

New Hampshire Resource Priorities

The New Hampshire state resource priorities for CSP are: animal, energy, plant, water quality and soil quality (agricultural land) or soil erosion (non-industrial private forest land). The CSP program in NH is state-wide.

NH resource conserving crops are:

- Perennial grasses
- Legumes grown for use as forage, seed for planting, or green manure
- Legume-grass mixtures
- Small grain grown in combination with grasses or legume green manure crops whether inter-seeded or planted in rotation with a grass or legume listed above.

Transitioning to Organics

CSP uses Conservation Enhancements that provide additional environmental benefit(s). Many of the enhancements offered have a high likelihood of adoption by organic producers or those who are interested in transitioning to organic.

For more information on the New Hampshire CSP program visit:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/programs/financial/csp/>

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What is CSP?

CSP encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. CSP is a voluntary conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources. CSP provides opportunities to both recognize excellent stewards and deliver valuable new conservation.



Through 5-year contracts, payments will be made as soon as practical after October of each year for contract activities installed and maintained in the previous year. For all contracts, CSP payments to a person or legal entity may not exceed \$40,000 in any year, and \$200,000 during fiscal year 2014 - fiscal year 2018. Each CSP contract will be limited to \$200,000 over the term of the initial contract period.

How Does CSP Work?

The New Hampshire NRCS, in consultation with the State Technical Committee and local working groups, will focus CSP on natural resources that are of specific concern for a State. Agricultural land and nonindustrial private forest land will be ranked separately.

Producers interested in CSP are encouraged to begin the application process by completing a producer self-screening checklist. The level of environmental benefit to be achieved will be estimated to determine eligibility, rank applications, and establish payments.

For a pre-approved applicant, NRCS will request the applicant's conservation activity records and conduct on-site field verification to ensure that information provided by the applicant is accurate prior to contract approval. Once information is verified, NRCS and the applicant proceed to develop the contract.

Is CSP Right for You?

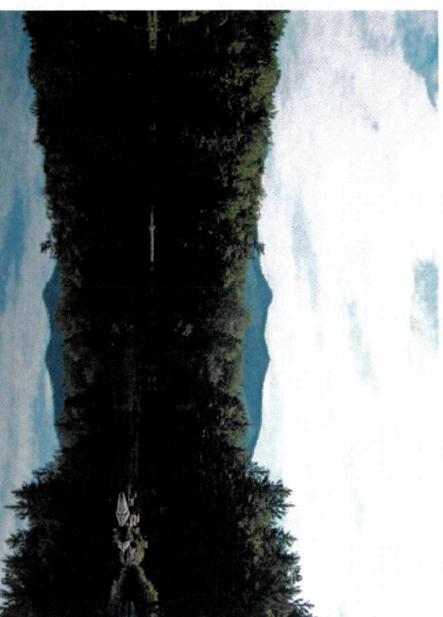
Visit the CSP home page and complete the conservation stewardship self-screening checklist. The self-screening checklist helps potential applicants decide for themselves whether CSP is the right program for them.

Are You Eligible?

CSP is available on private agricultural lands, as well as nonindustrial private forest lands throughout New Hampshire. The program provides equitable access to all producers, regardless of operation size, crops produced, or geographic location.

Individual producers, legal entities, and corporations may be eligible for the program.

Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, improved pastureland, rangeland, and nonindustrial private forest land.



Applicants must:

- Be the operator of record in the USDA farm records management system for the eligible land being offered for enrollment;
- Have documented effective control of the land for the term of the proposed contract for all lands offered for enrollment;
- Include all eligible land under their effective control in the agricultural operation. Eligible lands may include: crop, pasture, range, non-industrial private forest, agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a Native American or Tribal Nation, and other private agricultural land (including cropped woodland, marshes, and agricultural land used for the production of livestock) on which resource concerns related to agricultural production could be addressed;
- Comply with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of 7 CFR Part 12, and adjusted gross income provisions of 7 CFR part 1400.

What are the Benefits to Participants?

CSP provides participants with two possible types of payments. An annual payment is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing activities. A supplemental payment may be earned by participants who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation.