

Conservation Reserve Program

CP27 & CP28

FARMABLE WETLANDS PROGRAM

Restore Wetland Functions | Improve Water Quality | Enhance Wildlife Habitat



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 Farmable Wetlands?

The Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) is designed to help farmers retire chronically wet cropland and restore previously farmed wetlands. This conservation practice has major benefits for both the farmer and the environment. Establishing FWP practices:

- Restores wetland functions
- Enhances habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife
- Increases profitability by retiring lower-yielding cropland
- Improves water quality by intercepting sediment and nutrients
- Reduces downstream flooding damages

Financial Benefits

CP27/28 participants receive:

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

CP27 and CP28 are offered in continuous sign-up. CP27 must be enrolled in conjunction with CP28. For more information on CRP sign-up types, visit fsa.usda.gov.



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
- Under 40 acres

Practice Requirements

- Prepare the site for growth of selected species
- Establish and maintain permanent vegetative cover
- Apply nutrients as needed to ensure growth
- Control noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests

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

FSA will ultimately determine participant and land eligibility.

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

- CRP contributes to a net increase of an estimated one million ducks per year
- 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

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