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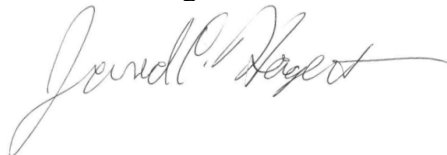
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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 1 A has been amended to extend policy and instruction through 2026.

Subparagraph 2 B has been amended to clarify requirements for purchasing land in CRP.

Subparagraph 4 A has been amended to update related handbooks and manuals.

Subparagraph 4 B has been amended to add an exception for SAFE or CREP policy in State amendments.

Subparagraph 5 C has been amended to clarify equitable relief request submissions.

Subparagraph 6 B has been amended to remove exhibit references.

Paragraph 8 has been added to provide CCC-770 checklist requirements.

Subparagraph 19 A has been amended to clarify approving officials.

Subparagraph 31 A has been amended to direct STC to subparagraph 5 C for required relief request documentation.

Subparagraph 33 A has been amended to provide DD requirements for CCC-770's and FSA-848 review and approval.

Subparagraph 35 A has been amended to update CED responsibilities.

Paragraph 36 has been amended to update PA responsibilities.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 38 B has been amended to include nondelegated CED responsibilities.

Paragraph 39 has been withdrawn.

Subparagraph 52 B has been updated to include WEPS and RUSLE2.

Subparagraph 52 C has been amended to remove the SF-424-1 Note.

Subparagraphs 52 D and F have been updated to include the Area Conservationist or Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations.

Subparagraph 52 E has been amended to clarify NRCS field office responsibilities.

Paragraph 66 has been amended to update practice requirements and eligibility for continuous CRP, general CRP, and grassland CRP signups.

Subparagraphs 81 A and C have been amended to include WRP.

Subparagraph 81 D has been amended to include WRP and to clarify CP5A and CP16A are not included in the 25 percent cropland report.

Subparagraph 81 E has been amended to update county report of cropland and CRP enrollment information.

Subparagraph 81 H has been amended to include WRP and to update the 25 Percent County Cropland Report location.

Subparagraph 82 A has been amended to update AD-894 instructions.

Subparagraph 101 B has been amended to provide eligibility dates for Climate-Smart Practice Incentives and update applicable practices.

Subparagraph 101 C has been amended to updated policy for continuous and general CRP maximum rental rates.

Subparagraphs 102 B has been updated to provide the updated SPI for both continuous and general CRP. Subparagraph 102 D has been removed.

Subparagraph 102 C has been amended to provide eligibility dates for inflationary adjustment incentive.

Subparagraph 103 B has been amended to update rental rate requirements.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 103 C has been amended to update rental rate establishment for grassland CRP.

Subparagraph 103 D has been amended to add a reference to 4-CRP.

Subparagraph 126 D has been amended to remove “SDA”.

Subparagraph 126 F has been amended to update references.

Subparagraph 128 A has been amended to clarify structural change policy applies to all participants with an interest in the CRP-1.

Subparagraph 131 G has been amended to update 4-PL contract dates and include 6-PL and 7-PL.

Subparagraph 151 B has been amended to include WEPS and WEQ as applicable.

Subparagraph 171 C has been amended to update continuous CRP signup activity steps.

Subparagraph 181 A has been amended to update the eligibility requirements for cropland.

Subparagraph 181 B has been amended to update the eligibility requirements for cropland within wellhead protection areas.

Subparagraph 181 C has been amended to update the eligibility requirements for marginal pastureland.

Subparagraph 181 F has been amended to update the deadline for re-enrollment.

Subparagraph 181 G has been amended to update acreage eligibility requirements.

Paragraph 183 has been amended to clarify HELI requirements.

Paragraph 184 has been amended to clarify CLEAR30 requirements.

Subparagraph 197 B has been amended to provide additional PIP information.

Subparagraph 212 A has been amended to include CP39 for marginal pastureland.

Subparagraph 215 B has been amended to update acceptable offer requirements.

Subparagraph 249 B has been amended to update incentive payment requirements.

Subparagraph 261 A has been amended to update note on evaluation of farmer or ranchers CCC-860 status.

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A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraphs 267 A and B have been amended to update CRP-2G references.

Subparagraph 270 B has been updated to update County Office approval time and add a reference to paragraph 511 for water infrastructure requests.

Subparagraph 271 A has been amended to update note about haying not authorized during PNS.

Subparagraph 286 B has been amended to clarify CRP EI requirements.

Subparagraph 331 B has been amended to update CRP statement of participation.

Subparagraph 333 A has been amended to update CRP-2 reference.

Subparagraph 366 A has been amended to clarify that conservation plans are required to address and resolve identified natural resource concerns.

Subparagraph 366 B has been amended to correct the technical practice code for Riparian Forest Buffer.

Subparagraph 367 D has been amended to add grazing or haying plan requirements.

Subparagraph 367 F has been amended to update NEPA criteria.

Subparagraph 369 B has been amended to clarify the requirements for the 6-part CRP contract folder.

Subparagraph 401 A has been amended to include CCC-770 requirements and update CREP offer review requirements.

Subparagraph 401 B has been amended to update CREP offer review requirements.

Subparagraph 426 B has been amended to update the note about producer risk of starting a practice before approval and environmental evaluation.

Subparagraph 426 C has been amended to clarify practice component installation timelines and extension requests as applicable.

Subparagraph 427 A has been amended to update when the maintenance period begins.

Subparagraph 428 A has been amended to clarify when thinning may be used.

Subparagraph 428 D has been amended to revise previously approved management activities and requests for new activities must be submitted to DAFP by June 30.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 429 A has been amended to clarify that

- practices must be authorized in the contract signup
- removing land from CRP-1 is an allowed modification.

Subparagraph 429 C has been amended to require a new Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet when changing practices on a continuous contract.

Subparagraph 461 A has been amended to add a reference to 3-PL.

Subparagraph 462 A has been amended to clarify that all CRP payments will be rounded and paid to the nearest whole dollar amount.

Subparagraph 462 D has been amended to clarify issuing and paying PIP payments.

Subparagraph 490 C has been amended to update the example.

Subparagraph 490 D has been amended to provide:

- additional clarification for C/S on acreage not under CRP-1 but associated with a grassland CRP-1
- contract compliance
- applicable practices for plastic mulch or supplemental irrigation water
- applicable practices for tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices
- applicable practices for non-tree practices for animal control
- re-enroll practices when conservation plan was not followed.

Subparagraph 492 C has been amended to clarify C/S eligibility for restoration of CRP practice components.

Subparagraph 500 A has been amended to FSA-848A requirements.

Paragraph 501 has been withdrawn.

Subparagraph 502 A has been amended to clarify extension requests must be in writing.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 502 B has been amended to update report and letter information for practices within 59 days of expiration.

