

CRP Initiatives Are Tailored To Farmers' Needs

- Through CRP General and Continuous Sign-up, producers help protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program targets high-priority conservation issues of both local and national significance through partnerships with States
- Farmable Wetlands Program protects farmed and prior-converted wetlands
- Bottomland Hardwood Tree Initiative sequesters greenhouse gases
- Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative increases quail populations
- Wetlands Restoration Initiative restores playa lakes and prairie potholes

The Farm Service Agency, working closely with private landowners, farmers, commodity groups, sports enthusiasts, wildlife groups, conservation leaders, State and local communities, and other interested individuals, has made impressive progress in meeting the President's challenge to initiate a plan for maintaining and expanding the benefits of CRP in the future. CRP is good for families who make a living from farming, good for the land, good for wildlife, good for water and air quality, and good for our country.

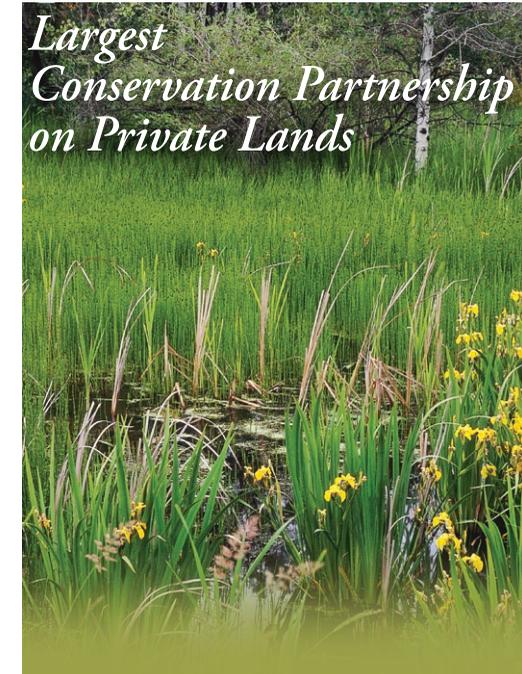
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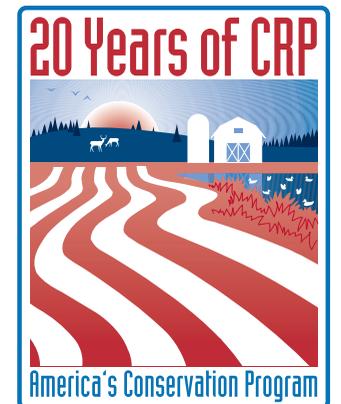
Conservation Reserve Program

Largest Conservation Partnership on Private Lands



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The Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program for agricultural land owners and operators. CRP provides annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on certain eligible farmland through long-term rental contracts. CRP provides a variety of options for restoring and protecting highly erodible land, wetland acres, and other land. Nationwide, 424,000 farmers participate in this program, with more than 35 million acres enrolled.

An important subset of CRP is the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – or CREP. CREP uses unique State, Federal, and private partnerships that allow participants to receive incentive payments for installing State-specific targeted conservation practices. Nationwide, 773,000 acres are enrolled in CREP in 27 States that have developed 34 partnership agreements with FSA. Included in this total are about 90,000 wetland and buffer acres.

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CRP Works!

- 450 million tons of erosion reduced per year
- 2 million acres of wetlands and adjacent buffers restored
- 48 million metric tons of carbon dioxide reduced
- 170,000 stream miles protected
- Water supplies protected for New York City; Columbus, Ohio; Raleigh, North Carolina; and over 40 rural towns in Missouri through CREP
- An additional \$1 billion of State and private conservation funds contributed to implement CREP
- An additional 2.3 million ducks per year produced on CRP lands in the Prairie Pothole Region
- Nearly 750,000 Northern Bobwhite Quail produced annually on CRP lands
- 34 CREP partnership agreements developed in 27 States

