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# What is climate-smart agriculture?

Climate-smart agriculture encompasses land management practices that work to mitigate climate-change by reducing carbon emissions and help farms adapt to increasingly extreme weather.

These include production strategies like agroforestry, prescribed grazing, planting cover crops, managing nutrient inputs, reducing tillage, and other conservation farming methods demonstrated to improve soil health and climate resilience.

### **26 Climate-smart practices**

supported by this program

Alley	Crop	ping	(311)
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Conservation Cover (327)

**Conservation Crop Rotation (328)** 

Contour Buffer Strips (332)

Cover Crop (340)

Fence (382)

Field Border (386)

Filter Strip (393)

Forest Farming (379)

**Grassed Waterway (412)** 

Hedgerow Planting (422)

Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)

Livestock Pipeline (516)

Mulching (484)

Nutrient Management (590)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329)

Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced (345) Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)

Silvopasture (381)

Stripcropping (585)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

**Vegetative Barrier (601)** 

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

Watering Facility (614)

The three-digit code after each practice indicates the corresponding Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standard.

## Program opportunities for farmers

- Financial incentives to implement approved climate-smart practices
- Technical assistance to design and implement climate-smart practices
- Monitoring support to understand the environmental outcomes & benefits of practice implementation
- Marketing assistance to help farmers communicate the benefits of using climate-smart practices in producing their products
- Educational resources via workshops, field days, and peer-to-peer learning



## What to expect

**Apply** 

We'll follow up Eligibility documents

Site visit

Implementati on plan Contract & payment schedule

It takes about 15 minutes to complete the application survey at Climatesmart.org.

A technical assistance provider will call you to learn more about your farm.

If you haven't yet registered with FSA, they can help!

Obtain your FSA eligibility documents and submit them for your technical assistance provider to review.

Your technical assistance provider will visit your farm to evaluate the project site.

Your technical assistance provider will develop a project implementation plan based on your specific farm goals.

Based on your implementation plan a payment schedule will be developed alongside a contract. Signature is required prior to receiving funding for your project.

Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Apply now!

# **Payment Structure**

#### **Participation Stipend**

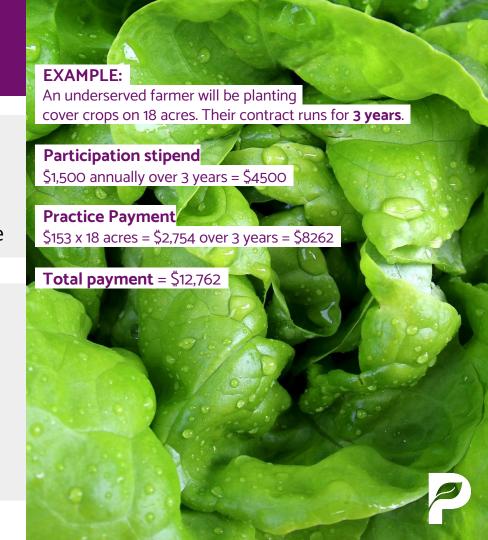
Base \$1,000 for each year of your contract.
Underserved & Urban \$1,500 for each year of your contract.

You'll receive 100% upon contract signature

#### **Practice Implementation Payment**

Dependent on costs of practices & implementation plan details.

- You'll receive 75% up front upon contract signature.
- You'll receive 25% when your implementation is verified by a technical assistance provider.





# How can you participate?

Please note that we're still in the pilot phase of this program.

#### Steps you can take now:

- Fill out an application!
- Register with the FSA or check your status
- Reach out to your local FSA office to obtain
  - Your farm's subsidiary print document
  - A .geojson map file of your farm
- Research & learn more about conservation practices applicable to
   your operation

Scan the code to learn more & apply climatesmart.org



# Questions?