Subparagraph 502 D has been amended to provide COF will record FSA-848A extension request approvals in CSS within 5 workdays of extension approval.

Paragraphs 503, 504, and 506 have been updated to replace cancel with terminate.

Subparagraph 503 B has been amended to provide COF must take immediate action to notify the participant to file a performance report.

Subparagraph 504 B has been amended to reference 6-CRP.

Subparagraph 506 C has been amended to clarify documentation needed for FSA-848Bs which are not timely filed.

Subparagraph 507 A has been amended to:

- update language in CSS
- reference 6-CRP
- clarify NRCS, FS, or TSP will certify on FSA-848B (Items 12, 13, 14, and 15) for all practice establishments were installed according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Subparagraph 508 A has been amended to provide NRCS or TSP will complete items 12, 13, 14, and 15 on FSA-848B.

Subparagraph 508 B has been amended to provide COC will determine if failure to meet NRCS Standards and Specifications warrants no cost share or contract termination.

Subparagraph 508 C has been added to provide certification of management activity requirements.

Subparagraphs 509 A and E have been amended to reference 6-CRP.

Subparagraph 510 B has been amended to provide practices for the exception.

Subparagraph 511 A has been amended to provide C/S authorized for grassland CRP and approval authority.

Subparagraph 511 B has been amended to include a well pump associated with a well in water developments.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraphs 511 G has been amended to include subparagraph J for approval authority required documentation.

Subparagraph 511 J has been added to provide policy for cost share requests on acres not enrolled in a CRP contract for CP88 and see subparagraph J for approval authority required documentation.

Subparagraph 511 K has been amended to provide STC or CD approval request.

Subparagraph 513 C has been amended to reference 5-CRP.

Subparagraph 514 B has been amended to provide guidance to determine eligible costs for C/S.

Paragraph 516 has been amended to clarify ineligible contributions must be included in total actual cost calculation but are not eligible to be included in C/S payments.

Subparagraph 517 A has been amended to clarify special interest group contributions must be included in total actual cost calculation but are not eligible to be included C/S payments if they are participants on the CRP-1.

Subparagraph 519 A has been amended to clarify C/S payment validations through CSS and payment software as well as update reference to paragraph 513 for spot check data.

Subparagraph 521 A has been amended to clarify refunds due as result of overpayment and underpayments.

Subparagraph 522 A has been amended to remove program name options not provided in software.

Subparagraph 522 B has been amended to reference 6-CRP.

Subparagraph 522 C has been amended to correct the name of the “Practices Nearing Expiration” report.

Subparagraph 522 D has been amended to remove EFCRP and reference 6-CRP.

Subparagraph 522 G has been amended to remove outdated software information.

Subparagraph 522 H has been amended to update timelines and responsibilities for all monthly C/S reports.

Subparagraph 523 C has been amended to reference 6-CRP.

Subparagraph 546 A has been updated to update CRP-1 tract number requirement and reference 5-CRP for CCMS instructions on revisions resulting in a reduction of acreage.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 546 H has been amended to reference paragraph 429.

Subparagraph 546 I has been amended to clarify the CRP-1 must be generated by CCMS.

Subparagraph 546 J has been amended to update signup 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 206, 207, and 208 information.

Subparagraph 553 A has been amended to clarify refunds of annual rental, C/S, and PIP are not required when terminating CRP to enroll in WRP, ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP.

Subparagraph 554 D has been amended to require COF users to initiate a revision to remove deceased participants.

Subparagraph 554 E has been amended to clarify successors-in-interest must sign the current version of the CRP-1 generated in CCMS.

Subparagraph 571 B has been amended to provide policy requirements when:

- COC must terminate part of the land under CRP-1
- requesting DAFP approval for terminating part of the land under CRP-1.

Subparagraph 575 A has been amended to clarify refunds of annual rental, C/S, and PIP are not required when terminating CRP to enroll in WRP, ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP.

Subparagraph 576 F has been amended to require STO's to report refund waivers on CD County Office SharePoint no later than December 1.

Subparagraph 601 B has been amended to clarify the status review documentation required by NRCS.

Subparagraph 601 C has been amended to remove 2-CP reference.

Subparagraph 602 B has been amended to clarify that both farm and tract number must be entered in item 1 on CRP-817U.

Subparagraph 604 A has been amended to clarify assessing payment reductions.

Subparagraph 605 A has been amended to provide COC will only authorize a waiver or reduction if the participant requests it in writing.

Subparagraph 605 B has been amended to provide STC and COC waiver of payment reporting responsibilities.

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A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 629 A has been amended to clarify acreage underwater re-enrollment requirements.

Paragraph 633 has been amended to clarify Commercial Hunting Operations.

Subparagraph 665 A has been amended to clarify requirements for baling and the 25 percent of unharvested acres do not need to be the same acres every year.

Subparagraph 670 A has been amended to clarify requirements for baling.

Subparagraph 670 D has been amended to clarify requirements for reporting grassland CRP contracts.

Subparagraph 670 E has been amended to update where STC or designee must report.

Subparagraph 681 A has been amended to refer to subparagraph F for more information on long-term damage to established cover.

Subparagraph 681 B has been amended to update where National Office will post authorized counties listing.

Subparagraph 681 D has been amended to update location of Emergency Haying and Grazing 40 Percent Loss Approval Request.

Subparagraph 681 E has been amended to provide guidance to apply for STC or DAFP authorization for forage production loss.

Subparagraph 681 F has been added to provide guidance on applying for DAFP authorization in response to natural disaster.

Subparagraph 681 G has been amended to provide guidance for STC Action and Determinations.

Subparagraph 681 H has been amended to provide guidance for emergency haying and grazing duration, deadlines, and timeframes.

Subparagraphs 683 A and C have been amended to clarify requirements for baling.

Subparagraph 685 A has been amended to add non-emergency spot check guidance.

Subparagraph 686 C has been amended to update where STC or designee must report.

Subparagraph 687 A has been amended to add non-emergency spot check guidance.

Part 21 has been amended throughout to replace SDA with veteran or beginning farmers or ranchers for TIP eligibility.

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A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 803 A has been amended to clarify owner or operator eligibility for TIP.

Subparagraph 804 A has been amended to provide authorized activities on expiring CRP-1s for TIP.

Subparagraph 804 B has been amended to provide continuous CRP enrollment for TIP.

Subparagraph 805 A has been amended to require signatures for TIP.

Subparagraph 806 A has been amended to add HELC and WC.

Subparagraph 806 B has been amended to clarify an approved CRP-1 for TIP.

Subparagraph 806 C has been amended to clarify early land preparation for TIP and required timing.

Subparagraph 807 B has been amended to update COC or CED approval of CRP-1R requirements to include the transition conservation plan.

Subparagraph 808 A has been amended to update the example dates to the current signup dates.

Subparagraph 811 A has been amended to update the chronological guide for processing TIP applications.

