



# Fact Sheet

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## CREP 2009

### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program On Cropland and/or Marginal Pastureland in Linn and Benton Counties

**Purpose of the Program:** To restore riparian habitat and protect surface water quality on agricultural lands. Participants receive rental payments and cost shares to create conservation buffers (of minimum widths) on cropland and/or marginal pastureland for either 10 or 15 year contracts.

***Most streamside land is eligible in Linn and Benton Counties\****

*Cost shares available for practices such as riparian fencing, restoration planting with site preparation and release, and off-channel watering.*

#### **Eligible Practices include:**

Filter Strips (CP-21)	Riparian Buffers (CP-22)
Wetland Restorations (CP-23)	Wildlife Buffers (CP-29)
Wetland Buffers (CP-30)	

#### **75% Cost Share on Approved Practices**

(50% of the cost share comes from the Federal Government and 25% comes from the State)

#### **PLUS: Annual Rental payments**

(All rental rates listed below will be increased by as much as 50% based on practices to be installed)

**Marginal Pasture:** **\$79/ac** for buffer on a *seasonal* stream  
**\$84/ac** for buffer on a *perennial* stream

**Cropland:** **\$49/ac - \$127/ac** (based on soil type)

**Irrigated land:** **\$177/ac** (either Marginal Pasture land or cropland when participant leases appurtenant water rights to the State for instream use.)

#### **PLUS: Annual Maintenance payments**

- **\$2** or **\$4/acre** with no fencing or watering facilities,
- **\$6/ac** with fencing, or
- **\$7/ac** with watering facility and fencing

## PLUS: One-Time Incentive Payments

### 1. Signup Incentive Payment (SIP)

- \$10 per full year of contract for each acre enrolled in the program, *up to a maximum of 10 years*.

**Example: (\$10 x 10 yrs x 1 acre = \$100)**

- For CP21, CP22, CP29, or CP30 practices

### 2. Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)

- 40% of eligible costs – When *all* practices are completed the PIP will be paid based on *eligible installed costs*. If your cost to install a practice is zero, PIP is zero. **Example: (\$500 paid for fencing installation X 40% = \$200 PIP payment).**

### 3. Cumulative Impact (50% of streambank along a 5-mile stream segment is enrolled) –

- Each participant receives a one-time payment of 4 times the annual *base rental rate* (Item 31 of the form CRP-2) for each acre enrolled
- Cumulative Impact Bonuses are paid whenever a segment qualifies. If one owner enrolls one year, and his neighbor enrolls another year, and the total of enrolled stream length equals 50% of the stream bank in the five miles, both owners will receive the bonus for their acreage when owner 2 is approved

## Eligible Land Criteria\*

*Must be parallel or adjacent to water that has (at least a historical) presence of a targeted species (list available) OR lie within an approved Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan Area, or on Tribal Trust or Reservation lands.*

*Land must be planted (restored) to wetland, wildlife, or forested buffers to address water quality problems. Vegetation planned for buffers must be appropriate for soils and historic vegetation, and for planned purpose.*

*To be considered for cropland rental rates, land must meet planting history requirements.*

## Restrictions

- Land enrolled in CREP cannot be grazed, hayed, or harvested.
- Maintenance activities and weed control are **required**, and must be done *outside the primary nesting season (March 1 to July 15)*.
- No in-stream work except to establish livestock crossings and/or livestock watering facilities.
- Cost shares paid only on eligible costs when receipts or labor record submitted by landowner.

**Additional Information may be obtained from Linn/Benton/Lincoln Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office, 33630 McFarland Rd, Tangent, OR 97389. Phone 541-967-5925, ext 2 or visit the FSA website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/or/>.**

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