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OK Notice CRP-547

For: County Offices

Supplement to Notice CRP-429

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CRP-429 provided counties with activities to complete in preparation for general signup 26. The Secretary of Agriculture recently announced that general signup 26 would begin May 5, 2003, and conclude May 30, 2003.

B Purpose

This notice clarifies items in Notice CRP-429 that need to be completed for general signup 26.

2 Cost-Share Information

A Cost-Share Rates

Paragraph 2 of Notice CRP-429 addresses several aspects of establishing and reviewing cost-share rates for CRP. There is no county office action required with respect to this paragraph. Cost-share rates have been established and are current as shown in 2-CRP (Rev. 3), OK Exhibit 10. The cost-share list in OK Exhibit 10 will be amended soon to include the additions of chemical and mechanical treatments for brush management to accommodate the required management activities on expiring CP10 practice contracts that may be re-offered and accepted in signup 26.

B Cost-Share Estimates for Practices

A forthcoming notice will provide an estimated cost-share amount for each practice to enter in the AGSS offer system and to use to converse with producers.

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December 1, 2003

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3 Data for Land Eligibility and EBI Determination

A CPA Maps, Zone Maps, and HUC

Counties were provided maps at the CRP training and in OK Notice CRP-544 reflecting the Conservation Priority Area (CPA) boundaries for the counties and Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC). To assist counties to determine whether an offer is in an approved CPA/zone, the National office will provide a web site containing an application that will allow viewing and printing of detailed county level maps. Refer to Notice CRP-429, subparagraph 3 A for additional information.

B Rainfall (R) and Climatic (C) Data Maps

The AGSS software utilizes the R and C factors to calculate EI and related factors. The AGSS software places the counties applicable R and C factor in for the county. This is a “live” field that may be changed due to typographical reasons across the various counties in the nation.

The R and C fields on the AGSS software **shall not** be changed from the pre-populated field. There is no topography variance in any Oklahoma county supporting a change to this function; therefore, R and C maps will not be provided to counties.

C Soil Surveys

Each county office shall possess a county soil survey for conducting general signup. The soil map unit symbols for the survey shall coincide with the “Soils Maintenance-Detail Report” list of soils provided to counties at the CRP training. Counties, that administer land physically located in another county, shall obtain a soil survey for that county to conduct signup.

D SSURGO II Counties

The following counties will have SSURGO II soil survey data available to utilize the GIS CRP Tool completely. Counties, without the SSURGO II soil survey data, can still utilize the GIS CRP Tool for acreage determinations.

Adair	Harmon	Okfuskee
Beckham	Kay	Oklahoma
Canadian	Kingfisher	Payne
Carter	Lincoln	Pittsburg
Cherokee	Logan	Pottawatomie
Cleveland	Marshall	Tulsa
Custer	Murray	Woods
Garfield	Noble	Woodward
Grant		

4 CRP General Signup Practices Information

A General Signup Practices

The following are general signup practices: CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP11, CP12, and CP25.

4 CRP General Signup Practices Information (continued)

B Job Sheets

Notice CRP-429, subparagraph 4 A conveys that the State Office will develop job sheets, by practice, for county offices. Due to the localized nature of each practice, the State Office, at CRP training, provided counties information in "Tab 18," of the CRP training notebook, material to develop job sheets specific to their county. Counties were advised to consult NRCS in developing this information. The information included to assist counties consisted of:

- "Draft" Cover Subfactor Guidelines for CRP Signup 26
- Practice Standard 512, Pasture and Hay Planting
- Practice Standard 550, Range Planting
- Practice Standard 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Oklahoma Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA) map
- Annual Precipitation Map

The checklist, at Tab 18 of the training notebook, also required counties to obtain the soil survey, if not already on hand, and a copy of the "Rangeland Productivity and Characteristic Plant Communities" table located in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Additionally, the county needs to obtain the "Interpretative Groupings" table located in Section II, Cropland Interpretations of the FOTG. The table provides the wind erosion group (WEG) for each soil. Some grass seeds' area of adaptation reference soils in a particular WEG. Utilize the above chart in these cases.

The National Office has indicated practice CP25 will be approved for specific areas of Oklahoma. The CP25 would be available in the Mixed Grass Prairie, which is associated with MLRAs 77E, 78C, 80A, and 82B, and the Tall Grass Prairie associated with MLRA 112. Upon approval, counties will be sent Practice Standard 643, Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats. Other resource material mentioned above will assist the county in adapting this practice locally.

From the above information and consultation with the local DC, the county office will need to develop a producer information package or reference sheet containing the information listed at the bottom of subparagraph 4 A in Notice CRP-429.

5 County Office Action

A Summary Chart

Exhibit one provides a summary chart of county office actions required in Notice CRP-429.

Summary of County Office Actions Necessary in Notice CRP-429

Notice CRP-429 Subparagraph:	Refer to this Notice Subparagraph:	No Action Required
2 A, B, and C	2 A and B	X
3 A	3 A	X
3 B	3 B	X
3 C	3 C and D	
3 D		X
4 A	4 A	
4 B	2 B	
5 A, B, and C		X
6 A and C		complete as detailed in Notice CRP-429
6 B		X
6 D		If applicable – 25% limited counties only
6 E		If applicable – 25% limited counties only
6 F		X