Subparagraph 812 B has been amended to clarify County Office will spot check 10 percent of TIP conservation plans.

Subparagraph 812 C has been added to provide clarification for assessing TIP liquidated damages.

Subparagraph 812 D has been amended to provide policy for waiving TIP liquidated damages.

Subparagraph 832 A has been amended to clarify cropland eligible for SAFE enrollment must be located within a DAFP approved State-designated SAFE project area.

Subparagraph 832 B has been amended to provide SAFE CP12 policy.

Subparagraph 832 E has been amended to provide SAFE management activities and provide approved SAFE proposals must include a minimum of 1 required management activity.

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A Reason for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 833 A has been amended to provide:

- SAFE proposals must comply with practice requirements in Exhibit 11
- States may have multiple SAFE projects
- SAFE proposals must not overlap other SAFE projects for the same habitat type or target species
- SAFE proposals must not overlap existing CREP projects addressing the same resource concern and expected outcomes.

Subparagraph 833 B has been amended to update SAFE proposal criteria.

Subparagraph 833 C has been added to provide required SAFE proposal information, organization, and formatting.

Subparagraph 833 D has been amended to clarify practice modification requirements.

Subparagraph 834 A has been amended to clarify modifications to existing SAFE project agreements.

Exhibit 5 has been amended to provide an updated CRP-23, CRP-24, and CRP-26.

Exhibit 19 has been amended to provide an updated map of grassland CRP national priority zones.

Exhibit 20 has been amended to add signups 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 206, 207, and 208.

Exhibit 21 has been amended to provide an updated CRP-1.

Exhibit 22 has been added to provide copies of the CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, CRP-2G-1

Exhibit 24 has been amended to update policy for grassland signups 206, 207, and 208.

Exhibit 26 has been amended to update all tables to reflect general CRP signups 62, 64, and 66 information.

Exhibit 32 has been amended to add contract years 2025, 2026, and 2027 starting and ending dates.

Exhibit 35 has been amended to add policy for completing CCC-770-CRP's as well as copies of all CCC-770's.

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Part 1 Basic Provisions**1 Overview****A Handbook Purpose**

--This handbook provides CRP policies and instructions for FY's 2019 through 2026 to--
FSA State and County Offices and NRCS Regional, State, Area, and Field Offices for:

- adhering to general provisions and carrying out FSA responsibilities
- maintaining useful life easements
- approving CRP-1's
- making annual rental payments
- performing other CRP activities
- C/S policies.

2 Implementing CRP**A Introduction**

This part provides the following:

- CRP:
 - sources of authority
 - objective
 - emphasis
- a list of related handbooks
- information on:
 - voluntary participation
 - CRP forms
 - who shall have access to a participating farm and farm records
 - relief actions
 - restrictions on lobbying activities.

B Voluntary Participation

A producer who purchases land enrolled in CRP is **not** * * * required to participate in CRP.

3 Authority, Program Objective, and Emphasis

A Sources of Authority

Sources of authority for CRP are:

- the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended
- 7 CFR Part 1410
- annual appropriations acts.

B CRP Objective

CRP's objective is to cost-effectively assist owners and operators in conserving and improving the nation's natural resource base.

C CRP Emphasis

CRP is a natural resource program that:

- protects the nation's soil, water, and wildlife resources
- improves and preserves water quality
- enhances fish and wildlife habitat
- addresses issues raised by local, State, regional, and national conservation initiatives.

4 Related Handbooks, Manuals, and Forms

A Related Handbooks and Manuals

The following provides handbooks and manuals related to CRP.

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Handbook or Manual	Title
1-APP	Program Appeals, Mediation, and Litigation
1-ARCPLC	Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Program
1-AS	Directives Management-Supplementing CRP Provision
3-AS	Forms and Graphics Management
32-AS	Records Management
1-CM	Common Management and Operating Provisions
9-CM	Common Payment System
10-CM	Farm Records and Reconstitutions
1-COR	County Operations Review Program
2-CP	Acreage and Compliance Determinations
6-CP	Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Provisions
7-CP	Finality Rule and Equitable Relief
4-CRP	Conservation Offer System
5-CRP	Conservation Contract Maintenance System and Conservation Payment Application
6-CRP	Conservation Reserve Program Cost Share and Practice Incentive Payments
1-EQ	Environmental Quality Programs
50-FI	Interest Rates
58-FI	Managing FSA and CCC Debts, Receivables, and Claims (for State and County Offices)
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64-FI	Establishing and Reporting Receipts and Receivables on the National Receipts and Receivables System
1-GIS	Geospatial Information Systems

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4 Related Handbooks, Manuals, and Forms (Continued)

A Related Handbooks and Manuals (Continued)

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Handbook or Manual	Title
2-INFO	Freedom of Information Act
3-INFO	Privacy Act Operations
1-PL	Payment Limitations
3-PL (Rev.2)	Web-Based Subsidiary Files for 2009 and Subsequent Years
4-PL	Payment Eligibility, Payment Limitation, and Average Adjusted Gross Income
5-PL	Payment Eligibility, Payment Limitation, and Average Adjusted Gross Income - Agricultural Act of 2014
6-PL	Payment Limitation, Payment Eligibility, and Average Adjusted Gross Income
7-PL	Payment Limitation, Payment Eligibility, and Average Adjusted Gross Income
NRCS Handbook 180, Part 600	National Planning Procedures Handbook
NRCS Manual 180, Parts 510-520	National Food Security Act Manual
NRCS General Manual 180, Part 409	Conservation Planning Policy
NRCS General Manual 190, Part 410	Compliance with NEPA
NRCS Field Office Technical Guides (FOTG)	Technical Criteria

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4 Related Handbooks, Manuals, and Forms (Continued)

B Adding or Withdrawing Provisions

State supplements to the handbook must **not** be less or more restrictive than the provisions of this handbook; however, State-specific amendments may be made that are consistent with CRP provisions.

***--Exception:** State amendments that address policy specific to approved SAFE or CREP may contain more restrictive provisions consistent with the SAFE or CREP project requirements. All SAFE and CREP policy amendments must be submitted to CD for review and authorization to approve.--*

For permanent directives, the following guidelines **must** be followed:

- issue a permanent State Office directive **only** as a supplement to this handbook

Note: Do **not** create a separate State handbook.

- do **not** rewrite or elaborate on unclear or incomplete national instructions
- do **not** modify national wording when adding supplemental information.

State Offices may supplement these handbook instructions according to 1-AS.

Note: Periodically, the National CRP Program Manager may select State amendments for review.

C Using Forms

Use national forms when applicable.

Other forms used for CRP may be:

- modified, according to the applicable exhibits
- developed as needed
- submitted for clearance and approval according to 3-AS.

Important: Use of manual CRP-1's and CRP-2's used for all CRP signup types are not authorized.

