



Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)



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History of CRP

- Established under the 1985 Farm Bill on December 23, 1985
- Reauthorized under subsequent Farm Bills
- 1985 Farm Bill Statute is amended with each Farm Bill that enhances or changes CRP
- 1996 Farm Bill authorized Continuous CRP signup for certain high priority environmental practices and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
 - **As a result 2000 is when Michigan first began enrollment into CREP**
- 2002 created State Acres for Wildlife (SAFE)
 - Michigan's first SAFE was rolled out in 2008
- 2014 Farm Bill authorized CRP Grasslands (formerly Grassland Reserve Program)
- 2018 farm Bill, policy is still in pre-decisional stages
 - Water Quality is a higher priority- CLEAR Initiative
 - New CRP Pilot program CLEAR 30 will be applicable to Michigan
 - 2020 will mark 35th anniversary of the program!



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Current Farm Bill Conservation Opportunities



- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program VPA/HIP

Open for
Public Hunting
Hunting Access Program

Hunt types and seasons may vary
Details available at Farm Headquarters

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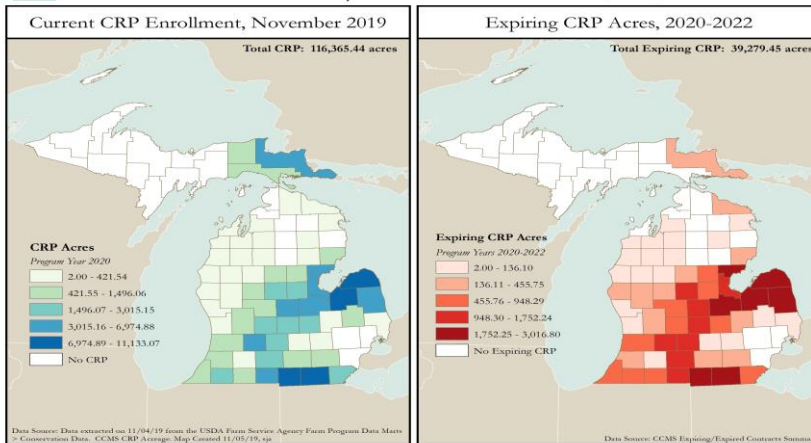
- Voluntary
- Financial Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Conservation benefits including wildlife habitat, soil health, and water quality protection

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Increased Water Quality Focus

Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) practices on CRP.



- Continuous signup.
- Prioritizes water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands, and a new prairie strip practice.
- 40 percent of total continuous CRP signup acres in CLEAR practices.

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Enrollment Authority

- Extended CRP authority to 2023
- Enrollment authority increases from 24 million in 2019 to 27 million in 2023.

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Continuous CRP Signup

Continuous CRP signup, to the maximum extent practicable, enroll and maintain not fewer than 8.6 million acres than September 2023

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Over the next 3 years, the most CRP acres expiring that FSA has had in the last 10 years. Potential for the largest general CRP signup in over a decade.

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FSA is the Administrator of the CRP

- Basic eligibility determinations (land and participant), contract approval and administration (included issuing annual payments, cost-share and incentives) and compliance

NRCS is responsible for all technical aspects of the CRP.

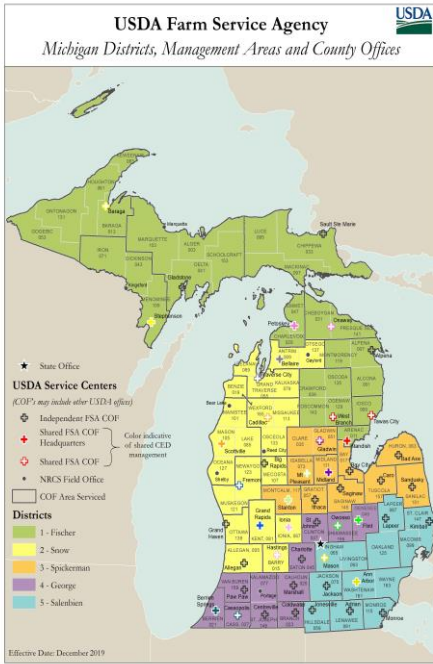
- Needed, suitability, and feasibility determination, conservation plan development, practice certification, and status reviews
Note: NRCS utilizes other trained conservation partners such as Conservation District staff when needed.

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2020 CRP Dates

General CRP Signup December 9, 2019 – February 28, 2020

Continuous CRP Signup December 9, 2019 - continuing

Grassland Signup March 16 – May 15, 2020

General Signup-Up Acceptance/Rejection Spring 2020

CLEAR 30 Spring 2020

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