
- Produces timber that may be commercially harvested at the end of the contract

CP36 is offered in continuous sign-up. For more information on CRP sign-up types, visit fsa.usda.gov.

Financial Benefits

CP36 participants receive:

- 10–15 years of annual rental payments
- 50% cost-share assistance for establishment costs
- A signing incentive payment (SIP) and a practice incentive payment (PIP)

CRP36 is limited to the nine states which fall within the Longleaf Pine National CRP Priority Area: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.



Eligible Land

- Planted or considered planted at least 4 out of 6 years between 2012 and 2017
- Capable of being planted to an agricultural commodity
- Compliant with USDA's highly erodible land and wetland provisions
- Located in the Longleaf Pine National CRP Priority Area

Practice Requirements

- Prepare the site for growth of selected species
- Establish and maintain permanent vegetative cover
- Control noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests
- Do not use fertilizer

Owner/Operator Eligibility

Participants must:

- Have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to program sign-up
- Be in control of the land for the length of the contract
- Meet USDA payment eligibility provisions

Obligations

Participants will:

- Not harvest or graze the practice area except under certain approved conditions
- Work with USDA-approved conservationist to develop a conservation plan
- Perform periodic management activities according to the conservation plan
- Complete practice establishment within 12 months of the effective date of the contract

Proven Conservation Benefits

- Establishing longleaf pine forests is among the most effective forest management practices for carbon sequestration
- CRP reduced nutrient losses in FY 2020 by an estimated 400 million pounds of nitrogen and 78 million pounds of phosphorus
- In 2020, CRP lowered greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 30 million metric tons of CO₂—the same benefit as taking nearly 6 million cars off the road

FSA will ultimately determine participant and land eligibility.

For more information about FSA and its programs, visit fsa.usda.gov or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.