5 Access to Farm and Farm Records, Relief Actions, and Appeals

A Access to Farm and Farm Records

Authorized representatives of the Secretary must have access to a participating farm and farm records to:

- make eligibility determinations
- determine compliance with this handbook's provisions.

B Procedure Waiver by DAFP

Unless prohibited by statute, DAFP may waive any provision in this handbook.

Exception: The waiver provision is **not** a substitute for:

- appeal provisions in 1-APP
- misaction or misinformation provisions in 7-CP.

*--C Request for Equitable Relief

STC may authorize equitable relief based on a participant's written request, documented justification, and COC recommendation **only** within the authorities delegated to it by the CRP regulations or this handbook. See 7-CP.--*

COC may submit to STC fully documented requests for relief from complying with the CRP-1 terms and conditions.

*--Case files submitted to STC by COC must include the following:

- all documentation used by COC during review including, but not limited to:
 - copy of participant's or producer's written request for relief
 - CRP-1(s)
 - CRP-2(s)
 - copy of digital imagery/map
 - TERRA scenario, if applicable
 - conservation plan, implementation requirements, Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for continuous CRP, and other supporting documentation
 - FSA-848(s), if applicable--*

5 Access to Farm and Farm Records, Relief Actions, and Appeals (Continued)

*--C Request for Equitable Relief (Continued)

- C/S receipts, if applicable
- land deed, if applicable
- all correspondence to and from participant or producer relevant to the relief request
- other supporting documentation
- **narrative of the case in chronological order**
- copy of COC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification related to the case being submitted with all other unrelated actions redacted
- COC memorandum to STC summarizing case and COC's recommendation to grant relief
- FSA-321, as applicable, signed by COC and submitted in a separate PDF file.

Case files submitted to DAFP by STC must include the following:

- all documentation used by STC and COC during review including, but not limited to:
 - copy of participant's or producer's written request for relief
 - CRP-1(s)
 - CRP-2(s)
 - copy of digital map
 - TERRA scenario, if applicable
 - conservation plan, implementation requirements, Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for continuous CRP, and other supporting conservation plan documentation
 - FSA-848(s), if applicable
 - C/S receipts, if applicable
 - land deed, if applicable--*

5 Access to Farm and Farm Records, Relief Actions, and Appeals (Continued)

***--C Request for Equitable Relief (Continued)**

- all correspondence to and from participant or producer relevant to the relief request
- other supporting documentation
- **summary narrative of the case in chronological order**
- copy of COC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification related to the case being submitted with all unrelated actions redacted
- copy of STC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification related to the case being submitted with all unrelated actions redacted
- COC memorandum to STC summarizing case and COC's recommendation to grant relief
- STC memorandum to DAFP summarizing case and STC's recommendation to grant relief
- FSA-321, as applicable, signed by both COC and STC and submitted in a separate PDF file.

Note: Do not submit multiple copies of records.--*

5 Access to Farm and Farm Records, Relief Actions, and Appeals (Continued)

D Administrative Appeals

Handle all appeals, including appeals for technical determination made by NRCS or TSP, according to 1-APP.

CRP participants may request and receive a copy of the administrative appeal procedures in 1-APP.

Note: Items, such as formulas and SRR's, that are applied generally to all producers are not appealable.

See CRP-35 (Exhibit 5) for notification of offer reconsideration because of redetermination.

6 Restrictions on Lobbying Activities

A Applicability

The disclosure requirements apply to all FSA-848 applications for C/S payments filed and disbursed since December 23, 1989.

B Complying With Lobbying Disclosure Requirements

To comply with lobbying disclosure requirements, applicants for and recipients of a CRP C/S payment exceeding \$100,000 **must** file, with the County Office, either of the following for **each** C/S payment that exceeds \$100,000:

- CCC-674 * * *, if they have not used or will not use monies received for lobbying purposes
- SF-LLL * * *, if they have used or will use monies received for lobbying purposes.

Note: Complete SF-LLL-A * * * if needed.

C Providing Forms

Each time a single CRP C/S payment exceeds \$100,000, County Offices must send a copy of CCC-674, SF-LLL, and SF-LLL-A to the recipient with instructions to complete and return the applicable form or forms to the County Office within 10 workdays. See subparagraph E for disbursing payments.

6 Restrictions on Lobbying Activities (Continued)

D Forwarding and Filing Forms

County Offices must:

- forward a copy of the completed forms to Office of Advocacy and Outreach, through State Offices and DAFO
- file the original of the completed forms in the County Office in folder entitled “CRPF-2-d Contract Folders”.

E Disbursing Payments

County Offices must not:

- disburse CRP C/S payments exceeding \$100,000 until the applicant has returned the completed applicable form to the County Office
- issue multiple payments to avoid the requirements in subparagraph B.

F Unusual Situations

County Offices must contact FMD, through State Offices and DAFO, for assistance if situations arise that are not covered in this paragraph.

7 (Withdrawn--Amend. 7)

***--8 CCC-770 Checklist Policy**

A CCC-770 Checklist

The following checklists have been developed for use in CRP administration:

- CCC-770 CRP-1, General CRP Contract Checklist
- CCC-770 CRP-1C, Continuous CRP Contract Checklist
- CCC-770 CRP-1G, Grassland CRP Contract Checklist
- CCC-770 CRP CS, CRP Cost Share Payment Checklist
- CCC-770 CRP AR, CRP Annual Rental Payment Checklist.

CCC-770 CRP's are not intended to supersede or replace procedure. County Offices should:

- use CCC-770 CRP-1, CCC-770 CRP-1C, CCC-770 CRP-1G, CCC-770 CRP CS, and CRP-770 CRP AR as reference tools to help prevent common errors in determinations and certifications
- keep in mind the CCC-770 questions for CRP are intended to be general in nature and do not address all situations.

B Completing CCC-770 for CRP

Each FY, the applicable CCC-770 checklist must be completed by:

- CED before:
 - approval of all accepted CRP signup offers
 - issuance of all C/S payments greater than \$0
 - issuance of all annual rental payments to an FSA employee (including COC and STC members) directly or indirectly through a legal entity--*

*--8 CCC-770 Checklist Policy (Continued)

B Completing CCC-770 for CRP (Continued)

- DD (or designee) before:
 - approval of all accepted CRP signup offers with COC members, FSA County Office employees, other county USDA employees, and Conservation District board members, according to subparagraph 401 D
 - approval of all accepted CRP signup offers, per FY, per **service center**:
 - for General CRP and Grassland CRP signup, the first **2** per signup
 - for Continuous CRP signup, the first **2** in each subtype (regular, FWP, HEL, SAFE, CREP, and CLEAR30)

Note: If a service center implements more than one SAFE or CREP agreement, DD will review at least 2 enrollments per SAFE or CREP agreement regardless of how many prior reviews were completed.

