

# CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)



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## Yielding Benefits to the Farmer and Pollinator

CRP is a land conservation program administered by the Farm Service Agency, with technical assistance provided by NRCS. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. It is an important tool to increase farm benefits, improve soil water and biodiversity, and support pollinator and monarch populations.

### General Enrollment

Under general enrollment, producers have the opportunity to offer land for CRP general enrollment annually during announced enrollment periods. General CRP signups are competitive and for landowners to earn the best chance of being accepted they'll need to maximize their Environmental Benefits Index. CRP General Enrollment runs from January 31 - March 11, 2022.

### Continuous CRP Enrollment

Under Continuous CRP signup, environmentally sensitive land can be enrolled in CRP at any time. Offers are automatically accepted provided that eligibility requirements are met and there are acres available in the program. This makes Continuous CRP a better option for some landowners.

### Grasslands Enrollment

CRP Grasslands helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland, and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands.



Pollinator habitat on land enrolled in CRP. (Photo Credit: NRCS)

## Best CRP Options to Benefit Pollinators

### Habitat Buffers (CP33)

- 30-120 ft habitat buffers planted along the field edges
- Enroll crop fields of at least 5 acres
- Options to enroll only pivot corners

### Pollinator Habitat (CP42)

- CP42 can be offered in General or Continuous Signup
- Can be used to enhance EBI points
- Limited to 10 acres per tract or 10% of offered acres under Continuous signup
- No acreage limit under General signup

### Prairie Strips (CP43)

- 30 to 120 ft strips that make up no more than 25% of total field
- Establish diverse perennial vegetation oriented linearly within row crop fields