

Marginal Cropland? Enroll in CCRP Today

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) has been one of the most popular and effective conservation programs that the USDA administers. Through the CRP program, landowners enter into 10-15 year contracts and agree to establish a conservation cover on the land, typically native grasses and forbs. In return the landowner receives cost share for establishing the cover and an annual rental payment based on your soil types at that location.



Pheasant in a CCRP Planting

On January 31, 2011 the USDA announced that additional payment incentives are being provided through CRP. The soil rental rates (SRR) for all CCRP practices have decreased by 4.5% in Le Sueur County. In total the Le Sueur County weighted average SRR decreased from \$158.37 to \$151.19. This is an average SRR and it does not include the 20% SRR incentive and other incentives (SIP & PIP) that most of the CCRP practices receive.

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Other CCRP Practices

There are other CCRP practices available to landowners that are not outlined in this brochure. Some of those practices include but are not limited to:

- **CP-22-Riparian Buffer***
- **CP-23-Wetland Restoration (within a 100 year flood plain)**
- **CP-23A-Wetland Restoration (outside a 100 year flood plain)**
- **CP-37-Duck Nesting Habitat***
- **CRP Wellhead Protection Practice***

**These practices have more restrictive eligibility requirements and may not include some of the incentives (SIP & PIP) as the practices previously outlined in this publication.*

To discuss CCRP on your property and determine your eligibility, call the Le Center Field Office today!!!

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THE CONTINUOUS CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

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Buffer the Rest.”*

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Shelterbelts and Living Snow Fences

Shelterbelts (CP-16A) and Living Snow Fences (CP-17A) are conservation tree plantings that can be established on your cropland.

Shelterbelts can be 3 to 8 rows of trees established to conserve energy, protect homes, buildings or animals and control snow deposition.

Living Snow Fences are 2 or 3 rows of trees which are designed to reduce snow deposition on driveways or roadways. These plantings can also provide excellent cover for wildlife and enhance the aesthetics of your property.



A Living Snow Fence in use along a major four lane highway in Minnesota

Size Requirements: Number of rows as described above.

Payment Rate: The established CRP rental rate is (\$129 to \$198 per acre)

Contract Length: 10 to 15 years

Signing Bonus: \$100 per acre (SIP)

Cost-Share: Up to 50% plus the additional 40% practice incentive payment (PIP)

Filter Strips

Filter Strips (CP-21) are established native grasses adjacent to rivers, streams, ditches, lakes or certain wetlands. The strips are established to physically separate cropland from the adjacent water bodies. The grasses are used to trap sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants before they reach streams and lakes. Not only do filter strips act to improve water quality, but they can also provide excellent cover and nesting habitat for upland game and bird species.



A drainage ditch before a Filter Strip was planted

A drainage ditch after a Filter Strip was planted

Size Requirements: Minimum width is 33' and maximum width 120'

Payment Rate: 120% of the established CRP rental rate (\$154 to \$237 per acre)

Contract Length: 10 to 15 years

Signing Bonus: \$100 per acre (SIP)

Cost-Share: Up to 50% plus the additional 40% practice incentive payment (PIP)



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Farmed Wetland Program

The Farmed Wetland Program (CP-27, CP-28) works to restore the functions and values of wetlands and surrounding uplands that have been devoted to agricultural use. They are composed of a wetland basin (CP-27) and a surrounding buffer area (CP-28). The buffers work to separate the restored wetland from the adjacent cropland. This practice also creates habitat for not only wetland species but upland game and other wildlife species as well.



A Farmed Wetland and its surrounding buffer

Size Requirements: Maximum size of the restored wetland is 40 acres. The adjacent buffer must be a minimum of 30 feet or a maximum of four times the size of the restored wetland.

Payment Rate: 120% of the established CRP rental rate (\$154 to \$237 per acre)

Contract Length: 10 to 15 years

Signing Bonus: \$100 per acre (SIP)

Cost-share: Up to 50% plus the additional 40% practice incentive payment (PIP)