



Lunch and Learn: CRP CLEAR30

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Agenda

- **Overview of CRP**
- **What is CLEAR30?**
- **Eligibility Requirements**
- **Unique Options**
- **Application Process**
- **FSA Outreach**
- **Stakeholder Engagement with FSA**



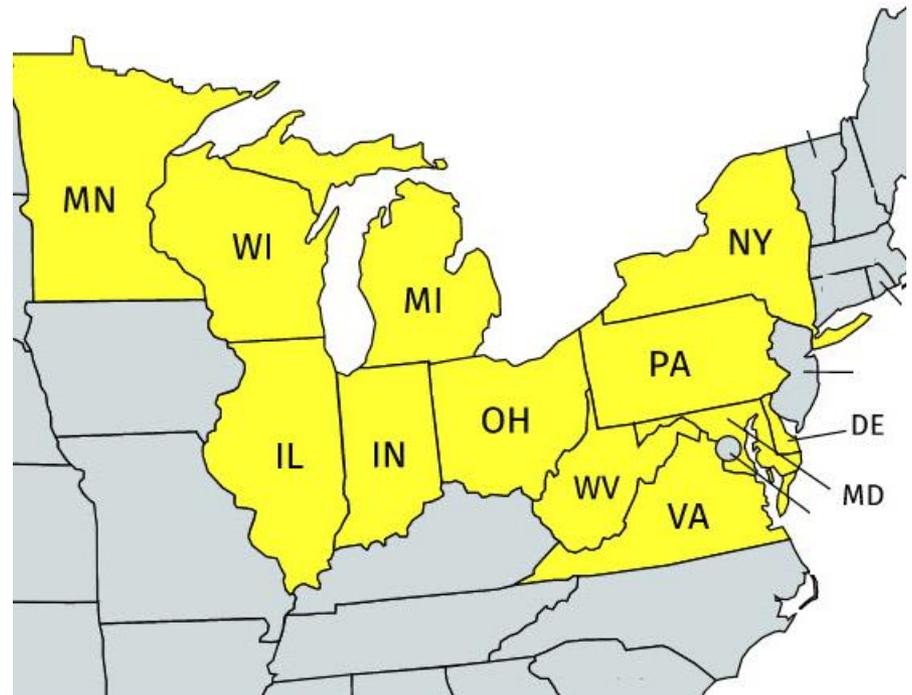
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)



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CRP CLEAR30

- **What:** A new pilot under CRP where existing CRP water quality practices can be re-enrolled into 30 year contracts
- **Pilot Location:** 12 States
- **Sign-up Dates:** July 6-August 21





CLEAR30 Eligibility

- **Only Existing Practices**, Expiring September 30, 2020
- **Certain Water Quality Practices include:** Grass Waterways; Contour Grass Strips; Contour Grass Strips on Terraces; Filter Strips; Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strip; Saturated Filter Strips; Riparian Buffer; Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers; Saturated Riparian Buffer; Wetland Restoration; Wetland Restoration, Non flood plain; Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer; Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer; Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands; Duck Nesting Habitat.

What's unique about CLEAR30?

Maintenance covered for the full 30-year contract, two options:

1. Landowner can opt to continue to do the maintenance themselves and FSA pays them to do it.
2. Landowner can opt for FSA to contract a vendor to conduct the maintenance.



What's unique about CLEAR30?

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Annual Rental Payment

- There is a 27.5% enhancement to the annual rental payment vs enrolling in a 10-15 contract under Continuous CRP.



Application Process



Those interested in enrolling into CLEAR30 should:

- Call local office and tell them you're interested in enrolling.
- FSA can then generate the forms needed, and email them
 - OneSpan can then be used for electronic signatures
 - Find out more about OneSpan at:
<https://www.farmers.gov/mydocs>

