

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-779

For: State and County Offices

COC Approval of Continuous CRP Signup 47 Offers

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

On October 1, 2014, offer enrollment for signup 47 began. State and County Offices were informed through Information Bulletins 7205 and 7205R that continuous CRP signup 47 (State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) and highly erodible land initiative offers were exempt) offers could be submitted in the Conservation Online System (COLS), but the offers could **not** be COC approved in COLS until further notice.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- upon manual AGI verification that the proper documentation has been received, continuous CRP signup 47 offers may be COC approved in COLS

Note: All requirements in 2-CRP, paragraph 401 must be met before COC may approve CRP-1.

- upon manual verification that the FY 2015 AGI requirements have been met, payments calculated as a result of the COC approval of continuous CRP signup 47 offers can be certified and signed in NPS
- a temporary software modification has been implemented in COLS to allow COC approval of continuous CRP signup 47 offers, but with these mandatory actions as required by State and County Offices
- the FY 2015 AGI check for \$900,000 has been temporarily disabled

Note: COLS will temporarily bypass this AGI validation, thereby allowing all continuous CRP signup 47 offers to be COC approved.

Disposal Date	Distribution
May 1, 2015 10-24-14	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

B Purpose (Continued)

- mandatory action is required by State and County Offices before any COC approval of continuous CRP signup 47 offers are entered in COLS or any payments are certified and signed in NPS.

2 Mandatory Action

A Before Entering COC Approval for Continuous CRP Signup 47 Offers in COLS

Before entering the COC approval for continuous CRP signup 47 offers in COLS, COC and designees shall ensure that every producer on the offer with a share greater than 0 percent files CCC-941 for FY 2015. If the producer is an entity or joint operation, then all members shall also file CCC-941.

IF...	THEN...
every producer on the offer with a share greater than 0 percent and every member of every entity or joint operation on the offer has filed CCC-941	COC approve the offer in COLS.
any producer on the offer with a share greater than 0 percent and any member of any entity or joint operation on the offer has not filed CCC-941	do not COC approve the offer in COLS.

B Issuing Signup Incentive Payments, Practice Incentive Payments, and Cost Share Payments

For any payments calculated based on the COC approval of continuous CRP signup 47 offers, COC and designees shall follow this table.

IF...	THEN...
all producers and/or all members of an entity or joint operation has certified to meeting the \$900,000 average AGI provisions for FY 2015	issue the payment in the normal manner.
1 or more producers and/or 1 or more members of an entity or joint operation have certified they do not meet the \$900,000 average AGI provisions for FY 2015.	do not issue the payment until further notice.

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3 Contact

A State Office

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow the procedure provided in this notice. If there are questions about:

- CRP policy, contact Beverly Preston, CRP Program Manager, by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **beverly.preston@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-9563
- COLS or Conservation Contract Maintenance System software, contact Kelly Worley, Program Specialist, by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **kelly.worley@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-9646
- Conservation Payments software, contact Bryan Rogers, Program Specialist, by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **bryan.rogers@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 352-793-2651.

B County Office

County Offices shall:

- follow the procedure provided in this notice
- contact their State Office for questions about this notice.