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For: County Offices

CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing Deadline Reminder

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

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Background**

Oklahoma has 20 counties approved for CRP emergency haying and grazing. Because of weather-related conditions in affected regions of the country, the Secretary of Agriculture authorized the extension of emergency haying and grazing through November 30, 2002. Emergency haying and grazing of CRP are to be discontinued by November 30, 2002. Hay is to be removed from CRP fields by December 15, 2002. To reduce potential compliance situations, participants need to be individually informed of these CRP emergency haying and grazing deadlines.

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Purpose**

This notice requires approved CRP emergency haying and grazing counties to inform participants of the November 30, 2002, haying and grazing deadline.

2 County Office Action

**A
Haying/Grazing
Deadline Notice**

The CED shall develop a CRP emergency haying and grazing deadline notice and send to each CRP participant that was approved for emergency haying and grazing.

Livestock must be removed from the CRP acreage by December 1, 2002. Haying must be completed by December 1, 2002. An acreage is considered hayed if it is in windrows by this date. Hay cutting activity after November 30, 2002, would result in a violation of the terms and conditions. All hay must be removed from the CRP acreage by December 15, 2002. Hay cannot be stored on CRP acres.

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2 County Office Action (continued)

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**Haying/Grazing
Deadline Notice
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Notices to CRP participants must include the date, name and address, contract number, acres, and be signed by the CED.

Note: Recent COR reports have indicated correspondence to participants on emergency haying and grazing are very general and do not include the above information. The specific information is necessary in appeal cases.

The notice should also include the requirement that participants must report the number of acres hayed or grazed by December 9, 2002.

Publicity efforts, concerning the November 30, 2002, deadline, in addition to the individual notice, is encouraged (newsletters, newspapers, etc.).

The deadline notice shall be sent to each individual participant by November 15, 2002.
