UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-585

For: State and County Offices

Administration of CRP

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

1 Overview

A Background

On March 14, 2008, the President signed a bill providing for, among other things, a continuation of CRP authority through April 18, 2008. Sufficient funding has also been provided.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy about:

- continuing all authorized CRP activities through April 18, 2008
- continuing certain CRP activities after April 18, 2008
- suspending CRP contract approvals for all signup types effective April 19, 2008.

2 General Policy

A CRP Administration Through April 18, 2008

State and County Offices shall implement CRP, including continuous signup, CREP, FWP, and initiatives according to applicable policy and directives through April 18, 2008.

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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2 General Policy (Continued)

B CRP Administration Effective April 19, 2008

Effective April 19, 2008, FSA shall:

- not **approve** any CRP contracts for any signup types
- continue to pay all SIP, PIP, and cost-share payments for contracts approved before April 19, 2008.

Note: For CRP-1's approved **before** April 19, 2008, payments are authorized consistent with procedure in 2-CRP and applicable notices.

C Suspending Contract Approvals Effective April 19, 2008

Effective April 19, 2008, authority is suspended for approval of any contracts or new obligations for contracts approved before April 19, 2008.

3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall read and follow the provisions of this notice.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow instructions in this notice.

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