

2026 Risk of Adoption Mitigation Pilot Program NRD Specs

Eligibility:

- NRDs: CPNRD (Central Platte), LCNRD (Lewis & Clark), LNNRD (Lower Niobrara)
- Acres that are being enrolled in or upgraded to a more advanced nitrogen management (NMS) for the first time
 - Upgraded or prior enrollment must be validated
- Acres are that have applied to be in NRD-funded cost-share program*
 - Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and are up to districts' discretion. Priority may be given to those using a chemigation system.
- Acres planted to Corn, Soybeans, or Sorghum

Enrollment Requirements:

- At least 2 separate fields applied to NRDs program eligible cost shares enrolled in NMS per awardee. Acre thresholds vary by NRD.
 - To help validate technology, more than one plot of land that has been continuously farmed is needed
- Awardee must be associated with a primary agronomy services provider (ASP)
- Awardee must commit to following recommendations from NMS (as validated by their ASP) for the duration of their agreement, or they forfeit payment
- Awardee must provide nitrogen application information/records, planting information/records, nitrogen management plan (total N, timings, and amounts), and yield monitor data in digital format
- Awardee must attest to accuracy of information submitted
- U.S. Citizenship and compliance form must accompany application.

Pilot Program:

- Payment after each crop year before March 15th
- Data needs to be provided to NMS/ASP before December 15th, 2026, or producer forfeits payment

NRD Specific Details:

- **CPNRD**
 - NMS enrollment capped at 320 acres per awardee
 - \$6.75/acre
 - NRD pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost
 - A final report must be provided by supplier (NMS) before payment is made.
- **LCNRD**
 - NMS enrollment capped at 320 acres per awardee
 - \$6.75/acre
 - NRD pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost
 - A final report must be provided by supplier (NMS) before payment is made.
- **LNNRD**
 - NMS enrollment has no cap of acres per awardee
 - \$6.75/acre
 - NRD pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost
 - A final report must be provided by supplier (NMS) before payment is made.