

WHAT IS CREP?

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a partnership among farmers, state and federal governments, and private groups that pays landowners to conserve and enhance their land.

Land enrolled in CREP is removed from production and grazing under a 10 – 15 year contract. Enrollees agree to establish and maintain approved conservation practices designed to improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on environmentally sensitive land.

Landowners benefit by receiving reliable income on marginally productive land next to creeks and other waterways. In addition to annual rental payments, maintenance payments and signing incentives, many landowners also report improved livestock health, increased production and satisfaction in doing their part to conserve our natural resources.

For more information about Pennsylvania's CREP program or to find the FSA office nearest to you, visit

CREPPA.org

CREP is administered by the USDA
Farm Service Agency.



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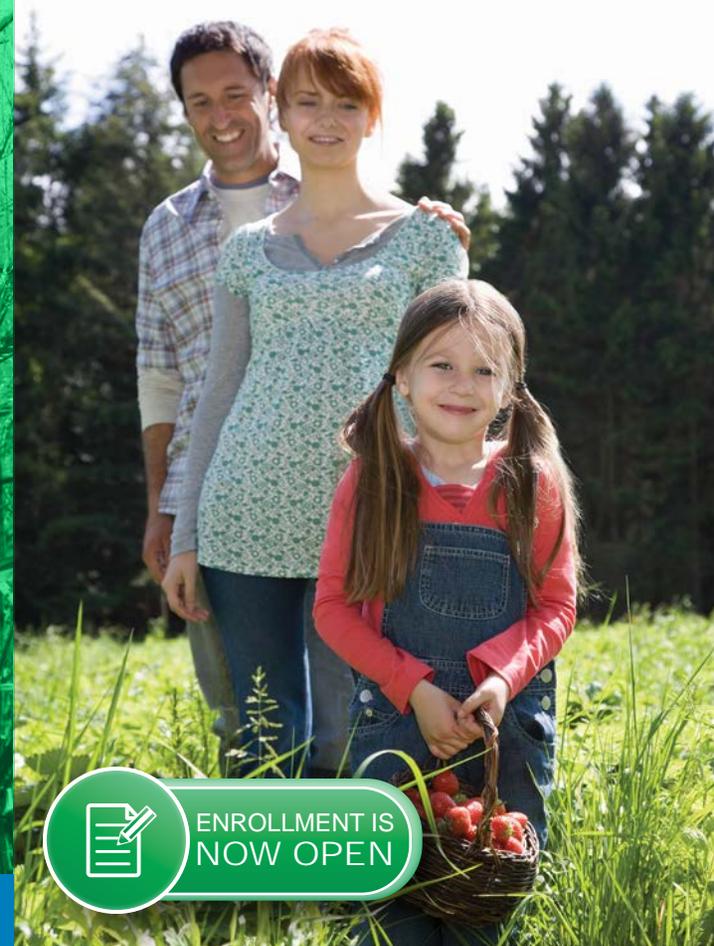


CREP

Conservation Reserve
Enhancement Program

Helping Landowners

Protecting Natural Resources



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BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Enrolling in CREP Benefits Landowners

-  Reliable income on marginally productive land
-  Improved livestock health; increased production
-  Reduced streambank erosion and soil loss
-  Professional help to design and manage conservation practices
-  A public demonstration of good stewardship
-  Reduced flooding and cleaner, healthier waterways
-  Improved habitat for fish, wildlife and game

Landowner Responsibility

-  To successfully establish and maintain the conservation practices as planned



CONSERVATION PRACTICES AND RENTAL RATES

CREP Payments

Each CREP contract is unique. Soil type, conservation practices, site slope and other factors are used to determine the annual rental rates and other payments you may receive. Visit www.creppa.org for more information. Contact your local FSA office to speak to a CREP representative about your situation and to calculate payments.

CREP Conservation Practices Include

- Riparian Buffers
- Establishing Permanent Grasses on Highly Erodible Cropland
- Establishing Permanent Native Grasses
- Creating Wildlife Habitat
- Hardwood Tree Planting
- Grass Waterways
- Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
- Livestock Exclusion from Streams
- Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover
- Wetland Restoration
- Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
- Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer



HOW TO ENROLL

Landowners with unforested areas close to a stream, pond or wetland may be eligible to participate in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

Enrollment begins by contacting the local FSA office to discuss the CREP program and how well suited it is for your particular situation. Next, a CREP representative will visit your land to determine which conservation practices are suitable for you and your property.

An enrollment offer is then prepared which includes the proposed conservation practices, the annual rental rate, the cost share to install the practices and other incentive payments that may be available. After your CREP representative reviews the offer with you and answers any questions you may have, you have 30 days to accept the offer.

For more information or to find the Farm Service Agency Office closest to you visit: www.creppa.org

