



Continuous CRP Practice Information

CP27/CP28 Farmable Wetlands Program and Buffer

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The purpose of the CP27 practice is to restore the functions and values of wetlands that have been devoted to agricultural use. Hydrology and vegetation must be restored to the maximum extent possible, as determined by USDA. The purpose of the CP28 practice is to provide a vegetative buffer around the CP27 to remove sediment, nutrients, and pollutants from impacting the wetland and to provide wildlife habitat for the associated wetland.

Practice Guidance:

CP27 can be applied to any site with a cropped wetland that has either been entirely or partially manipulated and meets CRP cropland eligibility requirements. All hydric soils, as identified on the county hydric soils list, which have been cropped and meet CRP requirements are eligible for wetland restoration. For soil complexes that are listed as having hydric soil components an in-field review will determine the extent of each site eligible as a cropped wetland.



Example of Restored Wetland

■ CCRP Practice Contract information

- Contract length 10-15 years
- \$100 / acre Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)
- 20% CRP Rental Rate Incentive
- NRCS Practice Number 657 for wetland restoration
- NRCS Practice Number 327 or 643 for seeding
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) equal to 40% of the eligible installation costs. PIP is

additive to 50% cost-share equaling 90% cost-share for practice establishment.

■ Practice Requirements

- Site must be entirely outside of the 100 year floodplain and it must not be permanently under water.
- Practice must enroll a minimum of a 30 foot buffer around the associated wetland where possible, not to exceed a 4:1 upland to wetland ratio.
- The amount of CP28 eligible is dependent on the amount of eligible CP27 acres to be enrolled not the total wetland area.
- CP28 seeding mixes require a minimum of 5 native species consisting of at least 3 grasses and 1 forb.
- Maximum allowable size for a CP27 is 40 acres.
- Buffers cannot be comprised of natural or restored wetlands.
- Cessation of cropping satisfies the restoration requirement in cases where no other hydrologic manipulation of the wetland has occurred.

Additional Information:

[NRCS CCRP CP27/28 Eligibility Document](#)

[NRCS CCRP CP27/28 Job Sheet](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 657 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 643 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 327 Standard](#)