



Conservation Stewardship Program & *Colorado's non-industrial private forestland*

Non-industrial private forest lands are now eligible for enrollment into the new NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones onto their operations. Financial assistance through the new CSP offers two payment opportunities: the annual which is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing ones, and the supplemental payment which may be earned by participants receiving an annual payment who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation. CSP payments to a person or legal entity may not exceed \$40,000 in any year and \$200,000 during any five-year period. Each CSP contract will be limited to \$200,000 over the term of the initial contract period.

Interested in applying for CSP, first complete the CSP self assessment found at www.co.nrcs.usda.gov. Completing this checklist helps producers determine if the program is right for them as well as helps outline individual and land eligibility.