

Conservation Reserve Program

CP-36

Longleaf Pine Establishment

Wildlife Habitat | Carbon Sequestration | Soil and Water Quality



Why Choose CRP? You Benefit. Land, Water and Wildlife Benefit.

Longleaf pine forests provide vital wildlife habitat while mitigating the negative effects of wind and water erosion. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides farmers and landowners with practices like this to achieve many farming and conservation goals. Whatever the conservation challenge - soil conservation, water quality protection or wildlife habitat enhancement - CRP is a proven land performance and management solution.

Why Longleaf Pines?

Restoring and managing longleaf pine forests from cropland enhances wildlife habitat - for game and songbird species, amphibians and others - and protects water quality. Once the practice expires, the forest may be commercially harvested, adding significant economic boosts for landowners and farmers. Eligible in portions of the southeast and Texas through **continuous sign-up, CP-36**:

- Creates habitat for numerous endangered and valuable species
- Promotes carbon sequestration
- Reduces risk of catastrophic loss from insects, fire, disease, and weather
- Produces valuable timber providing investment income
- Protects soil and water quality

Financial Benefits

CP-36 participants are guaranteed:

- 10-15 years of annual rental payments
- Payments covering up to 90% of the eligible costs of establishing the longleaf pine practice
 - 50% from a Cost-Share Payment and
 - 40% from a Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)
- Signup Incentive Payment (SIP) up to \$100/acre
- Mid-Contract Management Cost Share



Eligible Land

- Planted or considered planted 4 out of 6 years between 2008 and 2013
- Located in the Longleaf Pine National CRP Priority Area
- Compliant with USDA's highly erodible land and wetland provisions
- Suitable soils and site conditions for longleaf pine plantings

Practice Requirements

- Chemicals used in performing the practice shall not include fertilizers
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled
- Practice will be maintained without additional cost-share payments

Owner/Operator Eligibility

Participants must:

- Have owned or operated the land for more than 12 months prior to program sign-up
- Be in control of the land for the length of the contract
- Meet USDA payment eligibility provisions

Obligations

Participants will:

- Not harvest or graze the practice area
- Work with USDA-approved conservationist to develop a conservation plan
- Perform periodic management activities according to the conservation plan
- Complete seeding of the practice within 12 months from the effective date of the contract

Proven Conservation Benefits

- Establishing longleaf pine forests is one of the most effective forest management practices for sequestering carbon
- CRP reduced nutrient losses in FY 2014 by an estimated 542 million pounds of nitrogen and 108 million pounds of phosphorus
- In 2014, CRP lowered greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 43 million metric tons of CO₂ – the same benefits as taking nearly 8 million cars off the road for a year

FSA will ultimately determine participant and land eligibility.

For More Information:

Contact your local USDA, Farm Service Agency:

<http://offices.usda.gov>