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Conservation Title Farm Bill

Agency of Agriculture, Food & Market Interactions with Conservation Title

- CRP
- EQIP
- RCPP
- ACEP-ALE
- ACEP-WRE



CREP



- MOU with Commodity Credit Corp and VAAFMM
 - 20% state match requirement to overall program
 - Set limits on payments state provides to program participants
 - Sets the practices that state deems eligible from CRP options
 - Due for revision (ideal if we could set SRR in here but no likely to be approved by CCC)

CRP Farm Bill Needs

- Federal Cap on Acreage that can enroll in the program
 - Perhaps separate Cap for CREP (more targeted/sensitive areas)
- 1619 Information Sharing-need more flexibility for conservation implementation efforts (all programs)



EQIP Farm Bill Needs

- Streamlined contracting-simplifying for farms and fewer contract modifications.
- \$450K cap limit, exceeded quickly with agronomic and production area practices. Alternatives?
- Planning Program vs under EQIP (allow planning to be separate)
- Ability for projects to start prior to contract (pre-approval costs)
 - Lower risk items like NMP development, soil sampling for site design, etc.
- Not require whole farm fix, optional instead.





Non Farm Bill Needs

- Allow for more Technical Assistance Staff in VT (Cons. Planners, CRP, LTP and engineering)
- Provide payment rates for Land Treatment Planning work
- Less volatility in the soil rental rates for CRP