

# Applying for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) in South Dakota

## For More Information

- The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) allows farmers and ranchers to maintain or improve existing conservation efforts and adopt new ones on their agriculture operations.
- CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States. Thousands of people voluntarily enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operation.
- Land uses addressed in CSP include Cropland, Rangeland, Pasture, Non-Industrial Private Forest Land (NIPF), Farmstead and Associated Ag Land (AAL).
- South Dakota has enrolled just over 4 million acres statewide.
- For more information visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/sd/programs/financial/csp/>

Producers may sign an application at any time at their local NRCS field office, and their application will be considered for funding in the subsequent funding period. **The deadline for consideration in Fiscal Year 2023 was December 9, 2022.**

CSP addresses the following resource concerns:

- Degraded Plant Condition
- Fire Management
- Pest Pressure
- Inefficient Energy
- Livestock Production Limitation
- Field Pesticide Loss
- Salt Losses to Water
- Storage and Handling of Pollutants
- Soil Quality Limitations
- Source Water Depletion
- Terrestrial Habitat
- Weather Resilience
- Concentrated Erosion
- Wind and Water Erosion
- Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss

## What do you, the producer, need to prepare an application?

1. Form NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application
2. Direct Deposit Sign-up Form (Standard 1199A)
3. Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification
4. Form CCC-941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent of Tax Information
5. Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan
6. Signature authority for legal entity or joint operation.
7. Control of Land Requirements
8. Form FSA-211 "Power of Attorney" if needed

These forms and assistance to complete them can be obtained at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Producers should work with these agencies to ensure they have completed all documentation in order to meet eligibility requirements for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

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