



Farm Service Agency

Conservation Reserve Program

CLEAR30 PILOT

FACT SHEET
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What is the CLEAR30 Pilot?

The CLEAR30 Pilot is a first-time opportunity to enroll in a 30-year CRP contract. Certain CRP water quality practices under continuous CRP contracts that are expiring on September 30, 2020 may be offered into CLEAR30. If re-enrolled these practices, will continue to reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms. The Pilot will be focused in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay Priority Areas. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides farmers and landowners with different signup types, practices and initiatives like this to achieve many farming and conservation goals.

Producers may reenroll these CRP Practices in CLEAR30:

- CP-8A – Grass Waterways
- CP-15A – Contour Grass Strips
- CP-15B – Contour Grass Strips on Terraces
- CP-21 – Filter Strips
- CP21B – Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strip
- CP21S – Saturated Filter Strips
- CP22 – Riparian Buffer
- CP22B – Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers
- CP22S – Saturated Riparian Buffer
- CP23 – Wetland Restoration
- CP23A – Wetland Restoration, Non flood plain
- CP29 – Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
- CP30 – Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
- CP31 – Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
- CP37 – Duck Nesting Habitat

CLEAR Continued Impacts

- Decreased Erosion
- Improved Water Quality
- Increase Wildlife Habitat
- Longer Term Conservation

Financial Benefits

- 30 years of annual rental payments
- Rental rate enhancement of 27.5%
- Producer may choose to have maintenance fully covered by FSA or receive maintenance payments equal to 75% of the cost of maintenance.





Eligible Land

Cropland in the following states: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The cropland must be currently enrolled under a CRP contract in a Continuous CRP water quality practice, with the contract expiring September 30, 2020. Certain marginal pastureland that is devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, or wetland buffers is also eligible to enroll in the CLEAR30 Pilot, but also must be under a CRP contract expiring on September 30, 2020.

Sign up Period

Producers may apply for CLEAR30 from July 6 - August 21, 2020. CLEAR30 contracts will be effective October 1, 2020.

More Information

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