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CRP Benefits

Since 1985, CRP has:

- Established 10s of millions of acres of wildlife habitat
- Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding
- Reduced N and P runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent, respectively
- Sequestered an annual avg of 49 million tons of GHGs
- Created/restored nearly 2.7 million acres of wetlands
- Buffered more than 170,000 stream miles, enough to go around the world 7 times



CRP Enrollment Status

24 million acre CRP enrollment cap

- Applies to all CRP signup types, including CREP

As of December 2016

- Total acres accepted: 23.5 million
 - General: 16.16 million acres
 - Continuous (non-CREP): 5.87 million acres
 - Farmable Wetland: 0.40 million acres
 - CREP: 1.06 million acres
 - Grasslands: 0.8 million acres
- Total CRP contracts: 637,167
- Total farms: 358,026



CRP Enrollment Status

Fiscal Year 2016

- 1.3 million acres enrolled through continuous signup (all continuous signup types)

Fiscal Year 2017

- Currently, offer pace ahead of the FY 2016
- Competition for enrollment will continue to be fierce
- 2.5 million acres expire September 30, 2017



CREP and Non-CREP Enrollment in Chesapeake Bay States – Riparian Buffers

December 2016

State	CREP Enrollment	Total CRP Enrollment
Delaware	3,571 acres	4,025 acres
Maryland	52,618 acres	58,439 acres
New York	14,103 acres	34,466 acres
Pennsylvania	141,790 acres	150,602 acres
Virginia	23,763 acres	45,232 acres
West Virginia	6,066 acres	6,280 acres



CREP and Non-CREP Enrollment in Chesapeake Bay States – All Practices

December 2016

State	Riparian Buffers - CREP	Riparian Buffers - Non CREP
Delaware	32 acres	25 acres
Maryland	11,399 acres	89 acres
New York	6,617 acres	1,946 acres
Pennsylvania	22,503 acres	0 acres
Virginia	19,832 acres	919 acres
West Virginia	5,428 acres	28 acres

FY 15 Riparian Buffer Activity

State	Expiring Acres	Reenrolled Acres	Percent Reenrolled	Left CRP	New Land
Delaware	14 acres	0 acres	0	14 acres	0 acres
Maryland	4,023 acres	1,330 acres	33%	2,693 acres	0 acres
New York	1,762 acres	306 acres	17%	1,456 acres	42 acres
Pennsylvania	870 acres	281 acres	32%	589 acres	207 acres
Virginia	2,933 acres	1,692 acres	58%	1,241 acres	224 acres
West Virginia	28 acres	0 acres	0%	28 acres	68 acres

FY 16 Riparian Buffer Activity

State	Expiring Acres	Reenrolled Acres	Percent Reenrolled	Left CRP	New Land
Delaware	50 acres	50 acres	100%	0 acres	0 acres
Maryland	4,042 acres	2,136 acres	53%	1,906 acres	181 acres
New York	1,848 acres	386 acres	21%	1,462 acres	110 acres
Pennsylvania	1,872 acres	647 acres	35%	1,225 acres	338 acres
Virginia	3,293 acres	1,829 acres	56%	1,464 acres	241 acres
West Virginia	45 acres	6 acres	13%	39 acres	45 acres

Percent re-enrolled increased from FY 2015

2014 Challenge in Chesapeake Bay

In June 2014, USDA pledged up to \$5 million to help State and local partners encourage enrollment of riparian buffers in the Chesapeake Bay through incentives.

In November 2014, Chesapeake Bay States were asked to develop proposals, not to exceed \$1 million, describing how incentives would be utilized under the State's existing CREP Agreement to increase new enrollment and/or maintain existing enrollment of riparian buffers.

The State partner was required to provide at least a 20 percent matching contribution.



2014 Challenge in Chesapeake Bay

The States of Delaware, New York, Virginia and West Virginia were awarded \$1 million each.

Delaware, New York and Virginia have amended/revised their applicable CREP Agreements for utilizing the additional incentives and State partner contributions.

Delaware approved September 2016

New York approved August 2016

Virginia approved February 2017



2014 Challenge in Chesapeake Bay

Special Incentive Payments for CP22 in Chesapeake Bay

New York:

- \$161,310 in USDA Chesapeake Bay Incentive Payments
- \$0 from State - State incentive paid after practice is installed

Delaware:

- \$29,640 in USDA Chesapeake Bay Incentive Payments to Delaware participants
- \$7,410 additional incentive payments from State



Current Focus On CREP

Signup 50 (beginning October 1, 2016)

- all non-CREP continuous signup offers either:
 - have a start date of October 1, 2017 or
 - was put in batching process
- CREP enrollment continued as normal – no batching, no deferring to October 1, 2017
- CRP-1 Appendix amended to include provision to allow modification of CRP contract at any time to reduce the number of acres enrolled if determined necessary to not exceed 24 million acre cap
 - Acreage enrolled under a CREP Agreement excluded from provision

Current Focus On CREP

- Beginning January 9, 2017, maximum payment rate for continuous signup capped at \$300
 - Payment cap does not apply to CREP
- Beginning January 9, 2017, Signup Incentive Payment (SIP) for certain continuous signup practices were reduced
 - Reduced SIP does not apply to CREP



Thank You