

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Transition Incentives Program (TIP)



Overview

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP), administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), assists with the transition of expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land from an owner or operator to a beginning or veteran farmer or rancher to return land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

Beginning farmer or rancher means a person, or for entities has at least 50 percent interest in that entity, who:

- Has not been a farm or ranch operator for more than 10 years

Veteran farmer or rancher means a person, or for entities has at least 50 percent interest in that entity, who served in the Armed Forces and who has:

- Obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period, or
- Operated a farm or ranch for no more than 10 years.

Program at a Glance

CRP is a voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is not farmed or ranched, but instead devoted to conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve the water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat.

CRP protects over 20 million acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. The vegetative covers also make CRP a major contributor to increased wildlife populations in many parts of the country.



Transition Payments

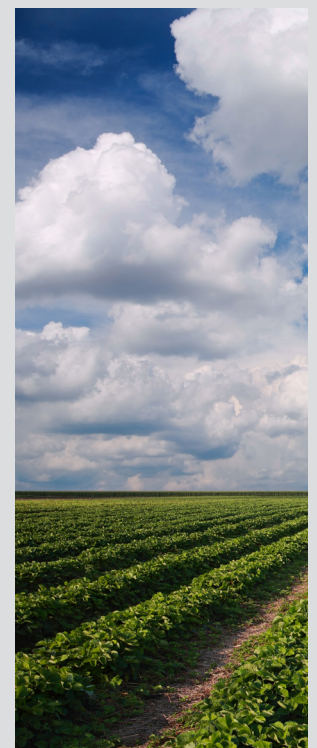
Owners or operators participating in TIP may receive up to two additional annual rental payments after their CRP contract expires provided the beginning or veteran farmer or rancher is not a family member.

For More Information

Visit FSA's CRP webpage <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/>.

To locate your local FSA office, visit: [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/service-locator).

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How to Apply

The 2018 Farm Bill authority was extended by the American Relief Act, 2025 (Pub. L 118-158), and the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119-37), which extended TIP authority through Sept. 30, 2026. The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized CRP and is governed by regulations published in 7 CFR Part 1410.

FSA implements TIP and CRP on behalf of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

Due to the high volume of applications received, TIP enrollment closed before the originally announced Aug. 14, 2026, deadline. No additional enrollments will be accepted for FY 2026.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for TIP, producers must be owners or operators on land under an CRP contract scheduled to expire Sept. 30, 2026, or Sept. 30, 2027.

The owner or operator must agree to sell, or have a contract to sell, or agree to lease long-term (at least five years) the land under an expiring CRP contract to a beginning or veteran farmer or rancher who is not a family member.

The owner or operator must agree to permit the beginning or veteran farmer or rancher to make conservation and land improvements according to an approved conservation plan beginning on the date FSA approves the TIP contract.

Beginning or veteran farmers and ranchers participating in TIP may:

- Re-enroll otherwise eligible land under CRP's continuous signup provisions
- Be eligible for enrollment in USDA's Conservation Stewardship Program or the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Beginning or veteran farmers and ranchers must materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch enrolled in TIP.

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