

Hawai'i Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



The **Hawai'i CREP** provides incentives to encourage farmers and ranchers to voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive lands from agricultural production. Once enrolled, landowners are asked to commit to a 15 year contract where they will enact conservation practices to best manage their natural resources on and off site.

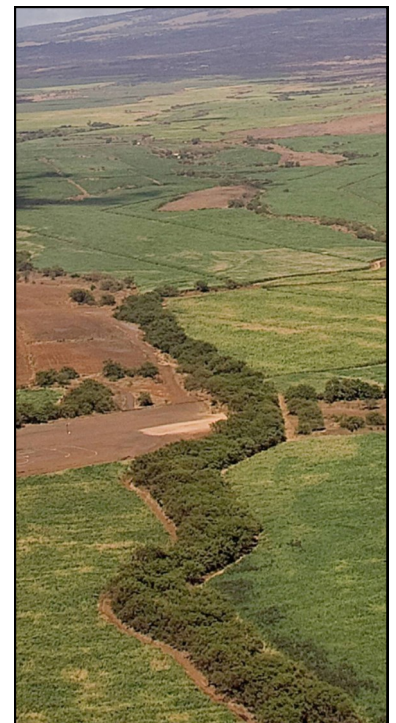
This partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the State of Hawai'i, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) provides landowners financial and technical assistance to successfully carry out the conservation goals of this program.



Goals

The environmental goals of Hawai'i CREP:

- Increase coral reef cover and coral diversity on reefs.
- Improve wildlife and plant habitats of threatened and endangered species.
- Reforestation of native riparian buffers as well as rare and declining native habitats.
- Increase groundwater recharge through the planting of trees in upland pastures.
- Reduction and control of invasive species in watersheds.



Benefits

Hawai'i CREP aims to restore forested, previously forested and degraded agricultural land.

The program can help with:

- Creating **riparian buffers** to improve water quality and quantity, reduce sedimentation and nutrient loading, and enhance coral reef habitat.
- **Hardwood tree planting** to improve and expand wildlife habitat for rare species of Hawaii.

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Eligibility

Landowners and lessees may be eligible to enroll land into **Hawai'i CREP** if:

- The land was owned or leased for at least 1-year prior to enrollment.
- The land is physically and legally capable of agriculture production and is in need of some level of restoration.
- The landowner/lessee meets the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitation.

The USDA Farm Service Agency can assist with determination on other specific eligibility requirements.



The State may also be available to assist with conservation easements within CREP watersheds.

Financial Incentives

Hawai'i CREP participants will be eligible for the following types of financial incentives:

- **Signing Incentive Payment:** A one-time payment of \$100/acre. **Note:** Subject to annual payment limitation of \$50,000.
- **Federal Annual Rental Payment:** Ranging from \$43/acre/yr. to \$225/acre/yr. based on your land type. **Note:** Subject to annual payment limitation of \$50,000.
- **State Annual Rental Payment:** \$17/acre/yr.; no payment limitation.
- **Cost-share payments:** A payment for up to 50% of eligible reimbursable costs for established practices; no payment limitation.
- **Practice Incentive Payment:** A one-time additional payment equal to 40% of the eligible cost share reimbursable for the cost of established practices. **Note:** Subject to annual payment limitation of \$50,000.
- **Mid-contract Management Payment:** A payment available 3 times during your contract and up to \$150/acre.

For More Information

Contact any of the Hawai'i CREP partners listed below:

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