

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice CRP-766**

**For:** State and County Offices

**Emergency Haying and Grazing Policy Reminder for 2014**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

2-CRP, Part 19, Section 3 provides general policy for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acreage. Agricultural Act of 2014, Section 2004 eliminated the standard payment reduction for conducting emergency haying and grazing.

**B Purpose**

This notice reminds States of existing policy for conducting **emergency** haying and grazing in FY 2014.

**2 Policy Reminders**

**A Primary Nesting Season**

Participants shall not conduct emergency haying or grazing during the primary nesting season.

**B Eligibility According to the US Drought Monitor**

COC's may request emergency haying or grazing for all or part of a county from STC using the U.S. Drought Monitor according to the provisions in 2-CRP, subparagraph 691 D. For emergency haying and grazing, county eligibility is based on COC submitting evidence that the county is designated as level "D2 Drought-Severe" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is available on the Internet at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

COC's requesting emergency haying or grazing shall access the Drought Monitor GIS Data Archive Screen at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/MapsAndData/GISData.aspx>.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2015 6-12-14	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### **2 Policy Reminders (Continued)**

#### **C Frequency**

CRP participants who conducted emergency haying or grazing in previous years may conduct emergency haying and grazing in FY 2014 provided that before implementing any form of haying or grazing, a haying or grazing plan must be developed that is in compliance with NEPA and all other applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

#### **D Provisions for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Counties**

The 85 counties located in the Lesser Prairie-Chicken action area shall follow the additional provisions outlined in Notice CRP-758.

### **3 Action**

#### **A State Office Action**

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice.

#### **B County Office Action**

County Offices shall follow the provisions of this notice.