



CSP



CSP Is An Underused Program In Utah

EQIP

2380 ranked applications

408 Obligated contracts

14%

AMA

146 Ranked applications

14 obligated contracts

9.6%

CSP

86 ranked applications

70 obligated contracts

82%



What is CSP

The **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** offers technical and financial assistance to help agricultural and forest producers take their conservation efforts to the next level.

The program is designed to compensate agricultural and forest producers who agree adopt new conservation activities.

CSP is for producers who are passionate about conservation and environmental stewardship.

CSP Is It Right For You

Can You Answer 'Yes' to the Following?

Then CSP may be a good fit for your operation.

- I own or rent, and manage land for agricultural or forest production, such as cropland, rangeland, grassland or pasture.
- I have already been doing conservation work on my operation.
- I want to expand my existing conservation efforts to achieve a higher level of environmental stewardship.
- I intend or plan to maintain control of the land for at least five years.

What are your objectives?

Increased crop/forage productivity.

Decreased inputs.

Wildlife habitat improvements.

Increased resilience to weather extremes.

New technologies and management techniques.

How Does CSP Work?

- 5 year contract w/option for renewals.
- Review existing management system to determine eligibility and opportunities.
- Select new conservation practices, enhancements, and bundles to help enhance natural resources and improve the operation.

CSP Eligibility

- CSP enrolls your entire operation into the program
- private agricultural lands, agricultural Indian lands,
- nonindustrial private forest land, farmstead, associated agricultural lands and public land
- Must have land control
- There is no minimum acreage requirement
- All land must be in compliance with USDA highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions to be eligible for CSP.

Stewardship Threshold Eligibility

Currently be meeting the stewardship threshold for at least two priority natural resource concerns on every land use included in the operation.

Agree to meet or exceed the stewardship threshold for at least one additional resource concern by the end of the contract on at least one land use.

Don't worry if you are unsure of your threshold because an NRCS planner will assist you.

CSP Payments

A. There are three main types of payments available through CSP.

1. Annual contract payments which are based on two components:

- Payments to maintain the existing level of conservation based on the land uses included in the contract
- Payments to implement additional conservation practices and activities.

2. Supplemental payments for producers willing to implement a resource conserving crop rotation, improve an existing resource conserving crop rotation, or implement advanced grazing management

3. Minimum contract payments for most contracts.

Existing Activity Payment (EAP) 1



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Determining the EAP (New Method)

- The E300EAP1 payment is determined by matching the number of resource concern categories met at the time of application as shown on the CSP summary report to the applicable level(s) and selecting the corresponding payment scenario
- Note: AAL and Farmstead are only level 1 or 2.

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Payment Rate Level	Number of resource concern categories met at time of application
1	2-3
2	4-6
3	7+

Existing Activity Payment (EAP) 2



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New Method – E300EAP2

- E300EAP2 is “A” flat rate payment by land use where an additional activity is scheduled

Participant Type	Classic	Renewal
Non-Historically Underserved	\$1800	\$3000
Historically Underserved	\$3000	\$4200

- Contract item E300EAP2 with separate components for each applicable land use.

EAP 1 and EAP 2

- A participant will only receive EAP 1 and EAP 2 on land uses where an additional activity is planned.
- Annual payment for the all years of the contract.
- Option for renewal after 5 years
- Payments are made 1 time a year after Oct 1st

CSP Funds and Payments

Practice payments are tied to the implementation of new conservation activities

Existing Activity Payments are not tied to the implementation of an activity.

- Implement a needed practice
- Purchase equipment
- Pay down debt
- Options are endless

Example Small Operation

40 Acre Farm

- **5 Acres Farmstead**

 - Meets 2 Resource Concern Categories

 - Herbaceous Weed Control Practice

- **15 Acres Irrigated Pasture**

 - Meets 5 Resource Concern Categories

 - Prescribed Grazing Practice

- **20 Acres Cropland**

 - Meets 3 Resource Concern Categories

 - Cover Crops Practice

Example Small Operation

40 Acre Farm EAP 1

- **5 Acres Farmstead**

Level 1 : $\$10.22 * 5ac = \51.10

- **15 Acres Irrigated Pasture**

Level 2: $\$6.21 * 15ac = \93.15

- **20 Acres Cropland**

Level 1: $\$5.93 * 20ac = \118.60

Example Small Operation

Total Annual Payment :\$6,108.85

**Total Contract Payment over 5 Years:
\$30,544.25**

EAP 1:\$262.85

EAP 2: \$5400

Herbaceous Weed Control:\$19.70

Prescribed Grazing: \$45.30

Cover Crop: \$101.70

Example Large Operation

5000 Acre Ranch

5 acre Farmstead

Meets 2 categories

Herbaceous weed control Practice

100 acres cropland

Meets 2 categories

Cover Crops Practice

4895 acre Range

Meets 5 categories

Prescribed Grazing Practice

Example Large Operation

5000 Acre Ranch EAP 1

5 acre Farmstead

Level 1 : $\$10.22 * 5ac = \51.10

100 acres Cropland

Level 1: $\$5.93 * 100ac = \593.00

4895 acres Rangeland

Level 2: $\$4.58 * 4895ac = \$22,419.10$

Example Large Operation

Total Annual Payment :\$28,463.20

**Total Contract Payment over 5 Years:
\$142,316.00**

EAP 1:\$23,063.20

EAP 2: \$5400

Herbaceous Weed Control:\$19.70

Prescribed Grazing: \$195.80

Cover Crop: \$508.50

CSP Flexibilities

\$4000 annual minimum Payment.

STC can approve up to 5 acre be removed from a CSP contract.

Land lost involuntarily may be removed from a contract.

Partial or complete contracts may be transferred to a new operator.

Historically underserved participants receive an increased payment rate for EAP 1 and EAP 2.

How do I apply?

Contact your local NRCS field office and let them know you are interested in CSP.

Update/Establish Farm Records with your FSA office as soon as possible.

CSP Application

1. NRCS CPA-1200- Conservation Program Application.
2. A map showing all land uses and acres in the operation.
3. A map or other documentation identifying any known ineligible land and associated acreage amounts.



CSP Application and Evaluation

NRCS will rank your application against other similar eligible applications in the same ranking pool.

Where can the districts help?

- **Producers are missing an opportunity for funding their operation priorities.**
 - Learn about the CSP program.
 - Invite DCs to give a presentations at CD functions.
 - Tell your constituents about the program.

Questions?

