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# Conservation Security Program: Self-Assessment Workbook



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# About This Workbook

As you go through this workbook and answer questions about your operation, you will get a good idea about whether you are eligible for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) at this time. You will answer “yes,” “no,” or “not applicable” to most questions, and be asked to describe your operation. If the question covers a topic that is not relevant to your part of the country, mark NA for not applicable. Lastly, you will find out the next steps to start the application process.

If you are not eligible at this time, you will find out about programs that can help you achieve a higher level of conservation so that you may apply for CSP in the future.

- To determine your eligibility for CSP and to self-assess your operation, turn to page 3 and begin the self-assessment workbook.
- For definitions and photos describing terms used in this workbook, go to the Glossary, Appendix 1, page 25.

- To learn more about the eligibility requirements for CSP, go to Appendix 2, page 42.
- To learn more about conservation planning and for guidance on how to move forward to address your resource concerns, go to Appendix 3, page 43, call or visit your local NRCS or conservation district office, or visit the NRCS Web site: [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov).
- To learn more about conservation programs that may help you reach your conservation goals, turn to page 44.

This workbook also is available online from [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov). The interactive site allows you to log on and off at your convenience to complete the workbook at your own pace. Also, you may request a compact disk (CD) from your local NRCS office; the CD will allow you to fill out and print pages, which you can then bring to your local office.

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# About the Conservation Security Program

CSP supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural lands by providing assistance to producers to maintain and enhance natural resources.

CSP is designed to reward the best conservationists and motivate the rest. CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, and plant and animal life on Tribal and

private working lands. Working lands include cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pasture, and rangeland, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation.

The program is available in all 50 States, the Caribbean area, and the Pacific Basin area. The program provides equitable access to benefits to all producers, regardless of size of operation, crops produced, or geographic location.

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# Determine Initial Eligibility

At this time, CSP is available in selected priority watersheds only. Producers located within these watersheds are eligible to apply for the program. For more information about the watersheds selected, contact your local NRCS office, or go to the NRCS Web page:

**<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>**

List the location for the land, or portion of land, you wish to enroll.  
Note: The name or parcel identifier can be whatever term (or number) you want to use for the operation you wish to enroll in CSP.

NAME OR IDENTIFIER FOR PARCEL OR LAND UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

WATERSHED \_\_\_\_\_

And/or LEGAL LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
(Section/Township/Range)

\_\_\_\_\_

Words in **BLUE** are defined in Appendix 1. Mark "NA" if the question is not applicable.

**PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY**

YES     NO     NA

1. Do you **share in the risk of producing crops or livestock on this operation**?  
 Note regarding landlords: Landlords who receive only cash payments for renting the land are not currently eligible to apply for CSP on that acreage. Landlords who share in the risk of producing the crop or livestock and would share in the crop or livestock produced are eligible.

YES     NO     NA

2. Are you entitled to share in the crop or livestock available for marketing from the **agriculture operation**?

YES     NO     NA

3. Do you have **control of some or all of the land you manage** for the life of the proposed 5- to 10-year contract period?

YES     NO     NA

4. Is your **average adjusted gross income** less than or equal to \$2.5 million, or if greater than \$2.5 million, did 75 percent come from farming, ranching, or forestry?  
 Note: To participate in CSP, your average adjusted gross income for the 3 tax years immediately preceding the year the contract is approved cannot exceed \$2.5 million, unless at least 75 percent of the income was derived from agriculture.

**LAND ELIGIBILITY**

YES     NO     NA

5. Is at least part of your land **private agricultural land** or Tribal land?  
 Note: Public land is not eligible for CSP.

YES     NO     NA

6. Is your land in compliance with the **highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill**?

YES     NO     NA

7. Was your cropland **used for crop production or considered cropland** as part of a long-term rotation for 4 out of the last 6 years prior to May 13, 2002?

YES     NO     NA

8. Is this land currently **enrolled** in the **Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, or Grassland Reserve Program**?  
 Note: Land enrolled in CRP, WRP, or GRP cannot be a part of the CSP contract. Other land in your operation may be eligible. For example: You have a 1.2-acre CRP buffer on a 40-acre parcel you wish to enroll. All but the 1.2 acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program may be eligible for CSP.



## STEP 1 ANSWERS (INITIAL ELIGIBILITY)

Below are the Initial Eligibility answers. If your answers differ, at this time you may not be eligible for CSP. Please review your responses, and answer only for the land, or portion of land, that you wish to enroll in the CSP.

You can turn to Appendix 2 for information on eligibility requirements, and go to the CSP Web page to read the specific language that covers person and land eligibility.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes or NA – I am in compliance OR None of this land is highly erodible or considered wetlands.
7. Yes or NA – My cropland meets this criteria OR This land is not cropland.
8. No or NA – These acres are not enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, Wetland Reserve Program, or the Grassland Reserve Program.

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# Assess Land Use

Words in **BLUE** are defined in Appendix 1.

## WHAT KIND OF LAND USES DO YOU MANAGE?

Please check all land you wish to enroll in CSP.

- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland (including Hayland), Vineyards, or Orchards<br>Note: Cropland includes permanent hayland and hayland as part of a long-term rotation. Pasture that is not cultivated, but mowed for hay, is addressed as a Pastureland land use. | Page 7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastureland   | Page 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland   | Page 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead, Headquarters, or Livestock Feeding and Handling Areas  | Page 15 |

The following questions help to determine if the land you wish to enroll in CSP meets basic program requirements.

**CROPLAND (INCLUDING HAYLAND), VINEYARDS, OR ORCHARDS**

These questions help determine if the non-irrigated and irrigated [cropland](#), [hayland](#), [vineyards](#), or [orchards](#) you wish to enroll in CSP meet basic program requirements. Each question pertains to the land you wish to enroll in CSP. Mark "NA" if the question is not applicable.

**Managing Fertilizers and Nutrients on Cropland, Vineyards, or Orchards**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>1. Do you keep <a href="#">written records or documentation</a> of your nutrient management activities for each field, such as yields, soil analysis, plant tissue analysis, and nutrients applied – including animal waste?</p>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>2. Are you managing nutrients (for example, adding supplemental nitrogen) by following a <a href="#">nutrient management</a> plan or schedule that budgets nutrients based on soil and crop needs, and environmental risk?</p>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>3. Do you conduct <a href="#">soil tests</a> and/or <a href="#">plant tissue tests</a>?</p>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>4. If you have <a href="#">abandoned or active water wells</a> in your cropland, orchard, or vineyard, have you taken adequate steps to <a href="#">protect ground water</a>?</p>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>5. If you land <a href="#">apply animal manure or waste</a>, are you following a <a href="#">waste utilization</a> plan that includes adequate <a href="#">setbacks from surface waters</a> and other <a href="#">hydrologically active areas</a> (including <a href="#">sinkholes</a>, <a href="#">karst topography</a>, <a href="#">saline seeps</a>, <a href="#">ground water recharge areas</a>, <a href="#">wetlands</a>, and <a href="#">wellheads</a>)?</p>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>6. If cropland, vineyards, or orchards are grazed, are you <a href="#">managing livestock access</a> to rivers, streams, and other surface water?</p>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | <p>7. If cropland, vineyards, or orchards are grazed, are you following a <a href="#">grazing plan</a> which includes the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selecting kinds of domestic animals suited to the terrain, climate, and other existing grazing area conditions</li> <li>• Optimizing grazing distribution through placement of watering facilities, fences, or herding techniques</li> <li>• Identifying periods of grazing, rest, and other treatment for each management unit</li> <li>• Identifying and maintaining adequate cover on sensitive areas (riparian, wetland, and other habitats of concern)</li> <li>• Not negatively impacting any cultural resource or sensitive species</li> <li>• Identifying and monitoring key areas and key plants to evaluate grazing management decisions</li> </ul> |

YES  NO  NA

8. If cropland, vineyards, or orchards are grazed, are livestock prevented from direct access to [sinkholes](#), [unprotected wells](#), or other [direct conduits](#) to ground water?

**Managing Pests on Cropland, Vineyards, or Orchards**

YES  NO  NA

9. Do you keep [written records or documentation](#) of your pesticide application and [pest control methods](#) for each field?

YES  NO  NA

10. Are you following a [pest management](#) plan or schedule that includes, as needed, insects, invasive species, and weeds?

YES  NO  NA

11. Are you [scouting](#) for pests and using the information as a basis for applying pesticides?

YES  NO  NA

12. Have you assessed the [environmental risks of pesticide use](#) on your cropland, vineyards, or orchards and [addressed any risks with appropriate measures](#)?

