

WHAT IS CSP?

Conservation Stewardship Program, a program for working lands to make improvements on a full farm level to improve conservation and stewardship of natural resources.

Applications for are accepted throughout the year, but funding is determined after a set cut-off date each year.

Example:

Farmer Joe

*5 Year Contract

Enhancements:

- > Multiple Mode of Action
- > Nutrient Stabilizers
- > Nutrient Efficiency Enhancement Products

*Receives an Average of \$25/Acre/Year for implementing these new practices

Why Should I Apply for NRCS Programs?

Programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are here to help the grower make profitable decisions that combine *Sustainable* farming or ranching practices with new technologies and innovation while conserving our land's most precious resources, including water, soil, and air.

What is RCPP?

Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Projects in Critical Conservation Areas or High Impact Areas that encourage partnerships between NRCS and other conservation groups to join in efforts with producers to increase the restoration and sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife and related natural resources on a regional or watershed scale.

Example:

Farmer Jenny

*Lives in GMD affiliated with RCPP

*Qualifies for Irrigation Management Program

*Receives \$\$ to help offset cost of implementing and utilizing soil moisture probes on qualified acres

WHAT IS EQIP?

Environmental Quality Incentives Program, a program that allows producers to improve structural or management practices that optimize environmental benefits in an area with an identifiable resource concern on a field by field basis.

Applications for the upcoming Farm Year are welcome at any time. Those turned in before August 31 receive extra points

Example:

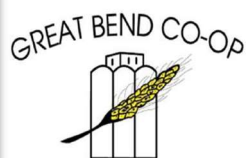
Farmer Ed

*5 Year Contract

Wants to change from Flood Irrigation to Subsurface Drip on an 80 Acre Field

*Resource Concern: Water Quantity

*Because Farmer Ed can show in increase in efficiency and less wasted water, he receives \$750/Ac to implement changes. This covers a portion of his cost of conversion.



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