

USDA'S CONTINUOUS CRP PROGRAM

What Is It?

USDA's Continuous CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) provides an opportunity for producers, at any time, to enroll eligible acreage into conservation buffers that are highly beneficial in protecting water quality and preventing soil erosion.

What Are the Landowner/ Operator Eligibility Requirements?

Land eligible for enrollment includes cropland that is physically and legally capable of being cropped in a normal manner, and that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity in 4 out of 6 years from 1996-2001. The acreage must also be determined eligible and suitable for conservation practices.

Technical Staff will base your Annual Payment rate on the following items:

1. Soil Productivity. A set rental rate (based on soil productivity) has been determined for each soil type in Allen County. The Allen County Soil Survey will be used to figure what types of soil are on the land you wish to enroll. (If your land has several different types, the 3 most predominate soils will be factored in your payment rate.)
2. An Additional 20% premium will be added. This is an extra incentive for enrolling acres into these beneficial conservation practices.
3. A \$5.00/acre maintenance premium will be added.

PAYMENT EXAMPLE FOR ALLEN COUNTY

Soil Type	Pewamo (PE)
Rental Value	\$98.00/acre
20% Bonus	\$19.60/acre
Maintenance	\$5.00/acre
Total Payment	\$122.60/acre

In addition to your annual payment, for a 10 -year contract you will receive a one time \$100/acre sign- up bonus; for a 15 -year contract you will receive a \$150/acre sign up bonus.

Filter Strips

Grass strips (grass, legumes, or other vegetation) along streams, ponds, lakes or ditches, filter runoff by trapping sediment, pesticides, organic matter, or other pollutants. Filter strips need to be a minimum width of 20 feet and a maximum of 120 feet.

Grass Waterways

Grass waterways are constructed channels that are planted with vegetation to protect soil from erosion during rains. Grass waterways can help heal gullies and washouts, and generally reduce the delivery of sedimentation to streams, ponds and lakes. Waterways must be installed according to NRCS specifications.

To learn more about this program or to schedule an appointment, please call Sherman Liechty, Fay Earnhart or Cassandra Vondran at 260-484-5848 ext 3, or stop by the office, located at: 3718 New Vision Drive, Suite Fort Wayne, IN 46845

HOW MUCH CAN I GET PAID?

Currently, Continuous CRP has a cost-share rate of **50% plus an additional 40% bonus totaling 90% for installing filter strips and/or grass waterways!!** (Note: Eligibility requirements must be met prior to installation.) This means that you will be reimbursed 90% of your costs to implement filter strip and grass waterway practices. You, the landowner, will be responsible for the other 10%. (The average cost of installing filter strips is approximately \$120.00 an acre.) So the landowner installing one acre of filter strip (along an open ditch) would have an expense of approximately \$12.00. **The landowner would also receive an Annual Payment based on the criteria explained inside this brochure.**

ANNUAL PAYMENTS!

**90%
INSTALLATION
COSTS
REIMBURSED!**

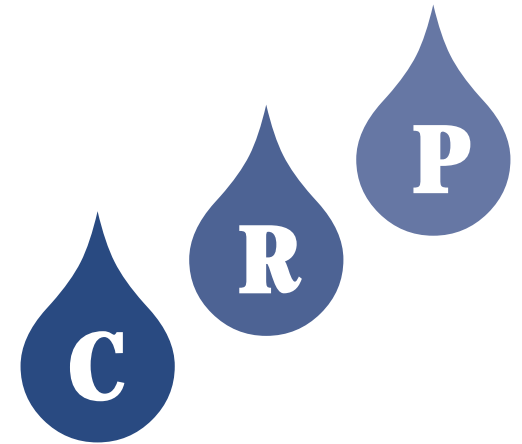
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**AUTOMATIC
ACCEPTANCE!**

**NO DEADLINE
FOR
ENROLLMENT!**

**GIVE US 20 MINUTES TO
EXPLAIN...**

How the
Continuous CRP
Program can
Financially Benefit
You &
Environmentally
Benefit Our Water
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