

# Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Sign-Up Began May 20

## PINE BLUFF, ARK.

The next general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began May 20 and will end June 14.

CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers use environmentally sensitive land for conservation rather than for crops. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term resource-conserving cover crops to control soil erosion, improve water and air quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, participants receive rental payments and cost-share assistance.

“Land not currently enrolled in CRP, and participants with contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2013, may submit applications during the May 20 – June 14 sign-up” says Dr. Henry English, head of the Small Farm Program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

CRP provides an excellent opportunity for small farmers to remove marginal land from production while receiving rental payments, improve wildlife habitat and increase their bottom lines with cost-share assistance to install resource-conserving cover crops on marginal land, says Dr. English. Δ

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