

Benefits of CSP

Conservation benefits derived from maintaining and enhancing natural resources will:

- improve water and soil quality.
- assist in addressing global climate change.
- encourage environmentally responsible energy production.

Sign up now at NRCS offices

CSP sign up is available nationwide on a continuous basis. You can contact your local NRCS Service Center for more information or find us on the web at www.in.nrcs.usda.gov



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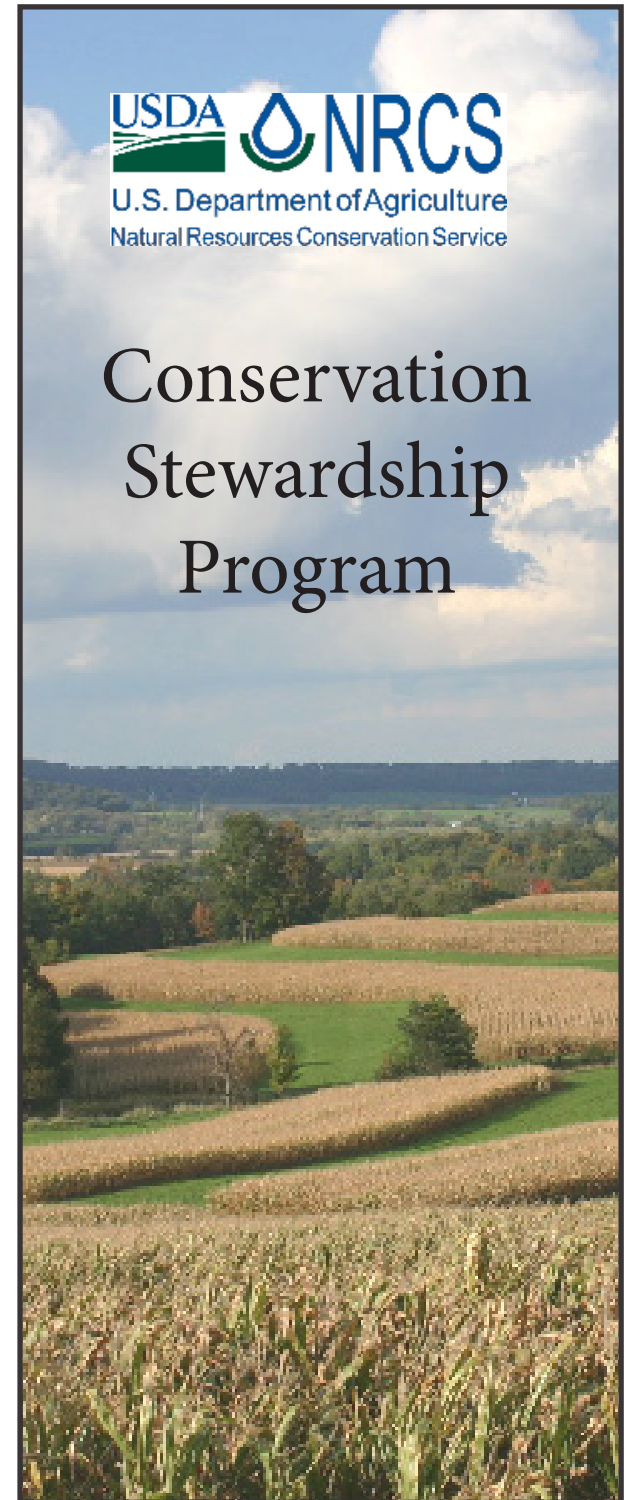
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Being a good steward of the land has its rewards.

The new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is designed to help you maintain your present conservation activities and make new conservation improvements, such as improved erosion control, better water quality practices, or wildlife habitat management, or energy efficiency improvements.

Is CSP right for you?

CSP involves a five-year contract in which the farmer agrees to maintain existing conservation and to do more over the life of the contract. It also requires time and good documentation of your farm conservation activities, which are used to determine eligibility and ranking.

The NEW CSP.

CSP is revamped from its predecessor, the Conservation Security Program. The program is available statewide. Contracts are for five years, and can be renewed. The whole farm can be enrolled in the program. Non-industrial private forestland is also eligible to be enrolled in CSP.

Are you Eligible?

Indiana farmers can check to see if they may be eligible by completing a self screening checklist. This is available online at www.in.nrcs.usda.gov. If eligible, contact the NRCS office to schedule a time to apply for CSP.

Conservation Measurement Tool

The Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT) was created to estimate the level of environmental benefit projected by each producer's planned conservation activities. The CMT is used for ranking and to determine payment.

Indiana Priority Resource Concerns

CSP shifts significant decision-making from the national level to States. NRCS in consultation with the State Technical Committee and local workgroups, will focus program impacts on natural resources that are of priority concern for Indiana, or a specific area of the State.

Your Records.

Applicants must be the operator of record in the Farm Service Agency record system to ensure NRCS is working with those responsible for the operation's day-to-day management and decision-making. Producers must address at least one resource concern at the time of application and another priority resource concern by the end of the contract at a minimum for the program eligibility.

Payment Types

CSP supports on-going stewardship of private agricultural and forest lands by providing payments for maintaining and enhancing natural resources. Payments for agricultural land range from \$10 to \$40 per acre. Payments for forest land range from \$2 to \$14 per acre.

