



GENERAL (SIGNUP 54) AND CONTINUOUS (SIGNUP 53) CRP OPTIONS FACT SHEET

General CRP (Signup 54)		VS	Continuous CRP (Signup 53)	
DATES	Dec. 9-Feb. 28	Signup dates ¹	Dec. 9- Aug 21, 2020 (new acres ONLY). Re-enroll existing CCRP (April 1-Aug 21)	DATES
	Oct.1, 2020		New acres- immediately upon approval or max defer of 6 months Re-enroll acres Oct 1, 2020	
CONTRACT	Yes, Nationwide Competitive Bid	Competitive Bid Contract ³	No, First Come First Served	CONTRACT
	Minimum 10 years, Maximum 15 years		Minimum 10 years, Maximum 15 years	
ELIGIBILITY	Owned or operated land at least 12 months before the close of General CRP sign-up (Feb. 28, 2020)	Eligible Producer ⁵	Owned or operated land at least 12 months prior to submitting offer	ELIGIBILITY
	EI 8 or greater OR Existing CRP expiring Sept. 30, 2020 OR within state or national conservation priority area		Meets eligibility requirements of desired continuous practice	
	Select CRP Conservation Practices are eligible		Limited to water quality and soil erosion conservation practices	
	Must have been cropped 4 out 6 years between 2012-2017		Must have been cropped 4 out 6 years between 2012-2017	
PAYMENTS	85% Soil Rental Rate with \$240/acre max payment	Rental Rate Payment ⁹	90% Soil Rental Rate with \$300/acre max payment rate	PAYMENTS
	No	Signing Incentive Payment (SIP) ¹⁰	New Acres Only	
	No	Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) ¹¹	Yes	
	50% of actual cost with NTEs	Establishment Cost Share ¹²	50% of actual cost with NTEs	
	Required with no cost share payments	Mid Contract Management ¹³	Required with no cost share payments	
	No	Maintenance Incentive ¹⁴	Limited to select practices	

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Signup dates¹

General CRP- New acres and existing general CRP acres set to expire Oct. 1 2020 can submit a bid for general CRP from Dec. 9.-February 28, 2020.

Continuous CRP- New CCRP acres can be enrolled from Dec. 9- Aug. 21. Existing CCRP acres may be offered for re-enrollment no earlier than 6 months before the existing contract is scheduled to expire.

Start dates²

General CRP- All general CRP contracts new and re-enroll will have an effective start date of Oct. 1, 2020.

Continuous CRP- New acres enrolled in CCRP will be effective the first day of the month following FSA approval OR can be deferred for up to 6 months.*NOTE if you enroll new acres into CCRP prior to April 1, 2020 it is in your best interest to start the contract as soon as possible as you will not be able to plant a crop in 2020. All re-enroll CCRP acres will have an effective start date of Oct. 1, 2020. All general CRP signup 54 contracts will begin on October 1, 2020.

Competitive Bid Contract³

General CRP- FSA will use the environmental benefits index (EBI) score to rank offers for selection. FSA determines the acceptability of the offer based on national ranking results. Ranking criteria are based on Factors N1-N6: N1-Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acres, N2- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching, N3- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion, N4- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period, N5- Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion, N-6 Cost. The single most important producer decision involves determining which cover practice to apply to the acres offered. Planting or establishing the highest scoring cover mixture is the best way to improve the chances of offer acceptance.

Contract Length⁴

General CRP- Contracts can be either 10 or 15 years depending on practice type.

Continuous CRP- New CCRP contracts with contract starting prior to Oct. 1, 2020 will receive a first year prorated payment based on contract start date and will have a contract length of 10 years plus the prorated months in fiscal year 2020. Example: CCRP contract starts Feb. 2020, producer will receive a prorated payment of 8 months and 10 years full payment for a total contract length of 10 years and 8 months.

Eligible Producer⁵

General CRP- A producer must have owned or operated the land for 12 months before the close of general signup.

Continuous CRP- A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer for continuous. Some exceptions apply.

Eligible Land⁶

General CRP- Land offered must be: EI 8 or greater OR existing CRP expiring Sept. 30, 2020 OR within state or national conservation priority area.

Continuous CRP- Must meet certain eligibility requirements but offers are not subject to competitive bidding.

Eligible Practice Types⁷

Continuous CRP- Eligible CCRP practices: CP1, CP2, CP3, CP4B&D, CP5A, CP8A, CP9, CP12, CP15A&B, CP16A, CP17A, CP18B&C, CP21,21B&21S, CP22, 22B&22S, CP23&23A, CP24, CP27, CP28, CP29, CP30, CP33, CP36, CP37, CP38B&D, CP39, CP40, CP41, CP42 & CP43

Eligible Cropping History⁸

General and Continuous CRP Cropland must be planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity (or in CRP) for four of six crop years from 2012 to 2017, and is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity.

Rental Rate Payment⁹

General CRP- The soil rental rates are subject to an 85 percent proration.

Continuous CRP- The soil rental rates are subject to an 90 percent proration. FSA bases rental rates on the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average cash rent. The maximum CRP rental rate for each offer is calculated in advance of enrollment (continuous or general).

Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)¹⁰

General CRP- No SIPs offered.

Continuous CRP Only available for new CCRP acres. SIP is a one-time incentive payment equal to 32.5 percent of the first full year (12 months) annual rental payment.

Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)¹¹

General CRP- No PIP offered.

Continuous CRP Eligible for a 5 percent PIP of the actual eligible cost of practice establishment (re-enroll and new acres qualify).

Establishment Cost Share¹²

General CRP and Continuous CRP- Cost share rates will be established at the state level. Each component will have a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount. Cost share will only cover 50% of the actual cost of each component up to the NTE. Any expense beyond NTE will be responsibility of contract holder. Component examples include: Seedbed preparation, planting, seed etc.

Mid Contract Management¹³

General and Continuous CRP- Both require mid-contract management (MCM). No cost share is available for MCM activities.

Maintenance Incentive¹⁴

General CRP- All maintenance payments have been removed.

Continuous CRP- Select CP21, CP22, CP29 and CP30 with fencing and water facility development (\$5 or \$10 per acre).