

CLIMATE BENEFICIAL FIBER PARTNERSHIP:

Good for Farmers and Ranchers, the Land, and our Communities

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The **Climate Beneficial Fiber Partnership** is working with wool, alpaca, and cotton producers to accelerate adoption of conservation agriculture practices that benefit the climate, strengthen on-farm resilience, and build regional fiber systems.

Participating producers will work with planners in the field to create a tailored conservation plan that identifies opportunities to achieve farm and ranch goals while simultaneously increasing the amount of carbon stored in the soil and improving soil health and farm productivity. Participants will receive technical assistance and fixed cost-share incentive payments to support adoption of select conservation practices in their Plan.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Step One – Enrollment:

Producers interested in participating in the project complete a brief interest form found under “**For Producers**” at FIBERPARTNERSHIP.NCAT.ORG.

- After the project team reviews the interest form, eligible producers are invited to complete a full application.
- Accepted Producers complete an agreement to participate in the project.

Eligible Producers must:

- ✓ Have Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm records established.
- ✓ Be able to provide United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) records.
- ✓ Not be a foreign entity.
- ✓ Be willing to implement at least one practice.
- ✓ Have control of land (lease or deed).

Step Two – Resilient Ranch Planning: Producers will complete a farm plan with their regional planner through:

- Property visits and resource inventory of the landscape.
- Determining goals, resources, and opportunities.
- Deciding on climate beneficial practices to implement on the property.

Step Three – Practice Implementation: Producers will receive reimbursements* for practices implemented on their property once:

- The planner submits field enrollment on behalf of the Producer after implementation and payment rates and terms are agreed upon.
- Approved practice(s) on the property are implemented, meeting agreed upon specifications, verified by the planner.

* The Climate Beneficial Fiber Partnership will make reimbursements following the standard and Historically Underserved Producers EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) rates.

WHAT'S ELIGIBLE?

Carbon farm conservation practices available to producers, determined by Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) include:

- Alley Cropping
- Compost Facility
- Conservation Cover
- Conservation Crop Rotation
- Contour Buffer Strips
- Cover Crops
- Critical Area Planting
- Fence
- Field Borders
- Filter Strips
- Forage Harvest Management
- Forest Farming
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Grassed Waterways
- Hedgerow Planting
- Herbaceous Wind Barrier
- Irrigation Water Management
- Livestock Pipeline
- Mulching
- Nutrient Management
- Pasture and Hay Planting
- Prescribed Grazing
- Range Planting
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
- Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- Silvopasture
- Soil Carbon Amendment
- Strip-cropping
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
- Vegetative Barrier
- Watering Facilities
- Wetland Restoration
- Wildlife Habitat Planting
- Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment
- Windbreak and Shelterbelt Renovation

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Eligible producers in the program will receive:

- Payments for implementing practices.
- One-to-one technical assistance in implementing practices that build healthy soils, drought resilience, and farm profitability.
- An invitation to sell Climate Beneficial™ Verified wool through a premium market being developed with this project.

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