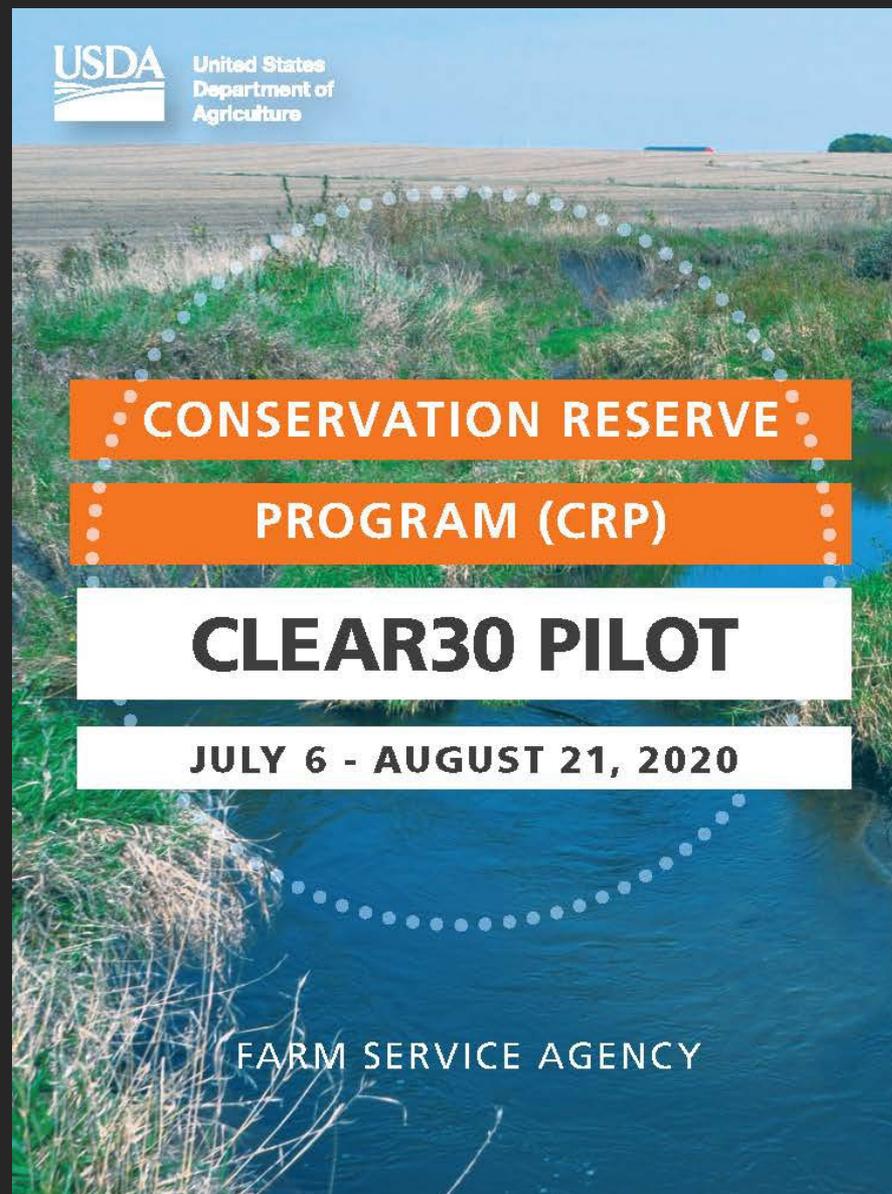
Visit www.farmers.gov/coronavirus for updates on the latest status of office re-openings.

FSA Outreach for CLEAR30

Postcard were sent to
eligible producers.

Each State Outreach
Coordinator has news
release materials.

GovDelivery Messages:
sign up at
www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe



Stakeholder Engagement with FSA

- Engage with FSA State Outreach Coordinators: listed online at fsa.usda.gov/outreach
- Co-hosting webinars
- Share information on social media platforms

The screenshot shows the USDA Farm Service Agency website. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency", and a search bar labeled "Search FSA". The navigation menu contains "Home", "Programs and Services", "State Offices", "Online Services", and "Newsroom". On the right, there are links for "Site Map" and "Forms". The main content area features a "Related Topics" sidebar with links such as "Outreach & Education Home", "About Us", "Outreach Programs", "Outreach Events", "Outreach Webinars", "Partner Organization Resources", "State Outreach Coordinators", and "Stakeholder Information". The main heading is "State Outreach Coordinators", and the text below states: "FSA has strengthened its outreach commitment by assigning Outreach Coordinators in all 51 state/territory offices and each of our 2,100 county offices nationwide."

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Stakeholders Highlights of CLEAR30

- Pilot available to certain water quality practices with expiring CRP contracts.
- First CRP program to offer a 30-year contract.
- First CRP program to offer Maintenance Payments.
- Enhanced Annual Payment Rate.

Sign-Up: July 6 – August 21, 2020

For additional resources on the CLEAR30 program, you can find fact sheets on FSA's online website at www.fsa.usda.gov/newsroom under Conservation.



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Additional Resources

- Farmers.gov



- Newfarmers.usda.gov

A screenshot of the Newfarmers.usda.gov website interface. It features four dark blue panels, each with a white icon, a title, a short description, and a white button with a right-pointing arrow.

- New Farmers**: Icon of a pitchfork and shovel. Text: "Access the support and resources you need to begin farming or use our easy Discovery Tool." Button: "Get Started >"
- Women in Ag**: Icon of a tractor. Text: "Opportunities for women to grow, learn from one another, and lead within their industries." Button: "Learn More >"
- For Youth**: Icon of a hand holding a seedling. Text: "Discover new innovation at work in agriculture, support ag in your school, and get connected." Button: "Get Connected >"
- Veterans**: Icon of a dog tag. Text: "Are you a veteran looking to start farming? Find support and resources that were made just for you." Button: "Find Resources >"



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Thanks for joining us!