**Managing Crops and Soil on Cropland, Vineyards, or Orchards**

YES  NO  NA

13. Do you grow [high-residue crops](#) at least 1 in 3 years in [rotation](#), apply a mulch, use a [cover crop](#) annually, and/or have [hay/pasture in rotation](#)?

YES  NO  NA

14. Do you maintain [cover](#) between the rows of your vineyards or orchards?

YES  NO  NA

15. Do you include any of the following in your crop [rotation](#):

- [No-till, strip-till, direct seeding, or mulch-till](#)
- Perennial sod or hay in rotation
- Add organic soil amendments such as manure or compost
- Grow [cover](#) and [green manure crops](#) to improve the soil
- If none of the above, do your soil tests indicate an increase in organic matter?

YES  NO  NA

16. If you are in an area of [saline or sodic soils](#), do you monitor soil salinity levels?

YES  NO  NA

17. If you have saline soils, do you use one or more of these techniques to manage salinity: managing your irrigation and drainage water, [deep tillage](#), [crop selection](#), [reduction in fallow](#), and/or [soil amendments](#) or planting [salt-tolerant crops](#)?

YES  NO  NA

18. Do you avoid operating equipment in your cropland, vineyards, or orchards when [soils are wet](#) to reduce [soil compaction](#)?

- YES    NO    NA      19. Are **sheet and rill erosion** controlled?
- YES    NO    NA      20. Is **wind erosion** controlled?
- YES    NO    NA      21. Have you **stabilized or treated ephemeral erosion or classic gullies** on your operation?

**Managing Irrigation on Cropland, Vineyards, or Orchards**

- YES    NO    NA      22. Do you inspect and make repairs to your irrigation system at least annually?
- YES    NO    NA      23. Do you keep records of irrigation dates and irrigation amounts applied relative to the crop growth stage?
- YES    NO    NA      24. Do you adjust your irrigation management for nutrient and pesticide applications?
- YES    NO    NA      25. Do you control **irrigation-induced erosion**, by using a **cover crop, perennial cover, polyacrylamide (PAM), residue management, or irrigation water management**?
- YES    NO    NA      26. Are you following an **irrigation water management** plan?

**PASTURELAND**

These questions help to determine if the [non-irrigated and irrigated pastureland](#) you want to enroll in CSP meets basic program requirements. Each question pertains to the land you wish to enroll in CSP. Mark "NA" if the question is not applicable.

**Managing Water Quality on Pastureland**

YES     NO     NA

1. Are you following a [grazing plan](#) which includes the following?
  - Selecting kinds of domestic animals suited to the terrain, climate, and other existing grazing area conditions
  - Optimizing grazing distribution through placement of watering facilities, fences, or herding techniques
  - Identifying periods of grazing, rest, and other treatment for each management unit
  - Identifying and maintaining adequate cover on sensitive areas (riparian, wetland, and other habitats of concern)
  - Not negatively impacting any cultural resource or sensitive species
  - Identifying and monitoring key areas and key plants to evaluate grazing management decisions

YES     NO     NA

2. Is forage availability balanced with livestock and wildlife demands (e.g., [forage and animal balance](#), including a completed forage production estimate, livestock numbers identified, and wildlife numbers estimated)?

YES     NO     NA

3. Do you keep [written records or documentation](#) of your pasture management activities for each field, such as grazing intensity, frequency, and duration of grazing periods, forage yields, livestock needs, soil analysis, and nutrients applied, including manure?

YES     NO     NA

4. Are you [managing livestock access](#) to rivers, streams, and other surface water?

YES     NO     NA

5. Do you conduct [soil tests](#) and/or [plant tissue tests](#)?

YES     NO     NA

6. Are you managing nutrients (for example, adding supplemental nitrogen) by following a [nutrient management](#) plan or schedule that budgets nutrients based on soil and plant needs and environmental risk?

YES     NO     NA

7. If you have [abandoned or active water wells](#) in your pasture, have you taken adequate steps to [protect ground water](#)?

YES     NO     NA

8. Are livestock prevented from direct access to [sinkholes, unprotected wells](#), or other [direct conduits](#) to ground water to protect water quality?

YES    NO    NA

9. If you land apply **animal manure or waste**, are you following a **waste utilization plan** that includes adequate **setbacks from surface waters** and other hydrologically active areas (including sinkholes, karst topography, saline seeps, ground water recharge areas, wetlands and wellheads, etc.)?

