

# Conservation Reserve Program

## CP41

### FARMABLE WETLANDS PROGRAM, FLOODED PRAIRIE WETLANDS

Improve Water Quality | Enhance Wildlife Habitat | Sequester Carbon



## 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 Flooded Prairie Wetlands?

Through the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) flooded prairie wetlands program, land previously converted to prairie is restored to its natural wetlands state. Re-establishing these wetlands:

- Mitigates erosion by reducing the negative impacts of wind and water
- Provides habitat for wildlife species
- Improves water quality by intercepting sediment and nutrients
- Sequesters carbon

CP41 is offered in general sign-up, as well as in continuous sign-up under certain conditions. For more information on CRP sign-up types, visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

## Financial Benefits

### CP41 participants receive:

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



## 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
- Receives water flow from an upstream watershed that is at least 25% row cropped

## Practice Requirements

- Prepare the site for growth of selected species
- Establish and maintain a site not to exceed 40 acres, with a maximum of 20 acres of wetland
- Develop a buffer zone not more than four times the size of the wetland
- Control noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests
- Ensure adequate nitrogen removal and other wetland functions

## 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

## 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

- Constructed wetlands in Iowa remove an average of over 5 tons of nitrate per year
- CRP contributes to a net increase of an estimated one million ducks per year
- In 2020, CRP lowered greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 30 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>—the same benefit as taking nearly 6 million cars off the road

*FSA will ultimately determine participant and land eligibility.*

*For more information about FSA and its programs, visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov) or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator).*