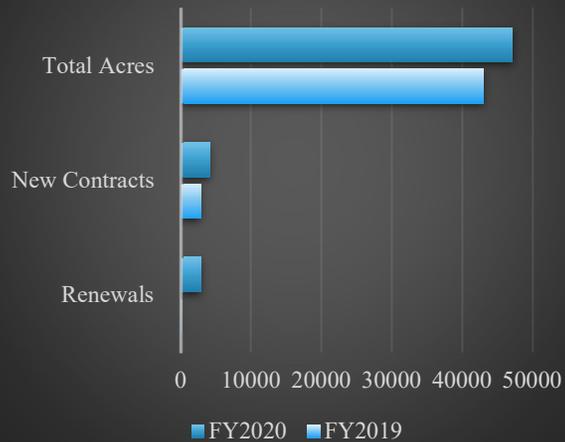


CREP Acreage in Oregon



❖ FY2019

- Renewals
 - 77 acres
- New Contracts
 - 2,843.09 acres
- Total Acres
 - 43,056.14 acres

❖ FY2020

- Renewals
 - 2,933 acres
- New Contracts
 - 4,152 acres
- Total Acres
 - 47,208 acres



Riparian Plantings Protected with Heavy Duty Caging

Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District serves as a Technical Service Provider (TSP) for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

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Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

USDA Farm Service Agency



Badger Creek

Overview

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a component of the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CREP is a public-private partnership program, allowing states, Tribal governments, non-profit and private entities to partner with USDA to implement CRP practices that address high priority conservation and environmental objectives. Partners work with FSA to develop CREP agreements designed to address conservation goals on agricultural lands in specific geographic areas. Possible conservation practices that can be implemented include riparian buffers, filter strips, wetlands, and pollinator plantings. Partners work with FSA to define practices that achieve substantial on-site and off-site natural resource benefits targeting one or more of the following goals:

- Restore/establish wildlife habitat
- Enhance water quality
- Reduce soil erosion
- Enhance air quality
- Restore/enhance wetlands
- Increase control of critical invasive species
- Enhance critical threatened and endangered plant and animal species survival.

FSA encourages CREP agreements that target multiple natural resource concerns to maximize conservation benefits.

CREP Agreement

CREP is administered under the same statute's Federal regulations as CRP. The following statutory requirements are applicable to all CREPs:

- Eligible land must have cropping history for four out of the past six years.
- \$900,000 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitation for a person or legal entity
- County average soil rental rate.
- Producers receive a 32.5% Sign-Up Incentive Payment (SIP) at the time of sign up.
- Per practice cost share from USDA Practice Incentive Payment (PIP), plus any cost share payments from other sources combined, cannot exceed 100% of the cost of establishing the practice. PIP is a one-time incentive payment made to an eligible participant to whom the USDA has made cost share payment for completing the installation of a CRP practice that is an eligible continuous CRP signup practice.
- Annual payment limitation of \$50,000 per producer.
- CRP enrollment is limited to no more than 25% of the total cropland in a county.
- If applicable, the riparian buffer practice can receive a management payment to offset the cost of managing the buffer



Riparian Corridor Protected with Fence Exclusion

CREP Program

In exchange for removing environmentally sensitive land from production and establishing permanent resource conserving plant species, farmers and ranchers are paid an annual rental rate along with other federal and non-federal incentives as specified in each CREP agreement. Participation is voluntary, and the contract period is typically 10-15 years.

Common restoration practices within a project seek to address limiting factors. Tree and shrub species can be planted to increase shade, lowering water temperature, and grasses can be established to stabilize banks preventing erosion, all while increasing habitat diversity for various types of wildlife.

CREP Partner Commitments

Partners can match USDA's commitments in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, or technical assistance. Each CREP agreement requires the partner to provide an annual performance report which details program accomplishments, contributions to the project, and progress in meeting program goals.