**Managing Pests on Pastureland**

YES    NO    NA

10. Have you assessed the **environmental risks of pesticide use** on your pasture and **addressed any risks with appropriate measures**?

YES    NO    NA

11. Do you keep **written records or documentation** of your pesticide application and **pest control methods** for each grazed area—pertaining to pesticide use and insect populations?

YES    NO    NA

12. Do you control **noxious weeds** and undesirable brush species?

YES    NO    NA

13. When you control noxious weeds and undesirable brush species, are you following a **pest management plan** that includes measures to protect water quality?

**Managing Forage and Soil on Pastureland**

YES    NO    NA

14. Do you manage grazing on pastureland to avoid **soil compaction**?

YES    NO    NA

15. Are **sheet and rill erosion** controlled?

YES    NO    NA

16. Is **wind erosion** controlled?

YES    NO    NA

17. Have you **stabilized or treated classic gullies** on your operation?

YES    NO    NA

18. If you are in an area of **saline or sodic soils**, do you monitor soil salinity levels?

YES    NO    NA

19. Do you manage salinity through one or more of the following: **subsurface drainage**, use of **soil amendments**, or use of appropriate crops (salt-tolerant forage)?

YES    NO    NA

20. Do you manage pasture **access roads** and trails to limit soil erosion?

**Managing Irrigation on Pastureland**

- |                              |                             |                             |   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 21. Do you control <a href="#">irrigation-induced erosion</a> ?                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 22. Do you inspect and make repairs to your irrigation system at least annually?      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 23. Do you adjust your irrigation management for nutrient and pesticide applications? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 24. Are you following an <a href="#">irrigation water management</a> plan?            |



## RANGELAND

These questions help to determine if the [rangeland](#) you wish to enroll in CSP meets basic program requirements. Each question pertains to the land you wish to enroll in CSP. Mark "NA" if the question is not applicable.

### Managing Water Quality on Rangeland

YES     NO     NA

1. Are you following a [grazing plan](#) which includes the following?
  - Selecting kinds of domestic animals suited to the terrain, climate, and other existing grazing area conditions
  - Optimizing grazing distribution through placement of watering facilities, fences, or herding techniques
  - Identifying periods of grazing, rest, and other treatment for each management unit
  - Identifying and maintaining adequate cover on sensitive areas (riparian, wetland, and other habitats of concern)
  - Not negatively impacting any cultural resource or sensitive species
  - Identifying and monitoring key areas and key plants to evaluate grazing management decisions

YES     NO     NA

2. Is forage availability balanced with livestock and wildlife demands (e.g., [forage and animal balance](#), including a completed forage production estimate, livestock numbers identified, and wildlife numbers estimated)?

YES     NO     NA

3. Do you keep [written records or documentation](#) of range management activities for each grazed area—pertaining to intensity, frequency, and duration of grazing periods, forage production, and livestock needs?

YES     NO     NA

4. If you have [abandoned or active water wells](#) on your rangeland, have you taken adequate steps to [protect ground water](#)?

YES     NO     NA

5. Are livestock prevented from direct access to [sinkholes](#), [unprotected wells](#), or other [direct conduits to ground water](#) to protect water quality?

YES     NO     NA

6. Are you [managing livestock access](#) to rivers, streams, and other surface water to maintain water quality?

YES     NO     NA

7. If you land apply [animal manure or waste](#), are you following a [waste utilization plan](#) that includes adequate [setbacks from surface waters](#) and other [hydrologically active areas \(including sinkholes, karst topography, saline seeps, ground water recharge areas, wetlands, and wellheads\)](#)?

### Managing Pests on Rangeland

- YES    NO    NA   8. Do you keep written records or documentation of your pesticide management for each grazed area, such as chemical use and invasive plant populations?
- 
- YES    NO    NA   9. Have you assessed the [environmental risks of pesticide use](#) on your rangeland and [addressed the risks with appropriate measures](#)?
- 
- YES    NO    NA   10. Do you control [noxious weeds](#) and undesirable brush species?
- 
- YES    NO    NA   11. When you control [noxious weeds](#) and undesirable brush species, are you following a [pest management](#) plan that includes measures to protect water quality?