Questions?

Looking to collaborate in various states? Email the National FSA Outreach team:

fsaoutreach@usda.gov



Common Questions

Do expiring CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) contract qualified for this?

The county offices will need to consult with their CREP agreement and their state office to make that determination, because there are a wide variety of provisions within the CREP agreements across the country, that may have some type of restriction, at the time of the end of their contract but if there are no provisions within the CREP agreement that prevent re enrollment, they might be eligible for CLEAR30.



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Common Questions

With expiring contracts, are we able to change the practice and still be able to do a CLEAR30 contract?

The participant will offer the same practice that was under their previous Continuous CRP contracts into CLEAR30.



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Common Questions

Is there flexibility in the expiration date for CRP contracts that would be eligible for clear 30?

A special provision in the 2018 Farm Bill that allowed for some contracts that expired in 2017, 2018, and 2019 that did not have an opportunity to offer back into CRP at the time of expiration.

However, there are limitations due to the variations between the year and practices.

It's best for a producer to begin talking about their options with their local FSA office to see if they are eligible.



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Common Questions

Will land owners be reimbursed for 100% of the maintenance costs?

If the if the landowner chooses to do the maintenance themselves. They will be paid at 75% of a rate that is set by our FSA State Committee.

Each state will have a payment schedule for common maintenance type activities, and then participants will be reimbursed and 75% of that rate, the rate they're setting is considered an average rate for conducting the activity.



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Common Questions

How does one get on FSA's vendor list to complete maintenance on the CLEAR30 practices?

FSA will be putting out a Request for Proposals for vendors to submit their interest in working with FSA to complete the maintenance for contracts enrolled in CLEAR30.

This Request for Proposals will be sent out through <https://www.gsa.gov/small-business/-compete-for-contracts>.



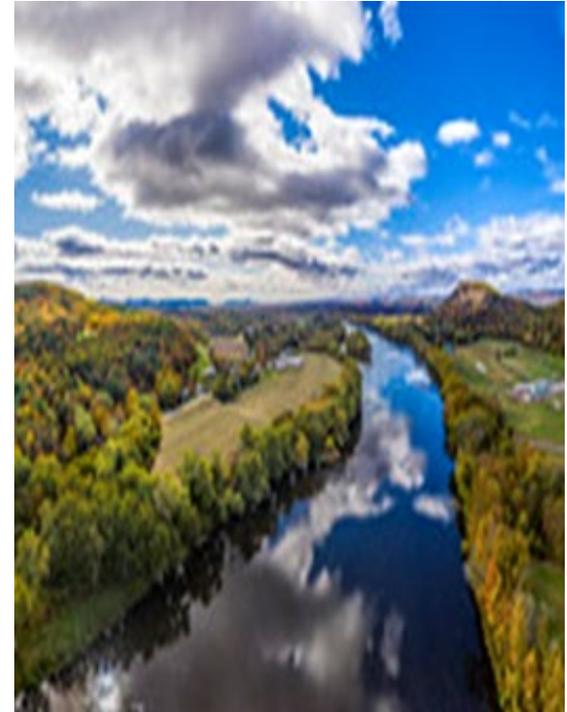
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Common Questions

Is CLEAR30 available in the entire state or just certain regions?

CLEAR30 is eligible in all counties of the 12 Pilot States, which includes:

1. Minnesota
2. Wisconsin
3. Michigan
4. Illinois
5. Indiana
6. Ohio
7. New York
8. Pennsylvania
9. West Virginia
10. Virginia
11. Delaware
12. Maryland



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Common Questions

What are they haying and grazing provision?

CLEAR30 will follow the same paying grazing provision that we follow for other CRP.

More information can be found within FSA Notice CRP-893 CRP Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Procedure:

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_Notice/crp_893.pdf



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Common Questions

Are there more compatible uses allowed on CLEAR30 acres?

The Farm Bill allowed for compatible uses including hunting and fishing, prescribed haying and grazing, and also managed timber harvest.



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Common Questions

**What happens if I need to sell my land?
Or what happens if I don't outlive the
life of the contract?**

For voluntary termination, which means the participant has done everything that they're supposed to do, but for some reason they need to terminate the contract. Then the only requirement will be to pay back the annual rental payments.

If there is a breach of contract. Then the participant would be responsible for paying back the annual rental payments and the maintenance payments.



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Common Questions

What if the maintenance falls into noncompliance?

If the participant chooses to have FSA secure vendor to conduct the maintenance activities, then FSA would work with the vendor to bring the maintenance into compliance, or FSA would secure a different vendor.



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