Important: If a service center does not anticipate enrollment in at least three CRP signups or continuous subtypes, DD will review additional offers from the submitted CRP signup types for a total of not less than 5 reviews per FY, per service center. If possible, DD reviews should include a combination of offers for new acreage enrollments and re-enrollments.

- approval of FSA-848B for all C/S payments greater than \$0 directly or indirectly to COC members, FSA County Office employees, other County USDA employees, and Conservation District board members according to subparagraph 519 B
- issuance of a minimum of 6 C/S payments greater than \$0 per FY, per **service center**

Notes: Reviews are required on the first **2** C/S payments per CRP signup type (General, Continuous, Grassland).

If a service center does not have C/S payments in all three CRP signup types in a FY, DD will review C/S payments from the available CRP signup types for a total of not less than 5 reviews.

- issuance of all annual rental payments to an FSA employee (including COC and STC members) directly or indirectly through a legal entity
- DD (or designee) after issuance of all annual rental payments, a sample selected by the National Office.--*

--8 CCC-770 Checklist Policy (Continued)*C Preparer Responsibilities**

Preparers are responsible for ensuring the elements of each CCC-770 are completed as required by applicable policies and procedures. Preparers will complete CCC-770 for all offers being processed for contract approval, all cost share payments, and all annual rental payments indicating their actions have been completed according to applicable policies and procedures. CED or DD may sign both as the preparer and reviewer, if applicable.

D CED Review Responsibilities

CED's are responsible for general program oversight in the Service Center, including ensuring Service Center staff complete the applicable CCC-770 for all required CRP applications and payments.

To complete and document the CED review, CED will:

- before CRP-1 contract approval, review all documentation in the record, such as:
 - ownership records
 - operator records, if applicable
 - Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment (TERRA) reports
 - CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2G, or CRP-2C30, as applicable
 - CRP-1
 - documentation to verify cropping history, if applicable
 - documentation of suitability and feasibility and status reviews, as applicable
 - map(s)
 - conservation plan and other technical documentation provided by TSP
 - environmental evaluation documentation
 - payment eligibility, payment limitation, and signature authority documentation
 - CCC-770's prepared by Service Center staff
 - other relevant materials and documentation in the record--*

--8 CCC-770 Checklist Policy (Continued)*D CED Review Responsibilities (Continued)**

- before issuing cost share payments, review all documentation in the record, such as:
 - CRP-1
 - conservation plan and other technical documentation provided by TSP
 - FSA-848, FSA-848A, and FSA-848B
 - payment eligibility, payment limitation, and signature authority documentation
 - receipts, bills, invoices, and other documentation to determine proper payment
 - CCC-770's prepared by the Service Center staff
 - other relevant materials and documentation in the record
- before issuing annual rental payments with required review, review all documentation in the record, such as:
 - CRP-1
 - certification of compliance on FSA-578 or CRP-817U
 - payment eligibility, payment limitation, and signature authority documentation
 - CCC-770's prepared by the Service Center staff
 - other relevant materials and documentation in the record
- document the review on the applicable CCC-770
- note justifications for how a question was answered in the remarks section, as needed
- if errors were discovered and corrected, include the corrective action and the date it was completed in the remarks
- record their signature when applicable to affirm the contract or payment adheres to all applicable policies and document the CED review was completed
- prepare applicable records and present to DD for DD review, when required according to policy.--*

--8 CCC-770 Checklist Policy (Continued)*E DD Review Responsibilities**

DD's are responsible for general program oversight in their District, including ensuring County Office staff complete the applicable CCC-770 and CED reviews are completed for **all** applications.

DD's will complete and document the review using the same records listed in subparagraph C under CED review for the applicable approval or payment. SED, STC or designee, or DD may mandate additional DD reviews be completed if apparent internal controls deficiencies are identified or inexperienced staff are responsible for County Office program activities.

DD's will:

- document the review on the applicable CCC-770
- note justifications for how a question was answered in the remarks section, as needed
- if any errors were discovered and corrected, include the corrective action and the date it was completed in the remarks
- record their signature when applicable to affirm the contract or payment adheres to all applicable policies and document the DD review was completed.--*

--8 CCC-770 Checklist Policy (Continued)*F Corrective Action Requirements**

DD's are required to provide a written report to SED's at the end of each quarter describing the scope of the review, review findings, including a list of errors and deficiencies discovered, and the overall status of the implementation of CRP in the County Office or Service Center.

DD review of CRP-1 contract approvals, cost share payments, annual rental payments, and submitted supporting documentation is critical to ensuring CRP is administered according to 2-CRP and 7-CFR Part 1410.

If deficiencies are noted, DD must ensure that a corrective action plan (CAP) is developed in coordination with CED, SED, and State program specialist. The CAP must:

- address deficiencies, including pursuing collection, requesting relief, issuing additional payments, or determining error did not result in an improper payment

Note: Receivables must be established for all overpayments, even if relief is requested.

include protection or mitigations strategies to be implemented by State leadership to prevent future errors, including but not limited to implementing additional required reviews as needed and assess training and staffing needs.

Corrective actions must be monitored and DD must report the status of all actions monthly to SED and State program specialist until completed.--*

9-17 (Reserved)

Part 2 Responsibilities

Section 1 Agency Responsibilities

18 Responsibilities

A FSA Responsibilities

FSA will administer CRP. Supervision will be provided by:

- STC to COC
- COC to County Offices for the day-to-day CRP operations.

B NRCS Responsibilities

NRCS will, as appropriate, participate in State-level technical determinations and policy reviews, such as evaluating soil payment rates, C/S policies, and other requirements.

C NRCS and TSP Responsibilities

NRCS and TSP will:

- develop an approved conservation plan
- ~~assist~~ participants to ensure that practice specifications are met, including using CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheets for continuous CRP signup only for land not ~~currently~~ enrolled in CRP
- provide FSA with the following:
 - certification of practice completion on FSA-848B, according to paragraphs 507 and 508
 - copy of all completed status reviews
- through State Foresters:
 - develop the tree planting plan for inclusion in the approved conservation plan

18 Responsibilities (Continued)

C NRCS and TSP Responsibilities (Continued)

- provide technical assistance for the tree planting practices
- monitor and certify practice completions
- develop landowner stewardship plans for converted CRP-1's.

D NIFA Responsibilities

NIFA will coordinate and conduct educational activities on CRP through the State Extension System.

E Conservation Districts Responsibilities

Conservation Districts will have the opportunity to approve conservation plans.

19 MOU and Memorandums of Agreement

A Approving Officials

All MOU and Memorandums of Agreement, other than those in Exhibit 9 to administer
--CRP, require prior DAFP or CCC Executive Vice President approval.--

B NRCS Memorandum of Agreement

See Exhibit 9 for a copy of the approved Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS, FSA,
and CCC.

C FS Memorandum of Agreement

See Exhibit 9 for a copy of the approved Memorandum of Agreement between FS, FSA,
and CCC.

