

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

Program administered by Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Technical support provided by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



CRP PURPOSE

CRP is a land conservation program authorized through the Farm Bill.

In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers and ranchers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species most beneficial to the area.

The long-term goal of the program is to reestablish and maintain valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce the loss of wildlife habitat

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CRP ENROLLMENT

Created in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States.

CRP enrollment reached a historical high in 2007 with over 36.7 million acres enrolled nationwide.

Enrollment currently sits just under 27 million acres nationwide.

CRP is achieving far-reaching and long-lasting benefits, thanks to the voluntary participation of farmers and ranchers, America's best stewards of the land.

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35 YEARS OF CRP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks

Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road

Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times

Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows, and many other birds

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RECENT IMPROVEMENTS TO CRP

Since 2021, FSA has taken steps to improve the program including higher payment rates, new incentives, and a more targeted focus on CRP's role in climate change mitigation.

FSA also renewed its emphasis on CREP by working to improve the flexibility of the program and increasing participation among tribes.

FSA has expanded haying and grazing opportunities to provide more disaster assistance.

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CLIMATE-SMART PRACTICE INCENTIVE

SOIL RENTAL RATE (SRR)

Percentage of the per acre weighted Soil Rental Rate (SRR) added to the weighted average SRR. For eligible CRP practices, this can range from 3-10%.

BENEFITS

Must do the following:

- ✓ Increase carbon sequestration
- ✓ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Mitigate climate change

PRACTICES

Practices may include:

- ✓ Establishment of trees and permanent grasses
- ✓ Development of wildlife habitat
- ✓ Wetland restoration



PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An owner and/or operator is eligible to offer land for enrollment in CRP if they meet 1 of the following requirements:

- Owned/operated the land for 12 months before the close of signup for general and grassland CRP offers
- Owned/operated land for 12 months before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup
- For owners, acquired the land by will or succession as a result of death or acquired the land under circumstances other than for placement in CRP, as determined by the FSA National Office
- For operators, provides satisfactory evidence, as determined by COC, that control of the land will continue uninterrupted for the CRP-1 period

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TYPES OF CRP

CRP enrollment options include General CRP, Grassland CRP, and Continuous CRP.

Continuous CRP includes subcategories such as:

- Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR30)
- State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP)
- Forest Management Incentive (FMI)

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GENERAL CRP

PURPOSE

Establish long-term, resource-conserving covers such as approved grasses or trees to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and develop wildlife habitat.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Land must meet one of three criteria:

- Erodibility Index (EI) of 8 or greater
- Expiring CRP
- Located within a State or National Conservation Priority Area (CPA)

CONTRACT TERM

Contracts will be 10 to 15 years in length.

PAYMENTS AND INCENTIVES

- Annual Rental Payment
- Climate-Smart Practice Incentive
- Cost Share Assistance

SIGNUP PERIOD

Competitive signup period with defined beginning and end dates. Under current 2018 Farm Bill, annual signup is required.

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GENERAL CRP ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS INDEX (EBI)

FSA will rank offers submitted for a general CRP signup period according to the EBI of the land offered. FSA uses the following EBI factors for scoring:

- Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acres
- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff, and leaching
- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion
- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period
- Air quality benefits
- Cost

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GENERAL CRP PRACTICE S

Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses & Legumes

Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses

Hardwood Tree Planting

Permanent Wildlife Habitat

Rare and Declining Habitat

Pollinator Habitat

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CONTINUOUS CRP

PURPOSE

Environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices can be offered for enrollment into CRP at any time. Offers are automatically accepted provided the land and producer meet eligibility criteria.

Offers for continuous CRP are not subject to competitive bidding during specified signup periods.

PAYMENTS AND INCENTIVES

- Annual Rental Payments
- Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)
- Climate-Smart Practice Incentive
- Cost Share Assistance

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Land offered and the chosen CRP practice must be determined Suitable and Feasible to address the resource concern identified.

CONTRACT TERM

Contracts will be 10 to 15 years in length.

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CONTINUOUS CRP PRACTICES

- Grass Waterway
- Shallow Area for Wildlife
- Contour Grass Strip
- Filter Strip
- Riparian Buffer
- Filter Strip
- Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds
- Wetland Restoration
- Windbreaks, Shelterbelts, and Living Snow Fences
- Prairie Strips
- Duck Nesting Habitat
- Pollinator Habitat
- Wellhead Protection Area Practices
- Highly Erodible Land Initiative (HELI)

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STATE ACRES FOR WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT (SAFE)

BENEFITS

- Establish grasses and restore wetlands to enhance high priority wildlife populations.
- Targets species that are threatened or endangered
 - Lesser Prairie-Chicken
- Provides habitat for wildlife
 - Deer
 - Pheasant
 - Bobwhite Quail
 - Grassland Birds
 - Pollinators

CONTRACT TERM

Contracts will be 10 to 15 years in length.

