RIPE 100 Policy Plan:
Earn $100/acre for stewardship
RIPEroadmap.org
Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) is a farmer-led nonprofit advancing a voluntary stewardship program that provides a reasonable return to farmers as part of a national climate policy.

Different from existing cost-share programs, the RIPE100 plan rewards farmers with $100 per acre from conservation practices that deliver public value through carbon sequestration, soil health, water quality and other environmental services.

RIPE payments would also surpass the full cost of practice implementation and input cost increases, like fertilizer, fuel, etc., from climate policy.
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CORE PRINCIPLES OF RIPE100 PROPOSAL

- $100 per acre.
- All farm sizes & types qualify.
- Simple enrollment.
- No penalty for early adopters.
- Does not compete with existing safety net program funds.
Instead of cost-share, farmers should be paid the total value of their public contribution, and for increased input costs from climate policy.
PRACTICES = PRACTICAL FOR ALL FARM TYPES

- No-Till
- Cover Crops
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- Filter Strip
- Irrigation Water Management (Alternate Wetting & Drying)
- Forage & Biomass Planting
- Adaptive Grazing Management
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- Maintaining Grass Cover on Expiring CRP Contracts & Native Grasslands

See our website for more practices. We welcome input from farm groups to expand this list to ensure practical options for all farmers.
INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

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