20-30 (Reserved)

Section 2 FSA Administrative Responsibilities

31 STC Administrative Responsibilities

A STC Responsibility

Within the authorities and limitations in this handbook, STC must:

- direct the administration of CRP
- document actions taken in minutes or other written records
- handle appeals according to 1-APP
- *--determine whether equitable relief is applicable on a case-by-case basis

Notes: All cases submitted to DAFP for equitable relief must contain the documentation required in subparagraph 5 C.

Incomplete case files will delay response.--*

See paragraph 490 and Exhibit 11.

- upon recommendation from the County Office, designate areas of the State where the use of tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices are warranted and cost-effective on CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP31, CP36, CP39, CP40, CP41, or applicable CP38's
- establish PNS.

Note: Establishment of PNS must not be delegated to COC's or County Offices.

31 STC Administrative Responsibilities (Continued)

A STC Responsibility (Continued)

If STC does not establish dates as recommended by the State Technical Committee, STC **must:**

- submit dates to CD for approval
- include justification to support the dates not recommended by the State Technical Committee.

B STC Delegating Responsibility

STC may delegate an official representative to sign documents. This delegation must be documented in the STC minutes.

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32 SED Responsibilities for CRP

A SED Responsibilities

SED's must:

- ensure that all County Offices follow provisions in this handbook
- require reviews to ensure that County Offices comply with requirements established by the National and State Office handle appeals according to 1-APP
- ensure that County Offices publicize CRP provisions
- review monthly CRP C/S obligation monitoring reports and communicate corrective action according to paragraph 522
- review 7-CP for equitable relief provisions.

33 DD Responsibilities for CRP

A DD Responsibilities

DD's must:

- ensure that COC's and CED's follow provisions in this handbook
- review County Office procedures to ensure that County Offices comply with requirements established by the National and State Office
- *--complete CCC-770 DD reviews according to paragraph 8
- provide SED with a written report of all reviews
- review and approve CRP-1's and FSA-848B's according to paragraphs 401 and 519
- review monthly CRP C/S monitoring reports provided by County Offices
- contact the County Offices that do not provide a report by the 15th of the month--*
- provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office * * * according to paragraph 522.

Note: These reports are available from the CSS Reports Menu.

34 COC Policies and Responsibilities

A Establishing and Maintaining Policy

COC must establish local policies that conform to National and State CRP policies.

National practices **must** be offered in the State unless STC determines that the practice is not applicable to the State. See Exhibit 11.

Practice specifications will be maintained for all practices.

B COC Responsibilities

COC must:

- fully comply with National and State CRP policies
- document actions taken in COC minutes
- handle appeals according to 1-APP
- document recommendations for relief to STC according to this handbook
- *--ensure that successors-in-interest to CRP-1's meet requirements in 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
- ensure that County Office employees adhere to provisions and instructions in this handbook
- ensure that participants are taking necessary actions to establish scheduled conservation practices timely
- ensure that producers receive complete, accurate, and timely program information about CRP by providing information through:
 - program factsheets, newsletters, and print media
 - meetings
 - radio, television, and video

34 COC Policies and Responsibilities (Continued)

B COC Responsibilities (Continued)

- document actions taken in COC minutes and include the following:
 - all factors considered
 - justification of all determinations
 - reference to applicable handbook procedures
- review CED approvals of CRP-1's and CRP-1R at each COC meeting and record CRP-1 numbers in COC minutes

Note: See paragraph 603 for noncompliance

35 CED Responsibilities for CRP

A CED Responsibilities

CED's must:

- approve FSA-848A for the following:
 - conservation practices
 - changes in extent and C/S, including increases if supported by NRCS or TSP
- extend the time to complete practice or report performance
- approve FSA-848B for partial payment and final payment
- determine the following:
 - sufficiency of signatures
 - authority of persons signing in a representative capacity
 - contributions of individual or individuals sharing in establishing the practice
 - estimate for report of accomplishment
 - eligible cropland acres
 - eligible marginal pastureland acres
 - reviewing and verifying documentation submitted to determine cropping history
- approve conservation plans
- *--complete CCC-770 CED reviews according to paragraph 7--*

35 CED Responsibilities for CRP (Continued)

A CED Responsibilities (Continued)

- *--approve CRP-1, CRP-1S, and CRP-1R, except for CRP-1's involving lands owned by SED, STC, COC, CED, State Office employees including DD's or other County Office employees
- review CRP-1, CRP-1S, and CRP-1R's (including revisions) with COC and--* document review (including CRP-1 numbers) in the COC minutes in the same manner as delegated authorities according to 16-AO
- approve CRP-1G Addendum
- ensure that County Offices follow provisions issued by COC, DD, STC, State Offices, and this handbook
- ensure that all automated processes are completed in a timely manner
- ensure that monthly County Office CRP C/S monitoring reports and actions are carried out by County Office staff according to paragraph 522
- report incorrect software calculations, discrepancies, and problems to SED, through DD
- report to SED and the State Office Program Specialist, through DD, incomplete or incorrect procedures in this handbook
- ensure that all pertinent information and program deadlines are publicized
- ensure that signature deadlines are carefully monitored for reconstituted farms, designating payment shares, and necessary supporting documentation, such as AD-1026, CCC-502, CCC-526C, CCC-901, CCC-902, CCC-931C, or CCC-941, as applicable.

***--36 PA Responsibilities for CRP**

A PA Responsibilities

PA's must:--*

- follow the provisions in this handbook
- report the following to CED:
 - incorrect software calculations and discrepancies
 - incomplete or incorrect procedures in this handbook
- prepare reports as requested by SED, DD, CED, COC, and State Offices
- complete monthly CRP C/S monitoring responsibilities according to paragraph 522.

37 Written Documentation

A COC Actions

COC must document determinations by recording in the COC minutes and completing any of the following as applicable:

- having a member sign the form
- making a note on the document
- attaching COC member's signed statement to the document
- ensuring * * * a statement is in COC minutes.

B County Office Employee Action

County Office employees must ensure * * * facts obtained, or actions taken, are made a matter of written record by:

- recording the facts or actions on either of the following:
 - the document
 - a statement attached to the document
- signing or initialing and dating the document.

38 Redelegations of Authority

A Prohibited Redelegations

COC will **not** redelegate the following:

- actions and determinations involving lands owned by SED, STC, COC, CED, State Office employees including DD's or other County Office employee
- determining violations of CRP-1's
- determining violations of landlord and tenant provisions
- hearing appeals
- appeal decisions.

