

# Missouri Climate-Resilient Crop and Livestock (CRCL) Project

## Incentive payments that support adoption of climate-smart practices for Missouri producers

The Center for Regenerative Agriculture at the University of Missouri has received [a \\$25 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) to lead the Missouri Climate-Resilient Crop and Livestock (CRCL) Project. Over the course of five years, this project will assist Missouri producers by providing incentive payments that encourage the adoption of a wide range of climate-smart practices to create more resilient crop and livestock systems. To reach a wide range of farmers, we're introducing eight tailored incentive payment initiatives.

The Missouri CRCL Project is led by the Center for Regenerative Agriculture at the University of Missouri, in collaboration with [14 partners from across the state](#). This joint effort will increase access to technical assistance and resources to help farmers adopt climate-smart practices.

**Learn about our eight incentive payment programs by visiting the our website <https://cra.missouri.edu/mo-crcl/>**

### The eight incentive payment programs offered:

Incentive payment for producers to graze livestock on cover crops – Payment per acre \$20

Sign-up Period: July 19 – August 31, 2023

Incentive payment for soybean producers to fall plant cereal rye prior to soybeans – Payment per acre \$30.

Sign-up Period: July 19 – August 31, 2023

For row crop producers (corn, sorghum, cotton): Fall plant diverse cover crops with at least 3 species, including an overwintering species – Payment per acre \$40

Sign-up Period: July 19 – August 31, 2023

Incentive payment for producers to do late termination, where a cover crop is left alive until planting a cash crop (e.g. planting green) – Payment per acre \$15. Sign-up Period: July 19 – August 31, 2023

Incentive payment for livestock producers to plant trees on pastures to expand Missouri woodland area and provide shade for livestock – Payment per acre \$250.

Sign-up Period: Open July 19th and will accept applications on a rolling basis through Year 1

Incentive payment to implement regenerative grazing with biodiverse forage species, managed intensive grazing, and low-cost watering and fencing approaches – Payment per acre \$50  
Sign-up Period: TBD

Incentive payment to implement appropriate nutrient management practices that include use of the 4R nutrient stewardship approach, and split-nitrogen application – Payment per acre \$20 Sign-up Period: TBD

Program for small and underserved farmers to implement climate-smart fieldscapes, comprised of at least three stacked climate-smart practices that will serve as demonstration sites

**\$10,000 spread across 3-year contract.** Sign-up Period: TBD

## What is the application and award process?

Each practice will have its own annual deadline and application process. Farmers who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for their program of interest using the Missouri CRCL application powered by [FarmRaise](#). FarmRaise is a digital platform that connects farmers to funding opportunities and financial tracking services.

The general application process includes:

- 1. Application:** Use the Missouri CRCL application powered by FarmRaise to create an account and apply for the incentive program you are interested in.
- 2. Decision:** Some practices operate on a first-come, first-served basis. The respective team responsible for each practice will review each application and send you a response to the registered email address.

3. **Implementation:** The timeline for implementation and payments will be communicated to you if you are approved for the incentive payment.
4. **Confirm practice implementation and provide reporting information.** Once the practice is implemented, you must provide the following prior to being issued a payment:
  - Upload a photograph of the practice implemented in the field OR a receipt of the materials purchased to implement the practice (for a list of materials that are appropriate for each practice can be found on each incentive payment program website) through their application account.
  - Complete the reporting information (required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). A subset of all participants may also be asked to have soil samples taken on their field.
  - A subset of all participants will receive a site visit for verification.
5. **Receive payment.** Once you have provided all of the requested information, the University of Missouri will issue their payment.

**Apply now!** Use the Missouri CRCL web-based application powered by FarmRaise to create an account and apply for the incentive program you are interested in. <https://www.farmraise.com/mo-crcl>

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## Do You Qualify?

This project is for Missouri producers wanting to implement climate-smart practices. Some incentive payment programs may have eligibility criteria, but in general, you can apply for the Missouri CRCL Project if:

- The farm/fields you wish to enroll are in Missouri.
- You have a Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Number. (A FSA farm number from the USDA identifies where your farm is located)
- You are a current citizen of the U.S. or a lawful alien possessing a valid I-551 (Form I-551 is the formal designation of a permanent resident card (also known as a green card).
- The fields you wish to enroll in are not currently enrolled in any other financial incentive program for the same practice, such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). (Note: although you cannot have duplicate payments for the same practice, you may be eligible for a complementary practice payment!).
- You have full operational control of the field you wish to enroll, which grants you the capacity to independently implement the desired practices and engage in farming activities.
- If you are approved, you must be prepared to supply additional information required by USDA about your farm before the incentive payment is issued to you.