

The Conservation Finance Center has two financial calculators. One allows users to compare income and tax implications of continuing current land uses, such as farming, to enrolling land in the Conservation Reserve Program. The other allows users to compare income and tax implications of continuing current land uses, such as farming, to enrolling land in a Wetland Reserve Easement.

The calculators ask users to enter various types of information, such as the length of an easement, restoration costs, whether a user will have additional revenue from hunting leases, size of the property and net income from current land use.

With the Conservation Reserve Program calculator, it is best to consult your local Farm Service Agency office to determine the soil rental rate for your property. Otherwise, you must use a county average, which may not reflect actual payments for your property.

With the Wetland Reserve Easement calculator, you must enter the per-acre payment offered in your county and state, found in linked maps or charts on the calculator page. It is best the contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office before using the calculator. Local offices can help you determine the per-acre payment for which you may qualify, based on whether your property is cleared land or not.