*--B Nondelegated Responsibilities

Without formal delegation, and as part of the daily office operations, CED or program analyst designee will:--*

- issue FSA-848A to participants
- send referrals for conservation planning to TSP or NRCS
- prepare forms for C/S payments
- compute C/S and rental payments
- maintain and update changes in land ownership in MIDAS Business Partner and MIDAS Farm Records file
- renumber fields redefined for CRP according to 10-CM
- maintain cropland classification for acres devoted to trees for the life of CRP-1
- determine value of refunds, interest, and liquidated damages, when applicable, and according to the provisions of this handbook
- inform landowners * * * CRP-1 expiration does not terminate the easement on the land under CRP-1. The landowner is responsible for removing the easement from the deed after the easement expires and written approval has been obtained from COC. COC must **not** incur any expenses for removing the easement.

39 (Withdrawn—Amend. 10)

40-51 (Reserved)

Section 3 NRCS Agency Responsibilities

52 NRCS Responsibilities

A NRCS National Headquarters

The following provides the responsibilities of the NRCS National Office.

Position	Responsibilities
Deputy Chief for Programs	Provides overall national leadership for NRCS coordination of program development and implementation with FSA and other agencies.
Director, Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division (CPTAD)	- Provides national program leadership, representing the NRCS Chief in maintaining liaison and working relationship with program leaders in FSA. - Provides policy and procedural guidance on CRP operations to NRCS State Offices. - Coordinates training for State and Regional CRP activities.

B NRCS Regional Offices

The Regional Conservationist is responsible for providing oversight and evaluation of CRP to ensure:

- *--consistency in the use of RUSLE2 and WEPS--*
- consistency with the water and wind erosion index
- technical adequacy of conservation planning
- technical adequacy of conservation practice implementation.

52 NRCS Responsibilities (Continued)**C NRCS State Offices**

State Conservationists provide leadership for NRCS activities associated with CRP activities in the State. State Conservationists:

- will represent NRCS, and chair the State Technical Committee
- will develop agreements with other Federal and State agencies, as applicable
- will designate staff to carryout NRCS responsibilities at the State and field levels
- may transfer funds to Conservation Districts or other units of State or local government through cooperative agreements.

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D NRCS Area Offices

--In States with Area Offices, or the equivalent, the Area Conservationist or Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTFO) will carry out NRCS responsibilities for-- CRP as delegated by the State Conservationist.

52 NRCS Responsibilities (Continued)

E NRCS Field Offices

--The following provides the responsibilities of the District Conservationist (or field office equivalent).--

Activity	Responsibility
Coordination and Representation	Coordinates responsibilities and represents NRCS with: • FSA • FSA COC • State Forestry Agency • State Wildlife Agency • Conservation Districts • other agencies, as appropriate.
Reporting and Records Management	Reports the following to FSA COC promptly: • findings that may affect an applicant's eligibility, including changes in cropping history or management • cases of apparent noncompliance with program requirements.
Planning and Application	Assists producers with the following: • evaluating eligibility of the practice by completing the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet • developing a conservation plan that NRCS has technical responsibility for that contains all appropriate practices, including operation and maintenance • servicing all FSA-848B's that NRCS has technical responsibility for the assigned practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) identified in the conservation plan • ensuring that all conservation practices meet FOTG standards • obtaining Conservation District approval of conservation plans *--Note: See subparagraphs 366 B and 368 C.--* • coordinating planning of tree planting with the producer and State Forestry Agency representative for development of the tree planting plan to be referenced in the conservation plan (other approved electronic form) • complete conservation plan modifications as needed and provide copy to FSA.

52 NRCS Responsibilities (Continued)**E NRCS Field Offices (Continued)**

Activity	Responsibility
Certification	Certifies on approved forms that the conservation plan meets minimum requirements before obtaining the Conservation District review and approval. *--Note: See subparagraphs 366 B and 368 C regarding--* Conservation District signature. Certifies on FSA-848B that all CRP practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) on CRP-1 and included in the conservation plan are installed according to NRCS standards and specifications. See paragraphs 507 and 508.
Completes Status Reviews	Completes status reviews for all site visits and provides FSA a copy, with pictures if there are possible compliance issues.

F NRCS Employee Prohibitions

NRCS employees are prohibited from servicing CRP-1's on land that they, or their *--immediate family, own or lease. The Area or State Conservationist or ASTFO must--* designate another NRCS employee to service such CRP-1's.

53-65 (Reserved)

Part 3 CRP Practices

66 National Practices

A National Practices and Titles

The following provides the national practices.

Practice	Title
CP1	Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
CP2	Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
CP3	Tree Planting
CP3A	Hardwood Tree Planting
CP4B	Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)
CP4D	Permanent Wildlife Habitat
CP5A	Field Windbreak Establishment
CP8A	Grass Waterways
CP9	Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
CP12	Wildlife Food Plot
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips), on Terraces
CP16A	Shelterbelt Establishment
CP17A	Living Snow Fences
CP18B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity
CP18C	Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover
CP21	Filter Strips
CP21B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips
CP21S	Saturated Filter Strips
CP22	Riparian Buffer
CP22B	*--Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer
CP22S	Saturated Riparian Buffer
CP23	Wetland Restoration
CP23A	Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
CP24	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips--*
CP25	Rare and Declining Habitat

66 National Practices (Continued)

A National Practices and Titles (Continued)

Practice	Title
CP27	Farmable Wetlands
CP28	*--Farmable Wetlands Buffer--*
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP33	Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds
CP36	Longleaf Pine – Establishment
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat
CP38A	SAFE - Buffers
CP38B	SAFE - Wetlands
CP38C	SAFE - Trees
CP38D	SAFE - Longleaf Pine
CP38E	SAFE - Grass
CP39	*--Farmable Wetlands Program Constructed Wetland
CP40	Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration--*
CP41	FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland
CP42	Pollinator Habitat
CP43	Prairie Strips
CP88	Permanent Grasses and Legumes
CP90	Soil Health Perennial Conservation Cover

Note: See Exhibit 11.

66 National Practices (Continued)

B Practices for General CRP Signup

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for general CRP signup.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1	10
CP2	10
CP3	*--15
CP3A	15--*
CP4B <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP4D	10
CP12 <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP25	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP42	10

1/ Producer must elect a CRP-1 period between 10 and 15 years.

2/ CP12 is only available in conjunction with certain other practices. The CRP-1 period is determined by the practice used in conjunction with CP12. See Exhibit 11.

3/ Practice is not available as of January 4, 2021.

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for the continuous CRP signup.

***--Note:** Not applicable to CLEAR30, FWP, HELI, SAFE, and Wellhead Protection which are listed in separate tables.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP5A <u>2/</u>	14 to 15
CP8A	10
CP9	10
CP12 <u>1/</u>	10 to 15
CP15A	10
CP15B	10
CP16A <u>2/</u>	14 to 15
CP17A	14 to 15
CP18B	10
CP18C	10
CP21 <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP21B <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP21S <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP22	14 to 15
CP22B	14 to 15
CP22S	14 to 15
CP23	10 to 15
CP23A	10 to 15
CP24	10
CP27	10 to 15
CP28	10 to 15
CP29	10 to 15
CP30	10 to 15
CP31	14 to 15
CP33 <u>2/</u>	10
CP36	14 to 15
CP37	10 to 15
CP 42 <u>2/</u>	10
CP 43 <u>2/</u>	10 to 15

1/ CP12 is only available in conjunction with certain other practices. The CRP-1 period is determined by the practice used in conjunction with CP12. See Exhibit 11.

