

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

(CRP)



What Incentives Does CRP Offer?

-Cost Share: The Farm Service Agency will pay up to 50% of the eligible costs of establishing CRP farming methods

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-Signing Incentive Payment: \$10/acre for each eligible acre enrolled for each full year of the CRP contract

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-Performance Incentive Payment: One-time incentive payment made for enrolling in certain practices.

-The maximum annual non-cost share payment that an eligible "person" can receive under CRP is \$50,000/fiscal year

-How Does CRP Work?-

In exchange for a yearly payment, farmers enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and to plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are 10-15 years in length and are administered by the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce loss of wildlife habitat. CRP practices contribute to the long-term goals of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Strategy by creating reserves and incentivizing practices that can help capture carbon and reduce greenhouse gases.

Who Is Eligible?

Landowners- Farmer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to the previous CRP sign-up period

Land- Cropland that is planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the previous 6 crop years,

-And-

-Cropland that is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity

For more information on eligibility visit:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/prospective-participants/index>

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Steps to NRCS Assistance

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PLANNING

Visit your local NRCS office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.

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APPLICATION

With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.

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ELIGIBILITY

As part of applying, NRCS will file paperwork to ensure your eligibility for assistance.

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RANKING

NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.

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IMPLEMENTING

Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.



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-How To Apply For CRP-

Sign-ups for CRP happen on a continual basis. Call or visit the NRCS office in your local USDA Service Center to apply or learn more about the CRP:

Oroville Service Center

150 Chuck Yeager Way

Oroville, CA 95965-9215

Phone: (530) 534-0112

Email: Daniel.taverner@ca.usda.gov

Website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>



-CRP Online Resources-

-Learn more about the **Conservation Reserve Program** online at :

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index>

-Get started with NRCS:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/home/?cid=stelprdb1193811>

-The SALC Strategy is a set of tools and information intended to assist farmers, ranchers, and other members of the public in voluntarily conserving agricultural lands, and in implementing farming and ranching practices that will help achieve the key sustainability goals of carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, water conservation, and groundwater recharge.

-Learn more about the Butte County **Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Strategy:**

<https://www.buttecounty.net/dds/planning/grants/SALC>

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SALC Strategy

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www.buttecounty.net/dds/
home.aspx](http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/home.aspx)



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