### Managing Forage and Soil on Rangeland

- YES    NO    NA   12. Do you manage grazing on rangeland to avoid [soil compaction](#)?
- 
- YES    NO    NA   13. Have you [stabilized or treated classic gullies](#) on your operation?
- 
- YES    NO    NA   14. Do you manage pasture [access roads](#) to limit soil erosion?
- 
- YES    NO    NA   15. If you burn, are you following a [prescribed burning](#) plan?

**FARMSTEAD, HEADQUARTERS, OR LIVESTOCK FEEDING**

**AND HANDLING AREAS**

Note: This section is not required, except for the highest level of CSP.

These questions pertain if you wish to enroll your entire operation in CSP and help to determine if other areas within your operation meet basic program requirements. Mark "NA" if the question is not applicable.

**Livestock Feeding and Handling Areas (production areas, including dairy, poultry, feeding operations, etc.)**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 1. Do you inspect for leaks in pipelines, manure storage, or transfer facilities and equipment? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 2. Do you manage runoff from manure handling and feed handling areas?                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 3. Do you control runoff from traps, lots, and other livestock concentration areas?             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 4. Do you properly dispose of livestock mortalities?  |

**Wells**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 5. Is the wellhead location appropriate and are protection components in place for all potential sources of contamination? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitary well cap, tightly secured with a screened vent</li> <li>• Pitless adaptor</li> <li>• Other State-identified components</li> <li>• Surface runoff cannot reach the area immediately surrounding the well</li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 6. Is your well cased?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 7. Does the well casing extend above the ground (meets State and local standards)?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA | 8. Are all abandoned wells properly plugged?  |

**Fertilizer/Pesticide Storage and Handling Areas**

YES    NO    NA

9. Is the well located a safe distance from the fertilizer/pesticide storage site and/or [mixing and loading areas](#)?

YES    NO    NA

10. If the fertilizer/pesticide storage site is located on highly permeable soil (sandy soil), is there secondary containment?

YES    NO    NA

11. Is rinse water from cleaning fertilizer/pesticide application equipment properly disposed of?

YES    NO    NA

12. Are used pesticide containers properly disposed of?

## STEP 2 ANSWERS (LAND USE)

Below are the self-assessment answers. If your answers differ, you may not be eligible for CSP at this time. Please see the information on the next page. To continue the pre-application process, go to "Describe Your Operation" on page 19.

<b>Cropland, Vineyards, or Orchards</b>	<b>Pastureland</b>	<b>Rangeland</b>	<b>Farmstead, Headquarters, or Livestock Feeding and Handling Areas</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes or NA</li> <li>2. Yes or NA</li> <li>3. Yes or NA</li> <li>4. Yes or NA</li> <li>5. Yes or NA</li> <li>6. Yes or NA</li> <li>7. Yes or NA</li> <li>8. Yes or NA</li> <li>9. Yes or NA</li> <li>10. Yes or NA</li> <li>11. Yes or NA</li> <li>12. Yes or NA</li> <li>13. Yes or NA</li> <li>14. Yes or NA</li> <li>15. Yes or NA</li> <li>16. Yes or NA</li> <li>17. Yes or NA</li> <li>18. Yes or NA</li> <li>19. Yes or NA</li> <li>20. Yes or NA</li> <li>21. Yes or NA</li> <li>22. Yes or NA</li> <li>23. Yes or NA</li> <li>24. Yes or NA</li> <li>25. Yes or NA</li> <li>26. Yes or NA</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes or NA</li> <li>2. Yes or NA</li> <li>3. Yes or NA</li> <li>4. Yes or NA</li> <li>5. Yes or NA</li> <li>6. Yes or NA</li> <li>7. Yes or NA</li> <li>8. Yes or NA</li> <li>9. Yes or NA</li> <li>10. Yes or NA</li> <li>11. Yes or NA</li> <li>12. Yes or NA</li> <li>13. Yes or NA</li> <li>14. Yes or NA</li> <li>15. Yes or NA</li> <li>16. Yes or NA</li> <li>17. Yes or NA</li> <li>18. Yes or NA</li> <li>19. Yes or NA</li> <li>20. Yes or NA</li> <li>21. Yes or NA</li> <li>22. Yes or NA</li> <li>23. Yes or NA</li> <li>24. Yes or NA</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes or NA</li> <li>2. Yes or NA</li> <li>3. Yes or NA</li> <li>4. Yes or NA</li> <li>5. Yes or NA</li> <li>6. Yes or NA</li> <li>7. Yes or NA</li> <li>8. Yes or NA</li> <li>9. Yes or NA</li> <li>10. Yes or NA</li> <li>11. Yes or NA</li> <li>12. Yes or NA</li> <li>13. Yes or NA</li> <li>14. Yes or NA</li> <li>15. Yes or NA</li> </ol>	<p>(Required only if you wish to enroll your entire operation in CSP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes or NA</li> <li>2. Yes or NA</li> <li>3. Yes or NA</li> <li>4. Yes or NA</li> <li>5. Yes or NA</li> <li>6. Yes or NA</li> <li>7. Yes or NA</li> <li>8. Yes or NA</li> <li>9. Yes or NA</li> <li>10. Yes or NA</li> <li>11. Yes or NA</li> <li>12. Yes or NA</li> </ol>

