

Program	Eligible Land	Agreement Length	What USDA Offers	Participant Obligations
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Highly erodible cropland that has been planted for 4 of the 6 years prior to enactment of the 2002 law	10-15 years	Rental payments, Cost share	Develop and follow plan for converting cropland to less intensive use; assist with cost, establishment, maintenance of conservation practices
Conservation Security Program (CSP)	All private agricultural land and forested land that is an incidental part of an agricultural operation	5-10 years	Rental payments, Cost share	Requires conservation security plan to install and/or maintain conservation practices on working lands
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	All private land in agricultural production, including cropland, grassland, pastureland, and non-industrial forestland	1-10 years	Cost share	Develop and follow conservation and environmental objectives in EQIP plan; assist with installation costs
Illinois Conservation Enhancement Program (CREP)	Private land in Illinois River Basin that is in the 100 year floodplain, is highly erodible, or that qualifies as wetlands	10-15 years, with extensions; can also grant permanent easement	Rental payments, Cost share; at State-level lump sum payments for certain contract lengths and also cost sharing	Jointly administered by USDA and Illinois state agencies.
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	Private grassland, shrubland, land that contains forbs, or land that historically contained those features	10, 15, 20 or 30 years; can also grant 30 year or permanent easement	Rental Payments, Cost share, One time easement payment	Develop and comply with provisions of easement or restoration plan; assist with installation costs
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	Most private wetlands converted to agricultural use prior to 1985; wetland must be restorable, suitable for wildlife benefits	10 or 30 years; can also grant permanent easement	One-time payment, Cost share	Develop and follow plan for restoration and maintenance of wetland; if necessary, assist with cost of restoration
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	Privately owned land not currently registered in other federal conservation programs; some income restrictions	5-10 years	Cost share	Prepare and follow a wildlife habitat development plan; assist with installation costs

This table includes information from the NRCS publication *Farm Bill 2002, What's in it for You: Conservation Practices and Programs for Your Farm*, which can be downloaded at <http://landcare.sc.egov.usda.gov/images/pdf/conspractices.pdf>.