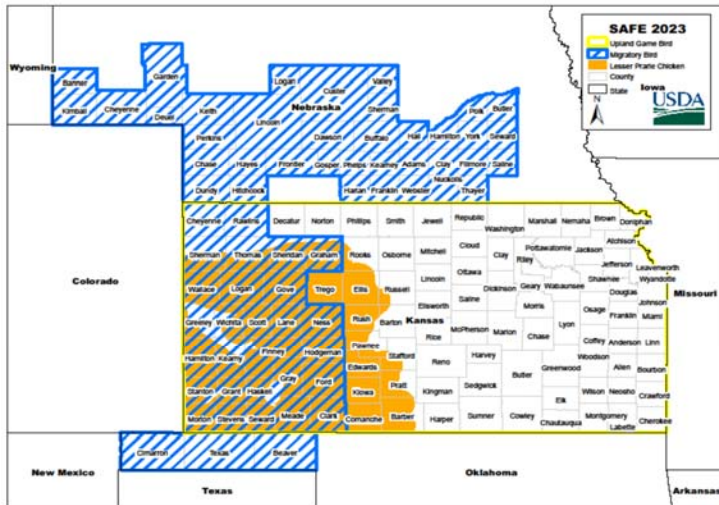
SAFE PROJECT PROPOSALS

Proposals can be submitted by state conservation partners during an announced submission period.

KANSAS APPROVED SAFE PROJECTS

- Lesser Prairie Chicken
- Habitat for Upland Game Birds
- Migratory Birds, Butterflies, and Pollinators

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CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

PURPOSE

Partnership between USDA and the State of Kansas to enroll up to 40,000 acres of eligible agricultural land within the Upper Arkansas River Basin and the Rattlesnake Creek Sub-basin to help reduce the consumption of groundwater for irrigation, reduce soil erosion, reduce water pollution, and reduce annual electricity through the retirement of water rights and the establishment of permanent approved grass covers.

CONTRACT TERM

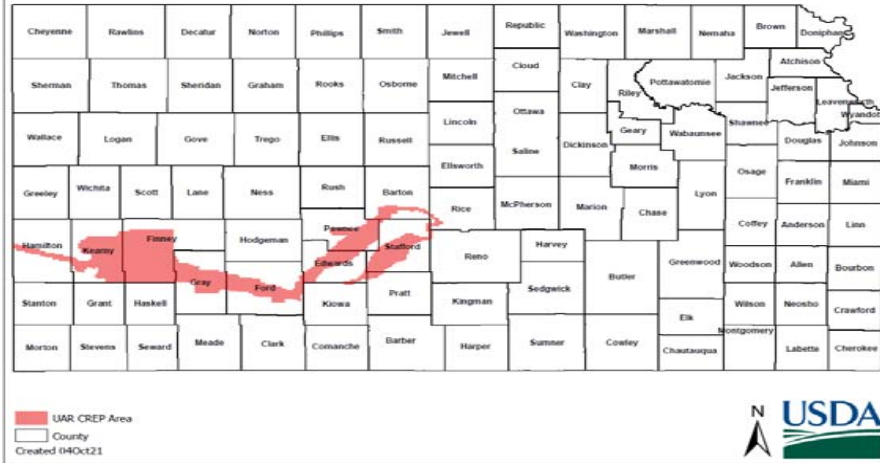
Contracts will be 14 or 15 years in length.

