

2025 Cedar River Regional Conservation Partnership Program

REWARDING FARMERS FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

The Cedar River Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a program offered through USDA NRCS to farmers operating fields within specific watersheds in Iowa. The program is designed to incentivize eligible farmers to implement conservation management practices to help improve drinking water quality, reduce flood risk downstream, and help improve wildlife habitat.

Participating farmers may qualify for cost-share incentives in addition to technical assistance and information that may establish a pathway to future conservation agriculture resources and opportunities. **Farmers must enroll in the RCPP through their local NRCS office to be eligible for incentives.** By enrolling in this program through Truterra® MyPortal, farmers will have access to conservation expertise through the Truterra network providers listed and will receive a Truterra® sustainability report for participating fields.

Cedar River RCPP				
FARMER INCENTIVE	By participating in this program, Iowa farmers in the Cedar River Watershed may qualify and apply for cost-share incentives to implement eligible conservation practices at their local NRCS office			
ENROLLMENT PERIOD	Dec 11, 2024 - Nov 30, 2025			
DUAL ENROLLMENT	Fields may be enrolled in this program plus the Truterra® carbon program or another commercially funded Truterra program. Fields must meet eligibility requirements for all programs enrolled.			
FIELD ELIGIBILITY EQUIREMENTS				
GEOGRAPHIES	Select watersheds* in Iowa. Farmers must enroll through a participating retailer: • Five Star Cooperative • Innovative Ag Services (IAS) • Linn • Nexus • River Valley Cooperative			
CROPS (2025 CASH CROP)	Corn, soybeans			
FARMER ENROLLMENT CAP	N/A			
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT CAP	N/A			
FIELD PRACTICES	Cover crops • No-till/strip till • Bioreactors • Saturated buffers • Wetlands creation, enhancement, or restoration • Prairie strips and related practices Truterra's enrollment platform will not screen for these practices, but farmers must adopt one or more practices in CY2025 or CY2026 to participate in the RCPP.			

PAYMENTS AND CONTRACTING				
CONTRACTED YEAR	2025**			
CONTRACT LENGTH	One year**			
DATA REQUIREMENTS				
DATA COLLECTION YEARS	Provide 2025 field data			
DATA COLLECTION DEADLINE	December 2025			

^{*}Watershed boundaries will be determined in consultation with NRCS.

Farmers enrolled in the 2025 Cedar River RCPP will need to provide the following data points for each field enrolled:

CY2025 requires the following data points:

WINTER CROP (COVER CROP)	TILLAGE	SUMMER CROP (CASH CROP)	FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS
Crop type	% crop residue	Crop type	Product & type
Yield (field average) if harvested	Describe your tillage practices (dropdown menu)	Irrigation method	Application date(s) & method
Termination method		Termination method	Rate (field average)
		Yield (field average)	Total N, P, K applied
			Additives used
			Product placement

Additional data points collected may include: conservation practices • pest management strategies • tile drainage

How to get started: Visit <u>Truterraag.com/enroll</u> or scan the QR code to complete our pre-enrollment form today.



^{**} Truterra's contract with the enrolled farmer will be for CY2025. NRCS contracts may be for CY2025 or CY2026 depending on practice adoption details and could be one or more years in length.