



2022 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Needs Assessment Survey Information Sheet



This survey has **4** main sections regarding your **State's CRP Capacities**, **NRCS Internal Capacity**, **External Partners**, and **Technical Service Professionals (TSPs)**. Sections 2 through 4 require you to aggregate the current or potential workload in your state. At the end, there is a **general section** that asks your opinions on the potential trainings as well as any additional comments you may have.

The survey utilizes a **display logic system** that will move you through the survey and will only display the questions that apply to your specific state's situation. In other words, you will not need to complete every question that is listed on the survey.

Please read this information sheet so that you are familiar what information is required to fill out the survey. The answers you provide reflect the state as a whole and are not personal opinions.

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State's CRP Capacities

In this section you will be asked about some background and contextual information about your state's overall CRP capacities.

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NRCS Internal Capacity

In this section you will be asked about the current and/or potential internal capacity workload in your state.

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External Partners

In this section you will be asked about the current and/or potential partners' workload in your state.

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Technical Service Professionals (TSPs)

In this section you will be asked about the current and/or potential TSPs workload in your state.

Check the full list of question →

Please keep in mind that you will not need to answer all of them.



State's CRP Capacities

- Please indicate your state from the drop-down menu.
- Please provide your name and email address in order for us to follow up with you if we have any questions about your state's responses.
- What is your position with NRCS? Select all that apply.
- Under the current MOA, how much is the CRP workload to your state's overall workload?



NRCS Internal Capacity

- Please indicate how well the **internal capacity (NRCS employees only)** in your state can meet your state's CRP technical assistance needs in federal fiscal year 2022?
- How much of change has there been among NRCS personnel who are **new to CRP** (not new to the agency) providing technical assistance to CRP in your state over the past year?
- In your state, how much help is needed to complete the following CRPs: CREP, Grasslands, General CRP, Continuous CRP, New Offers, Re-enrollment Offers, Other.
- How much support is needed in your state to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.



External Partners

- Is your state working with partners to meet your state's CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes

- What is the total number of partners employees working to meet your state's CRP technical assistance needs?
- Currently, how much does your state use partners to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.
- Does your state have enough partners to cover its CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes no follow-up questions

If no

- Does your state want to work with more partners to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes

- If your state had access to more partners how much would you use them to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.

If no

- Why is your state not interested in working with partners to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?

If no

- Would your state want to work with partners to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes

- If your state had access to more partners how much would you use them to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.

If no

- Why is your state not interested in working with partners to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?



Technical Service Providers (TSPs)

Is your state working with TSPs to meet your state's CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes

- What is the total number of TSPs working to meet your state's CRP technical assistance needs?
- Currently, how much does your state use TSPs to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.

Does your state have enough TSPs to cover its CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes no follow-up questions

If no

Does your state want to work with more TSPs to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes

- If your state had access to more TSPs how much would you use them to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.

If no

- Why is your state not interested in working with TSPs to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?

If no

Would your state be interested in using TSPs to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?

If yes

- If your state had access to more TSPs how much would you use them to accomplish the following CRP workload items: Suitability & Feasibility determinations, Conservation planning, Engineering (design, implementation, & checkout), Status Reviews, Providing training, Environmental compliance, Specific to internal NRCS capacities, Practice certification, CRP outreach, Brief technical assistance, Other.

If no

- Why is your state not interested in working using TSPs to meet its CRP technical assistance needs?



General section

- In your opinion, what training is needed for NRCS personnel, Partners, and TSPs to meet your state's CRP technical assistance needs: Intro to CRP, Annual refresher, Field training, Other.
- Please share any other thoughts or comments you have about your state's CRP technical assistance needs and your internal capacity, work with TSPs, and/or work with partners.