PAYMENTS AND INCENTIVES

- Annual Rental Payments at an irrigated rate
- Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)
- Climate-Smart Practice Incentive
- Cost Share Assistance

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**Upper Arkansas River (UAR)
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
by Kansas Farm Service Agency**



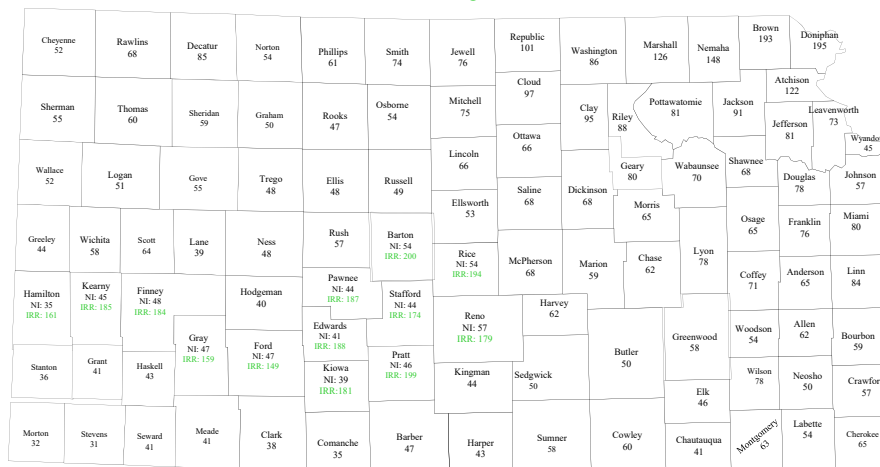
**CONTINUOUS
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GENERAL
CRP
SOIL
RENTAL
RATE (SRR)**

SRRs are soil-specific rental rates used to calculate the maximum annual payment rate for CRP cropland offers and contracts. The SRR is based on a relative soil productivity rate and the county-average cropland rental rate.

FSA annually updates county-average dryland cash rent estimates using the Cash Rents and Leases Survey administered by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). These cash rent estimates are the foundation for establishing a county-average cropland rental rate for CRP.

FSA National Office, with input from the FSA County and State Office, sets final county-average rental rates to ensure CRP annual payment rates are at an amount that will encourage enrollment of eligible land and not adversely impact the cropland rental market.

**CRP Soil Rental Rates
2024 Final County Average
2024 CREP Irrigated Rates**



**GRASSLAND
CRP**

**WORKING LAND
COMPONENTS**

Producers can continue common haying and grazing practices according to an approved conservation plan, subject to Primary Nesting Season (PNS) restrictions.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Offered acreage must have an existing grass cover with less than 5 percent tree canopy in an area historically dominated by grassland.

SIGNUP PERIOD

Competitive signup period with defined beginning and end dates. Under current Farm Bill, annual signup is required.

CONTRACT TERM

Contracts will be 10 or 15 years in length.

**PAYMENTS AND
INCENTIVES**

- Annual Rental Payment
- Cost Share Assistance

GRASSLAND CRP RANKING FACTORS

FSA will rank offers submitted for a grassland CRP signup period according to the following ranking factors:

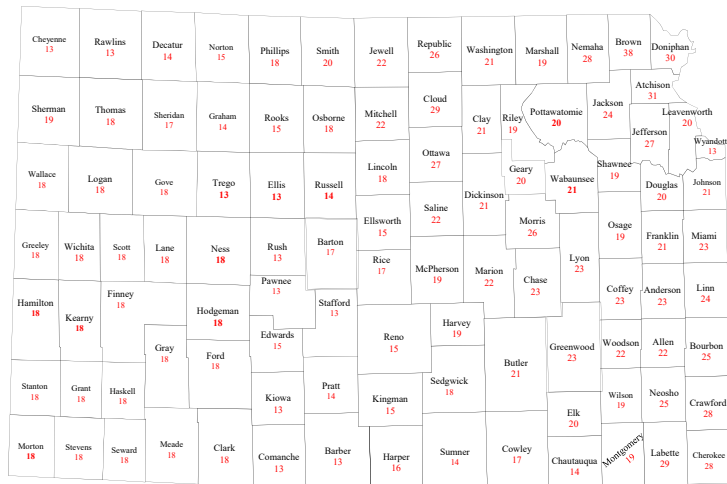
- Current and future use
- Environmental factors
- Maximizing grassland preservation
- Other factors, including cost
- Vegetative cover
- Small scale livestock initiative
- Beginning, socially disadvantaged, or Veteran farmers or ranchers

GRASSLAND CRP RENTAL RATES

FSA bases Grassland CRP rental rates on 75 percent of the cash rent data provided by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) plus a climate-smart incentive.

Nationally, the minimum rental rate is \$13 per acre.

2024 Kansas Grassland CRP Soil Rental Rates



TRANSITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

PURPOSE

TIP provides assistance to landowners or operators to incentivize the transition of land enrolled in CRP to a Veteran, beginning, or socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer or rancher for sustainable grazing or crop production.

