

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-717

For: State and County Offices

Emergency Haying and Grazing for 2012

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 New Provisions for Emergency Haying and Grazing

A Background

On July 23, 2012, Secretary Vilsack announced that because of the current severe drought, all counties with a drought level of D0 or higher, as measured by the US Drought Monitor, are approved for emergency haying and grazing outside of the Primary Nesting Season (PNS). Participants may sell hay harvested under this authority.

B COC Action

County Offices shall access the GIS data table each Thursday morning to determine if the county is listed at drought level D0 – Abnormally Dry, or higher. If a county has a value in the column for D0 (or had one as of July 19, 2012), then COC shall notify producers in the county that they may use their CRP acreage for emergency haying until August 31, 2012, or emergency grazing until September 30, 2012.

Note: Data on the drought monitor is normally updated about 8 a.m. EST, but this time may vary slightly. County Offices shall ensure that they reference the latest data.

Counties not at drought level D0-Abnormally Dry requesting emergency haying or grazing shall continue to submit requests to DAFP according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 691 C. Counties requesting emergency grazing during PNS shall continue to submit waiver requests to DAFP according to current policy.

COC shall modify 2-CRP, Exhibit 52, Terms and Conditions for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage, to remove item 7.

Disposal Date	Distribution
August 1, 2013	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 County Request for Emergency Haying and Grazing (Continued)

C State Office Action

State Offices shall provide a copy of this notice to County Offices and ensure that County Offices understand the provisions of this notice

D Contacts

State Offices shall direct any questions about the provisions of this notice to Jim Michaels, CEPD, by e-mail at **james.michaels@wdc.usda.gov**.

County Offices shall contact the State Office.