

# Conservation Security Program

## Indiana Watersheds Initial Eligibility Questionnaire

You could potentially be eligible to participate in the Conservation Security Program if you can answer "yes" to the following questions that apply to your farm operation. If you have questions please try to attend one of the scheduled Public Information Meetings or Workshops in your watershed for 2006.

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1. Is the majority of your Ag Operation in a CSP Watershed?
2. Are you in compliance with Farm Bill Highly Erodible Land/Wetland Compliance provisions?
3. Do you have cropland, hayland, pastureland, vineyards and/or orchards that you wish to enroll in Conservation Security Program (CSP)?
4. Do you own or have control of the land you intend to enroll in CSP for the length of the proposed 5-year to 10-year contract period?
5. Do you share in the risk of producing the crop or livestock on this farm?  
*Note: Landlords who receive only cash payments for renting the land are not currently eligible to apply for CSP on that acreage.*

6. Are your crop fields and pasture fields free of active gullies and other erosion problems?
  
7. Do you manage your nutrient usage and have records showing nutrient management methods and applications for the past two years on all of the acreage you wish to enroll in CSP?
  
8. Do you have at least two years of records of your pest management methods and applications for all of the acres you wish to enroll?
  
9. If you have livestock on pasture, do you rotate your pastures and keep records of the rotation?
  
10. Do you practice residue management on at least a portion of your cropland?

If you answer yes to all of these questions on all or part of your Ag operation, you need to complete the CSP Self-Assessment Workbook which can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/> or at your local NRCS office. Spanish version is also available at this site.

Note: Portions of your farm or operation currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program or Grassland Reserve Program are not eligible acres for the CSP.

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