SIGNUP PERIOD

Owners or operators of land enrolled in an expiring CRP contract can initiate TIP enrollment up to two years before the expiration date and no later than August 15th of the year in which the contract expires.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CRP-TIP pays owners or operators of land enrolled in an expiring CRP contract not more than two additional annual CRP payments if they agree to sell or lease the expiring CRP acreage to a Veteran, beginning, or socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer or rancher

CONTRACT TERM

Contract begins the day after CRP expiration, October 1 and ends two years after effective date on September 30.

PAYMENTS

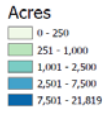
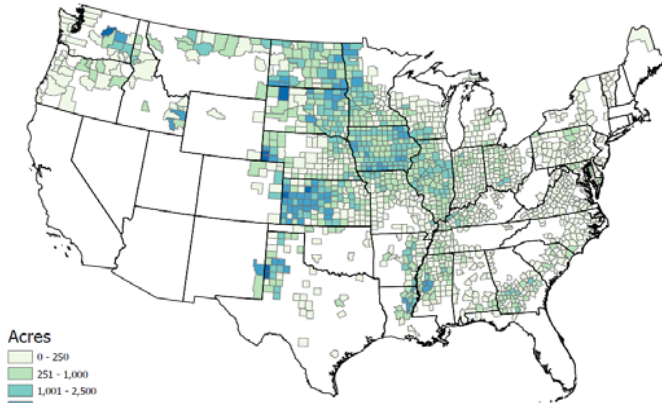
Annual Rental Payment at expiring CRP contract payment rate

2025 EXPIRING CRP

KANSAS:
177,450 ACRES

NATIONAL:
963,288 ACRES

CRP Expiring Acres - September 30, 2025



Total Expiring: 963,288 acres

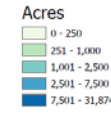
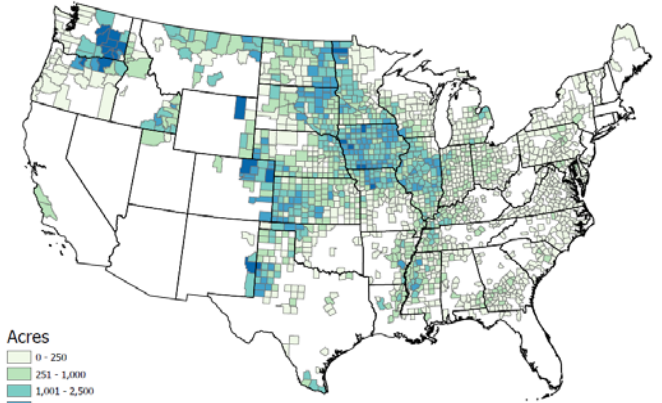
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2026 EXPIRING CRP

KANSAS:
118,569 ACRES

NATIONAL:
1,513,248 ACRES

CRP Expiring Acres - September 30, 2026



Total Expiring: 1,513,248 acres

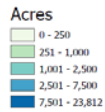
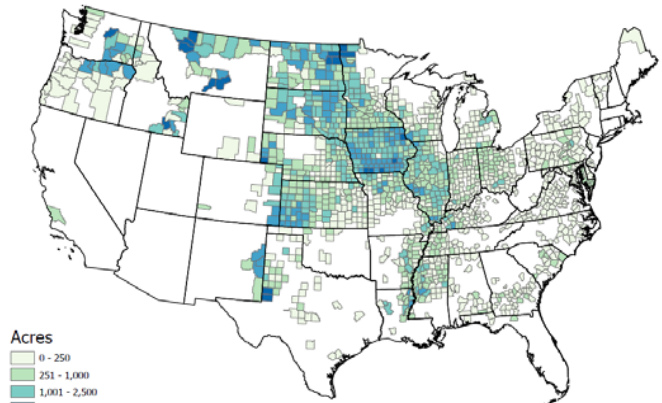
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2027 EXPIRING CRP

KANSAS:
92,342 ACRES

NATIONAL:
1,331,570 ACRES

CRP Expiring Acres - September 30, 2027



Total Expiring: 1,331,570 acres

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If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it.

Lyndon B. Johnson



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RESOURCES

Farm Service Agency Website:

www.fsa.usda.gov

State Office and County Service
Center Locator:

[State Offices \(usda.gov\)](http://State Offices (usda.gov))

CRP Information:

[Conservation Reserve Program
\(usda.gov\)](http://Conservation Reserve Program (usda.gov))

CRP Results and Statistics:

[Conservation Reserve Program
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