



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

### Continuation of Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program

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**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of authorization.

**SUMMARY:** The Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, extended the authorization of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), through September 30, 2024, for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) program administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). This notice provides information about CRP, which has been extended until September 30, 2024. CRP will be administered by and through its current terms and procedures.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Preston; telephone: (202) 720-9563; email: [Beverly.Preston@usda.gov](mailto:Beverly.Preston@usda.gov). Individuals who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### CRP

The Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22) maintains the CRP enrollment cap at the 27-million-acre level for FY 2024, unchanged from the 2018 Farm Bill. Current CRP enrollment is 24.8 million acres. CRP's purpose continues to be to cost-effectively assist producers in conserving and improving natural resources, restoring environmentally sensitive land by converting it to

long-term vegetative cover, and improving the health of grasslands. Producers may enroll in CRP's annual general and grassland signups. They may also enroll environmentally sensitive land through CRP's continuous signups. A continuous signup includes lands enrolled through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which allows States, Tribal governments, and nongovernmental organizations (NGO) to partner with FSA to implement CRP practices that address high priority conservation and environmental objectives at specific locations. The dates producers may begin offering new CRP contracts will be announced through the normal news release process.

### **Transition Incentives Program**

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP) was extended through September 30, 2024, with no changes. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-169) made additional funds available until September 30, 2031, unless any future amendatory legislation specifies another date. TIP incentivizes the voluntary transition of land enrolled in an expiring CRP contract from its current landowner or operator to a veteran, beginning, or socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production in a way that preserves established conservation practices.

Eligible landowners and operators, veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers and ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis beginning 2 years before the CRP contract expires. Landowners or operators who qualify for TIP may be eligible to receive additional annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP contract expires.

### **Forest Management Incentive**

The Forest Management Incentive (FMI) was extended through September 30, 2024, with no change. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-169) made

additional funds available until September 30, 2031, unless any future amendatory legislation specifies another date. FMI is available to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners currently participating in CRP to encourage management activities such as thinning and pruning of trees, which are used to provide conservation covers.

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