

Conservation Programs

A great way to increase the environmental and economic sustainability of your operation is to utilize funding opportunities through conservation programs. This funding aids in the transition of all or parts of your fields into conservation practices.

A program should always be chosen because it matches best management practices for your operation. Work with our Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist to find out what programs and practices would most benefit you.

| PROGRAM | SUMMARY | PRACTICES |
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| EQUIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short contracts (<5 years) • One-time cost-share payment • Competitive enrollment | Over 200 practices including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover crop • Grassed waterway • Nutrient management • Drainage water management • Residue and tillage management • Conservation crop rotation • Controlled traffic farming |
| Lake Erie CREP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-year contract • Annual rental payment 155-225% SRR • One-time PIP 50% establishment cost • One-time SIP 32.5% of 1st year rental payment • Non-competitive enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass filter strips • Riparian forest buffers • Hardwood tree planting • Permanent wildlife habitat • Wetland restoration • Escarpment & filter/recharge areas |
| Scioto River CREP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-year contract • Annual rental payment 150-200% SRR • One-time PIP 50% establishment cost • One-time SIP 32.5% of 1st year rental payment • Non-competitive enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass filter strips • Riparian forest buffers • Hardwood tree plantings • Permanent wildlife habitat • Wetland restoration • Controlled drainage water management |
| CRP continuous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15-year contract • Annual rental payment: ≤ 90% SRR • One-time PIP 50% establishment costs • One-time SIP 32.5% of 1st full year rental payment • Climate-smart incentive: 3-10% increase in annual rental payment • Water quality incentive: 20% increase in annual rental payment for select practices • Automatic enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filter strips • Grassed waterways • Habitat buffers • Wetland restoration • Riparian buffers • Prairie strips • Windbreaks • Pollinator habitat • Wellhead protection |
| CRP general | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15-year contract • Annual rental payment ≤85% SRR • One-time PIP 50% establishment cost • Climate-smart Incentive: 3-10% increase in annual rental payment • Competitive enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced grasses and legumes • Native grasses • Tree plantings • Wildlife habitat • Pollinator habitat • Wildlife food plots |

