



## CRP Flexibility

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a land conservation program administered by the Farm Service Agency. 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. Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are from 10 to 15 years in length. Signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce the loss of wildlife habitat.

In light of the war in Ukraine, high commodity prices, and the 2023 Farm Bill, the American Farm Bureau is urging the federal government to reconsider enrollment criteria and existing regulations for CRP lands.

- Allow holders of contracts under the CRP to plant crops on those lands to increase supply.
- Provide flexibility to producers to plant crops on prime farmland as well as the **least environmentally sensitive acres** currently in the program without penalty, whether on an emergency basis or through an early-out of their current CRP contracts.
- Make sure that **only "environmentally sensitive"** land is enrolled following the CRP signup that ended on March 11, 2022.