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## If You Are Not Eligible at This Time

If you evaluated your entire operation in the self-assessment and believe your operation is not eligible for CSP at this time, you may want to:

- Try the self-assessment again to identify a smaller portion of your land that may be eligible
- Identify the remaining conservation work outlined in your conservation plan. If you don't have a conservation plan, contact your local NRCS office for help in developing one for your farm or ranch. To find out more about conservation planning, see Appendix 3.
- Look to other conservation programs (listed in Appendix 3) for assistance in implementing conservation practices that may help you become eligible in the future
- Obtain technical assistance from your local NRCS office

# Describe Your Operation

This page shows an EXAMPLE in green.  
Your Description begins on the next page.

Describe the fields or portion of your farm or ranch that you are proposing for CSP.

**AG OPERATION NAME:** Jones Farm and Ranch

**For the land you wish to enroll in CSP:**

- Describe your crop rotation and associated tillage  
OR
- Describe your pasture rotation and associated grass management

Land Use/ Field/Acres	Crop Rotation/Tillage OR Pasture Rotation/Grass Management	Conservation work already installed or in use on this field
crop Field 1 28 ac.	Corn/Soybean rotation - No-till corn into soybean residue. Disk corn residue one time prior to planting soybean in corn residue	Terraces, grassed waterway, reduced tillage
range North End 240 ac.	120 acres 2 pasture switch back	Alternative watering sites, buffer, stream crossing, spring burn, salt placement

**For the land you wish to enroll in CSP:**

- Describe any new or innovative activities, techniques, or methods used in your operation

Activity/technique/ method	Description
Yield Monitoring	tracking yield within the field and modifying fertilizer application throughout field based on yield map
Using Grazing and Spatial Analysis Tool (GSAT)	using GSAT to balance available forage and animal demand for the year



# Describe Your Operation

Describe the fields or portion of your farm or ranch that you are proposing for CSP.

The name or parcel identifier can be whatever term (or number) you use for the operation you wish to enroll in CSP.

**AG OPERATION NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For the land you wish to enroll in CSP:**

- Describe your crop rotation and associated tillage  
OR
- Describe your pasture rotation and associated grass management

Land Use/ Field/Acres	Crop Rotation/Tillage OR Pasture Rotation/Grass Management	Conservation work already installed or in use on this field

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# Describe Your Operation (cont.)

**For the land you wish to enroll in CSP:**

- Describe any new or innovative activities, techniques, or methods used in your operation

Activity/technique/ method	Description

Draw a general map, or fasten a map of the land you wish to enroll in CSP here.

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# Workbook Completed! Congratulations!

Now that you have completed the self-assessment workbook, please bring the following to your local NRCS office to submit your application:

1. This completed workbook
2. Plan map or aerial photo of your operation (if available)
3. Identification (and location, if possible) of practices installed on each field
4. The written records and documentation you've identified in the workbook (at least 2 years of records). See page 40 for examples of records you will need. Records can be as simple as a pocket calendar record or as complex as a computer printout.
5. Number of acres and crop rotations for each field
6. Management activities being used, such as nutrient management, pest management, grazing management, haying, etc.
7. Application amounts and rates for fertilizers, pesticides, manure application, etc.
8. Location of wells, roads, windbreaks, storage buildings, etc.
9. If you do not own the land, copies of agreements that refer to the land you wish to enroll in CSP, such as lease, power of attorney, or a letter from the landowner indicating that you have current control of the farming operation.