

Program Structure: Participants receive a \$20/ac base payment each year. They must earn this by having a CNMP, have practices that meet at least three soil health principles, and three practices that meet other conservation elements. Bonus payments (\$5k/year) can be made for producers who try a new practice for the life of the contract above and beyond the minimum requirements listed above, or for expanding the number of acres a practice is implemented on. Each producer receives an in-field soil health assessment at the start and end of thier contract.

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan and Financial Plan

Required component (\$10/ac)

Soil Health					Other Conservation Elements		
<i>Meet three principles by implementing at least one practice for that category (\$5/acre)</i>					<i>Implement three practices from any combination of categories (\$5/ac)</i>		
Minimize Disturbance	Keep a Living Root	Keep the Soil Covered	Maximize Biodiversity	Integrate Livestock	Integrated Pest Management	Irrigation Efficiency	Water Quality
Reduced till	Cover crops	Cover crops	Cover crops	Prescribed grazing (basic)	Advanced plant health management	Soil moisture by feel	Riparian protection and/or restoration
Strip till	Interseeding	Interseeding	Pollinator habitat	Prescribed grazing (advanced, adaptive grazing)	Altering timing of planting or harvest	Weather based decision making	Vegetated buffer strips
No till	Overseeding perennial systems	Overseeding perennial systems	Biological inputs (seed treatments, inoculants, biostimulants)	Bale grazing	Introduction of beneficials or their habitat	Soil moisture sensors	Beaver dam analogs
Non-chemical pest control	Double cropping	Double cropping	Salinity/sodicity treatments	Swath grazing	Physical barriers	Flood irrigation sensors	Offsite watering or designated access points
Reducing synthietic fertilizers		Residue management		Mobile grazing shelters (chicken tractors)	Chemical seed treatments	Irrigation system upgrade (ex flood to sprinkler)	Residue management
Controlled traffic		Mulching		Stacked livestock grazing	Mechanical pest removal	Irrigation system automation	No till
		No till		Carbon amendments (compost, manure, biochar, etc)	Mulching	Irrigation system remote start/stop	Grazing management
		Strip till			Pheromones for mating disruption	ET caculations	Improved manure handling processes or facilities
					Trapping/depouulating pests	Algorithm-based scheduling	Precision nutrient application
					Non-lethal pest deterrants	Irrigation water meter	Solid/liquid waste separation
					Controlled grazing	Variable frequency drive	
					Spray management for beneficials	Efficient nozzle packages	
					Spray treatment		
					Invasive species management		

AgVIP Payment Structure for Small Farms (200 acres or less)

CNMP & Financial Element = \$2,000/year

Soil Health Components = \$1,000/year

Other Conservation Elements = \$1,000/year

Bonus structure remains the same as above.