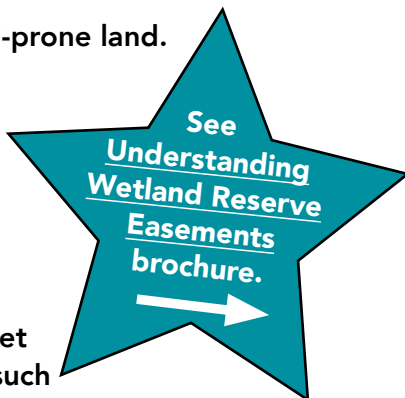


WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS (WRE) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN ARKANSAS

Natural
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With the Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) program, you can:

- Receive up to \$3,200/acre for enrolling in WRE (payment rates vary by zone and land use and are in review for 2022 rate adjustments).
- Reduce risk of farming flood-prone land.
- Develop highly productive wildlife habitat.
- Retain ownership of your property, as well as access control, hunting and fishing rights, and the ability to sell the property.
- Incur little or no out-of-pocket cost for habitat restoration such as tree planting and wetland development.
- Enjoy improved opportunities to observe wildlife as well as increase hunting opportunities for waterfowl, deer, and other wildlife.
- Create potential income from leased hunting.
- Make great memories with family and friends.
- Leave a lasting legacy for your children and grandchildren.
- Contribute to wildlife and ecosystem health regionally.



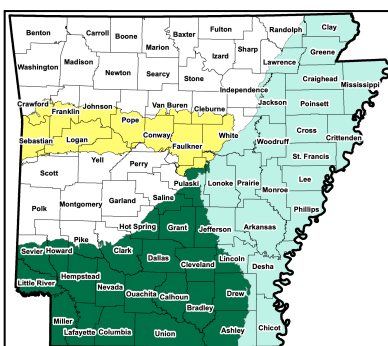
FIND IT HERE: Local Service Ctr- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/ar/contact/local/> Understanding WRE brochure- <https://www.lmvjv.org/s/Understanding-WRE-AR.pdf>

WRE Eligible Land Types

Ranking and enrollment priority is given to applications that include:

- Farmed Wetlands or Prior Converted Cropland, Pasture, or Hayland
- Other eligible lands may include:
 - Former or Degraded Wetlands
 - Riparian (stream-side) areas
 - Some CRP lands

Arkansas Area	Irrigated Cropland	Non-Irrigated Cropland	Wooded Non-CRP & Incidental Land	Wooded CRP Planted Lands	Pasture Land
Arkansas River Valley	\$2,600	\$2,000	\$900	\$1,200	\$2,100
Mississippi River Valley	\$3,200	\$2,500	\$900	\$1,400	\$1,900
Gulf Coastal Plain	\$2,900	\$1,800	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,300
Remainder of State	80% of Appraisal, not to exceed \$3,000/ac				
2021 rates listed above. (Rate adjustments for 2022 in review.)					



Funding Opportunities

- **General WRE** - statewide
 - **Tri-state WREP** - Delta counties, including funding for underserved landowners
 - **MS River WREP** - lands east of the mainline MS River levee
- Applications will be considered for all eligible funding opportunities.

How to Apply for WRE

- Applications for WRE may be submitted at your local NRCS Service Center at any time.
- Landowners are encouraged to apply by **October 29, 2021** for funding consideration in 2022.
- Applications submitted after **October 29, 2021** will be accepted and considered in the next funding period.

"If you are interested in creating wildlife habitat this is a way to do it. It's a way to create a conservation habitat without having to bear all the expense yourself; you have a lot of professional resources to get it done. It's a great alternative to marginal agricultural land or something that's already too wet to farm."

-- Bob Bush, WRE owner in the Miss. Alluvial Valley