

**CCRC Spring Conference
Thursday, April 18, 2024**

| Program | Location | Organization | Financing | Focus | Service(s) Paid For | Payment Mechanism | More Info |
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| Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (1996-) | U.S. (nationwide) | USDA NRCS | Government | Financial assistance for new practice adoption | New conservation adoption Various, based on state resource priorities - e.g. rotational/prescribed grazing, fencing, nutrient management, improving irrigation/livestock watering systems | Cost-Share Reimbursement Up to 75% of NCRS estimated cost for new adoption - avg. of \$30,000 annually | https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/california/environmental-quality |
| Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) (2008-) | U.S. (nationwide) | USDA NRCS | Government | Funding for enhancing and/or maintaining existing conservation efforts | New conservation adoption Conservation enhancements (improved versions of existing practices) Existing conservation efforts | Additional Activity Payments (AAPs) at 10% of estimated cost for new adoption Financial support equivalent to 100% of the NRCS cost estimate for conservation enhancements Existing Activity Payments (EAPs) to incentivize maintenance of existing conservation efforts - minimum payment of \$4,000/yr - capped at \$40,000/yr | https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program |
| BushTender (2001-2012) | Victoria, AU | Dept. of Sustainability & Environment | Government | Compensation for protection and improvement of remnant native vegetation | Biodiversity (of native vegetation) "Commitments" - e.g. exclude stock, retain logs, eliminate high threat weeds "Management Actions" - e.g. fencing to control grazing | Auction-Based Approach - landholders submit bids that represent the price they would require to undertake management actions Initial upfront payment upon signing Management Agreement | https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/innovative-market-approaches/bushtender |
| Sustainable Farming Incentive (Pilot 2021-2024) | England, UK | Dept. of Environment Food and Rural Affairs | Government | Compensation for improving the sustainability of grassland management, by reducing nutrient inputs and intensive livestock management | Farmers select certain standards to apply and submit an annual declaration of compliance Actions include: maintain herbal leys, establish legumes on improved grassland, take grassland field corners or blocks out of management, establish grass buffer strips, manage grassland with very low nutrient inputs <i>e.g. Low and no input grassland</i> <i>Required actions:</i> Manage grassland with very low nutrient inputs - produce a sward by grazing with livestock or cut in a way to achieve flowering grasses & a variety of plant heights, minimise the use of nutrient inputs, minimise bare ground | Fixed-Rate Payments Made once all agreed actions have been completed <i>e.g. Low and no input grassland</i> - £151 per hectare (≈\$78/acre) Additional payments for learning activities & grants for capital items | https://farming.campaign.gov.uk/?utm_campaign=SF1&utm_medium=web&utm_source=Farmblog&utm_content=farmingblog_all |

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| <p>Red de Áreas Pasto-Cortafuegos de Andalucía (RAPCA) (1992-)</p> | <p>Andalusia, Spain</p> | <p>Ministry of Sustainability, Environment and Blue Economy (est. 2022) Andalusian Public Agency of Environment and Water (AMAYA)</p> | <p>Government</p> | <p>Use of livestock under controlled grazing to eliminate biomass from areas and maintain infrastructure to prevent forest fires</p> | <p>Shepherds are invited to participate in the program and granted access to rangeland neighboring public forests where they can easily access fuel breaks</p> <p>Annual contracts request a consumption of 90% of the annual herbaceous growth and 75% of the annual shrub growth in designated areas - <i>average of 38 ha of fuel breaks, at a mean distance of 3 km from their farms</i></p> <p>Livestock not confined by fences but grazed under surveillance</p> | <p>Fixed initial bonus of 300€ per year (≈\$320) for participating in the scheme</p> <p>Variable share ranging from 42€ to 90€ (≈\$45 to \$96) per hectare per year, considering the grazing difficulty - <i>depends on the type and amount of vegetation, slope, and proximity to animal shelter</i></p> <p>Annual evaluations determine level of compliance with the target consumption and modulate the maximum payment</p> | <p>https://www.juntadeandalucia.es/medioambiente/portal/landing-page-%C3%ADndice/-/asset_publisher/zX2ouZa4r1Rf/content/red-de-c3-a1reas-pasto-cortafuegos-de-andaluc-c3-ada-rapca-/20151?categoryVal=</p> |
| <p>Agrivair (Vittel) PES Program (1993-)</p> | <p>Vosges department, France</p> | <p>Vittel Company - program initiated by Vittel, but managed by Nestlé Waters subsidiary Agrivair beginning in 1992</p> | <p>Private (Agrivair)</p> | <p>Improving water quality in the Vittel catchment by incentivizing modifying practices and converting land into grassland</p> | <p>18- or 30-year contracts between farmers and Agrivair requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - giving up maize cultivation - adopting pasture management (hay and alfalfa rotation) - reduce carrying capacity to one head per hectare - compost animal waste and apply optimally in fields - give up agrochemicals - balance animal rations - modernise farm buildings for optimal waste management <p>Detailed terms of contracts including time horizon, guaranteed income, and equipment investment established with each farm</p> | <p>Abolition of debt linked to land acquisition, and land acquired by Vittel left in usufruct for up to 30 years</p> <p>Granted access to additional land to compensate for lower stocking rates</p> <p>Subsidy of 200 euros/ha/year over five years to ensure a guaranteed income during the transition period</p> <p>150,000 euros per farm to cover the cost of all new farm equipment and infrastructure development</p> <p>Free labour to apply compost in farmers' fields & free technical assistance</p> | <p>https://www.vittel.com/vittel-water-conservation</p> <p>https://www.iied.org/q00388</p> |
| <p>Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Incentive Grants (2016-)</p> | <p>California, US</p> | <p>California Department of Food and Agriculture</p> | <p>Government</p> | <p>Financial incentives to implement conservation management practices that sequester carbon, reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases, and improve soil health</p> | <p>Annually and one-time implemented practices</p> <p><i>Grazing Land Eligible Practices:</i> - Compost application, hedgerow planting, prescribed grazing, range planting, riparian forest buffer, tree/shrub establishment</p> | <p>Flat-Rate Reimbursement System</p> <p>Yearly invoicing following yearly practice verification</p> <p>- maximum grant award is \$100,000</p> | <p>https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oeffi/healthysoils/IncentivesProgram.html</p> |