

For: State and County Offices

Transition Incentives Program (TIP) Reminder

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1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Act of 2014 amendments to the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized \$33 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring CRP contract from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a veteran, underserved, or beginning farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

During 2014 FSA obligated almost \$8.5 million. Funds are available for 2015.

B Purpose

This notice reminds:

- County Offices that funding for CRP TIP is still available
- State Offices to continue reporting TIP activities using the 2015-StateTIP_CRP-1R_Report on <https://sharepoint.fsa.usda.net/states/cepd/tip/default.aspx> by the end of each month. Additional instructions will be issued soon.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2016	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 General Signup Information

A Signup Period for TIP

Eligible retired or retiring owners and operators and veteran, underserved, or beginning farmers or ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis.

To be considered eligible, veteran, underserved, or beginning farmers or ranchers and CRP participants must enroll in TIP during the period beginning 1 year before the CRP contract expiration date and September 30 of the year when the CRP contract is scheduled to expire.

B Definition

The Agricultural Act of 2014 added the following definition for an eligible farmer or rancher:

Veteran farmer or rancher means a farmer or rancher who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released from the service under conditions other than dishonorable and who has:

- **not** operated a farm or ranch; **or**
- operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years.

C State Allocations

State allocations were adjusted on June 8, 2015. State TIP contracts are limited to the State's allocation. See Exhibit 1.

State Offices that can demonstrate a need for additional TIP funding can submit requests to CEDP for an additional allocation. A justification must be provided to receive an additional allocation. A reserve has been held at the National level to address requests for additional allocations.

D Procedure for Signup

State and County Offices shall accept TIP applications:

- according to 2-CRP, Part 21
- using the definition for veteran farmer and rancher in subparagraph B, if applicable.

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 read and follow the provisions of this notice.

State TIP Allocations

State	Allocation
Alabama	\$279,500
Alaska	\$25,000
Arizona	\$0
Arkansas	\$86,500
California	\$25,000
Colorado	\$1,561,000
Connecticut	\$25,000
Delaware	\$25,000
Florida	\$57,500
Georgia	\$526,500
Idaho	\$716,000
Illinois	\$685,000
Indiana	\$98,000
Iowa	\$935,000
Kansas	\$1,939,000
Kentucky	\$267,000
Louisiana	\$416,000
Maine	\$25,000
Maryland	\$25,000
Massachusetts	\$0
Michigan	\$100,000
Minnesota	\$3,135,000
Mississippi	\$336,000
Missouri	\$903,000
Montana	\$4,129,000

State	Allocation
Nebraska	\$1,099,000
Nevada	\$0
New Hampshire	\$0
New Jersey	\$25,000
New Mexico	\$52,000
New York	\$25,000
North Carolina	\$25,000
North Dakota	\$2,276,000
Ohio	\$144,000
Oklahoma	\$168,000
Oregon	\$264,000
Pennsylvania	\$50,000
Puerto Rico	\$0
Rhode Island	\$0
South Carolina	\$103,500
South Dakota	\$1,068,000
Tennessee	\$71,500
Texas	\$2,799,000
Utah	\$25,000
Vermont	\$0
Virginia	\$25,000
Washington	\$2,256,000
West Virginia	\$0
Wisconsin	\$386,000
Wyoming	\$42,000
Total	\$27,224,000