

CREP Payment Descriptions

CREP pays participating Pennsylvania Landowners an annual rental payment for enrolled land and also helps pay for installation and maintenance of eligible conservation practices. Incentive payments may also be made for certain conservation practices. The following examples illustrate a few possible scenarios and an estimate of payments that could be made to the landowner.

Contact your local Farm Service Agency office to discuss your particular situation.

Types of CREP Payments:

Signing Incentive Payment (SIP): A one-time incentive payment for land enrolled in a grass waterway, riparian buffer or filter strip practice. This payment is made soon after the contract has been signed and approved.

Practice Incentive Payment (PIP): A one-time incentive payment equal to about 40 percent of the eligible cost for certain practices. This payment is made soon after the practice is installed.

Payment to Establish Practice (Cost Share): A one-time payment towards the eligible cost of installation of the conservation practice. Cost of the payment is shared by the USDA (50%) and PA DEP (50% up to a maximum amount per/acre/practice). Payment is made after the practice is installed and certified.

* **Annual Rental Payment:** The soil rental rate (SRR), soil type, erodibility Index (EI), conservation practice and other factors are used to calculate the Annual Rental Payment. Annual rental payment is made after October 1st of each year of the contract.

* **Maintenance Rate Payments:** The maintenance payment rate is based on the practice installed and is included in the annual payment calculation. Maintenance costs are approved on a case by case basis.

* **Note:** Annual Rental Payments and Maintenance Rate Payments are calculated on specific site conditions and conservation practices installed. Therefore, they are not shown in the examples below. Contact your local FSA office to determine the Annual Rental Payment and Maintenance Payments you will receive.