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Programs for Beginning and Experienced Direct Seeders

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Programs available to Producers

1. Local Conservation District financing
2. Idaho State Conservation Commission Financing
3. CD Cost Share Programs
4. NRCS Conservation Programs
5. FSA Programs-TIP
Spokane Conservation District Loan Program

CD Partners:

Spokane, Palouse, Palouse-Rock Lake, Pine Creek, Whitman, Asotin, Columbia, Adams, Walla Walla, Pend Oreille, Pomeroy, Lincoln, Grant, Franklin, Stevens, Benton, South Douglas, Foster Creek, Okanogan, South Yakima and Eastern Klickitat CDs.

Four additional Counties in North Idaho: Benewah, Kootenai-Shoshone, Latah, and Idaho SWCDs.
Idaho Conservation Commission
Resource Conservation and Range Development Loan Program

1. Low-interest loans to install conservation measures on private property.

2. Eligible Projects include:
   a) Irrigation equipment
   b) No-till drills
   c) Animal feeding operation improvements
   d) Livestock fencing
   e) Stream bank protection
CD and PNDSA Cost Share Programs

Direct Seed and Riparian buffer funding – WA grants from DOE.

Practice Standard
382 Fencing
CD and PNDSA Cost Share Programs

Direct Seed and Riparian buffer funding – WA grants from DOE.

Practice Standard 345 Reduced Till
CD and PNDSA Cost Share Programs

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Practice Standard
329 Direct Seed
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

NRCS provides America’s farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to voluntarily put conservation on the ground, not only helping the environment but agricultural operations, too.

Get Started
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

5 Steps to Assistance

How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests

1. Planning
   Visit your local NRCS field office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.

2. Application
   With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.

3. Eligibility
   As part of applying, we’ll file paperwork to ensure you’re eligible for assistance.

4. Ranking
   NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.

5. Implementing
   Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.
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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related natural resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.
EQIP

Practices that apply to Direct seeders

• 329 Direct Seed - $15
• 345 Reduced Till - $43/acre under a 40 STIR Rating
• 590 Nutrient Management $6-$34/acre from Basic to Enhanced
• 595 Integrated Pest Management
• 340 Cover Crop
• 328 Conservation Crop Rotation
• 393 Filter Strips
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners.

WRIA 34 RCPP in Eastern Washington
Custom Seeding Opportunities

• Direct seed cost share typically pays $17-$43/acre
• Typical custom seeding rates run in the $20-$30/acre range.
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*Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)*

The Conservation Stewardship Program helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance - the higher the performance, the higher the payment.
CSP

CSP provides two types of payments through five-year contracts: annual payments for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing practices; and supplemental payments for adopting a resource-conserving crop rotation.
Farm Service Agency (FSA)

**Transition Incentives Program**

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP) offers assistance for retired or retiring land owners and operators, as well as opportunities for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. It provides the retired/retiring land owners or operators with two additional annual rental payments on land enrolled in expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, on the condition they sell or rent this land to a beginning farmer or rancher or to a socially disadvantaged group.
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