

PROGRAM ASSISTS FARMERS AND RANCHERS WITH CONSERVATION GOALS

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Signups are now open for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), which has helped farmers and ranchers achieve conservation goals on their operations for nearly two decades.

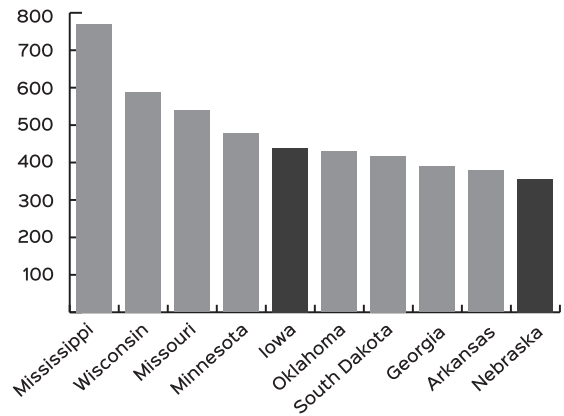
Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), CSP offers technical and financial assistance to enhance conservation over a five-year contract period, with the option to renew. Interested producers should reach out to their local NRCS office, which can be found here: offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app.

Over the past few months, we've been researching the impacts of CSP in Nebraska and Iowa. We discovered that the two states are leading the nation in multiple aspects.

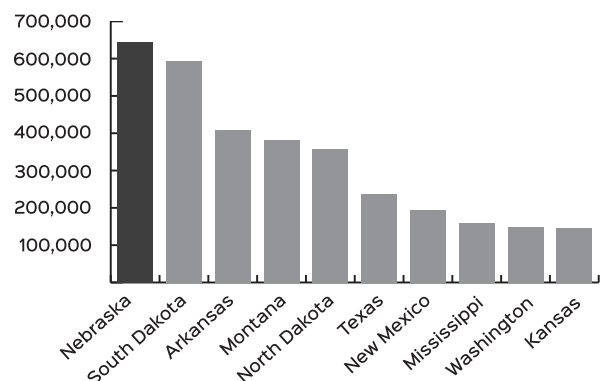
Total farmland enrolled in CSP (2018)



TOP 10 STATES BY NEW CSP CONTRACT ENROLLMENT, 2018



TOP 10 STATES BY RENEWED CSP ACRES, 2018



Top 5 CSP practices

NEBRASKA	IOWA
1 Cover crops	1 Cover crops
2 Herbaceous weed treatment	2 Integrated pest management
3 Tree/shrub establishment	3 Nutrient management
4 Conservation cover	4 Herbaceous weed treatment
5 Structures for wildlife	5 Residue and tillage management, no-till

For more information, check out our fact sheets, "Impacts of the Conservation Stewardship Program in Nebraska" and "Impacts of the Conservation Stewardship Program in Iowa" at cfra.org/publications.