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CONSERVATION PAYS - SIGN UP NOW!

Reasons to sign up for CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

Up-front Signing Bonus of \$100-\$150 per acre for high priority practices

Increased profits - Yearly rental rates based on soil productivity. (except Buffers in marginal pasture).

Cost of Establishment is Reimbursed 50% with an added **40%** as long as the money lasts

A Maintenance fee is included in rental rate to pay for mowing and spraying

Grasses and Trees will Filter Water entering rivers and streams.

Wildlife habitat is improved

Contracts are for 10 or 15 years

No Bidding - you will know the rental rate per acre before you sign the contract

The New Farm Bill may include credit for conservation practices you have established.

ELIGIBLE PRACTICES:

Filterstrips

Grass strip around rivers, streams, drainage ditches

Riparian Buffers

Trees and grasses around rivers and perennial streams
(Buffers in marginal pasture have a maximum rental rate)

New waterways

Contour Buffer Strips

Farmable Wetlands

Prairie potholes of 5 acres or less plus surrounding acres

\$ CONSERVATION PAYS \$

Sign up NOW at FSA for Contract to begin this spring

- Sign a CRP-2 at your FSA office (Not a contract) and designate the area and practice
- Eligibility and soil types will be determined by NRCS
- FSA will figure the rental rate (range could be \$120-\$190 per acre depending upon soil types)
- Sign the CRP Contract and Conservation Plan.
- You receive the signing bonus immediately
- The next spring, complete the seeding or other requirements (cost-shared 90%)
- Each October 1 you will receive the yearly contracted rental rate
- There are some restrictions on use of land (no grazing or haying)