2/ Practices enrolled under organic operations eligibility must be designated in COLS.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through CLEAR30.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP8A	30 years
CP15A	30 years
CP15B	30 years
CP21	30 years
CP22	30 years
CP23	30 years
CP23A	30 years
CP29	30 years
CP30	30 years
CP31	30 years
CP37	30 years

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through FWP.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP27	10 to 15 years
CP28	10 to 15 years
CP39	10 to 15 years
CP40	10 to 15 years
CP41	10 to 15 years

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through HELI.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1	10 years
CP2	10 years
CP3	*--14 to 15 years
CP3A	14 to 15 years--*
CP4D	10 years
CP25	10 years

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through SAFE.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP38A-8A <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-15A <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-15B <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-21	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-22	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-33 <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-43	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-9	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-23	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-23A	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-27	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-28	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-37	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38C-3	14 to 15 years
CP38C-3A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-5A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-16A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-17A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-25 (primarily trees)	14 to 15 years
CP38C-31	*--14 to 15 years--*
CP38D-36	14 to 15 years
CP38E-1	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-2	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-4D	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-12 <u>4/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-18B	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-18C	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-24	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-25 (primarily grass)	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-42	10 to 15 Determined based on project

3/ SAFE practices were moved from CP38E to CP38A starting with SU55 – January 4, 2021.

4/ CP12 is only authorized in combination with certain conservation practices. The length of CRP-1 is determined by the contract duration of the companion practice.

66 National Practices (Continued)**C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through Wellhead Protection.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1	10 years
CP2	10 years
CP3	14 to 15 years
CP3A	14 to 15 years
CP4D	10 years

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives

The following provides CRP practices, signup types, contract periods, and incentives.

Important: The terms of the CREP Agreement will provide the CRP practices, contract period, and incentives, if any, for each CREP.

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Practice Number and Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP ^{3/}	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive ^{3/}	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP1, Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes		X	10	N	N	N	
	Wellhead/ HELI		10	<u>Y</u>	N	N	
CP2, Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses		X	10	N	N	N	
	Wellhead/ HELI		10	N	N	N	
CP3, Tree Planting		X	15 <u>10/</u>	N	N	N	
	Wellhead/ HELI		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	N	
CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting		X	15 <u>10/</u>	N	N	N	
	Wellhead/ HELI		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	N	
CP4B, Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors ^{4/}		X	10-15	N <u>1/</u>	N <u>1/</u>	N	
CP4D, Permanent Wildlife Habitat		X	10	N	N	N	
	Wellhead/ HELI		10	Y	Y	N	
CP5A, Field Windbreak Establishment	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	N	
CP8A, Grass Waterways	X		10	Y	Y	Y	

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1/ SIP and PIP are authorized for practices enrolled under wellhead protection criteria and HELI.

3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Practice is no longer available as of January 4, 2021.

9/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.

10/ Effective for general CRP signup beginning February 27, 2023.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

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Practice Number and Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP9, Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	X		10	Y	Y	N	
CP12, Wildlife Food Plot	X	X	10-15	N <u>2/</u>	N	N	
CP15A, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover - (Contour Grass Strips)	X		10	Y	Y	Y	
CP15B, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover - (Contour Grass Strips), on Terraces	X		10	Y	Y	Y	
CP16A, Shelterbelt Establishment	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	N	

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2/ SIP is authorized only when enrolled under continuous CRP.

3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

9/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

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Practice Number and Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP17A, Living Snow Fences	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	N	
CP18B, Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity	X		10	Y	Y	N	
CP18C, Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover	X		10	Y	Y	N	
CP21, Filter Strips	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP21B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP21S, Saturated Filter Strips	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP22, Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	Y	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	Y	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	Y	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP23, Wetland Restoration	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	

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3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.2/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

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Practice Number and Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP24, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips	X		10	Y	Y	N	
CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat		X	10-15	N	N	N	
CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat	HELI		10	Y	Y	N	
CP27, Farmable Wetlands	FWP		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP28, Farmable Wetlands Buffer	FWP		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP29, Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP30, Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP31, Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	Y	
CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds	X		10	Y	Y	N	
CP36, Longleaf Pine - Establishment	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	N	

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3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.2/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

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Practice Number and Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP38A, SAFE – Buffers (CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP21, CP22, CP43)	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP38A, SAFE – Buffers (CP33)	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	
CP38B, SAFE – Wetlands (CP9, CP23, CP23A, CP27, CP28, CP37)	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y <u>7/</u>	
CP38C, SAFE – Trees (CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP25)	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	N	
CP38C, SAFE – Trees (CP16A, CP17A, CP31)	X		14-15	Y	Y	N	
CP38D, SAFE – Longleaf Pine (CP36)	X		14-15	Y	Y	N	
CP38E, SAFE – Grass (CP12)	X		10-15	N	N	N	
CP38E, SAFE – Grass (CP1, CP2, CP4D, CP18B, CP18C, CP24, CP25, CP42)	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	

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3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.5/ (Withdrawn—Amend. 10)6/ (Withdrawn—Amend. 10)7/ Practice CP38B-9 is not authorized for the 20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive.8/ (Withdrawn—Amend. 10)9/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

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Practice Number and Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP 3/	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive 3/	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP39, FWP Constructed Wetland	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP40, FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP42, Pollinator Habitat		X	10	N	N	N	
CP42, Pollinator Habitat	X		10	Y	Y	N	
CP43, Prairie Strips	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	
CP88, Permanent Grasses and Legumes			10 or 15	N	N	N	
CP90, Soil Health Perennial Conservation Cover			3, 4, or 5	N	N	N	

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3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.**Note:** Beginning March 16, 2020, CP87, CP87A, and CP88A are no longer authorized for grassland CRP.

67-80 (Reserved)

Part 4 Total County Cropland

81 County Cropland Limitation

--A All CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE--

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, requires that USDA not enroll more than 25 percent of the total cropland in a county in CRP, including general CRP signup, all *--continuous CRP signup, grassland CRP, ACEP-WRE, WRP, and CREP. County Offices--* with 25 percent or more of the total cropland in the county enrolled in CRP and ACEP-WRE cannot approve offers that include cropland acres.

State and County Offices must review the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report and monitor enrollment of cropland to ensure that the 25 percent county cropland limit is not exceeded.

The following are 2 types of waivers to this limitation.

- DAFP may authorize a waiver to increase the limit above 25 percent if **both** of the following are determined:
 - the action would not adversely affect the local economy of the county
 - producers in the county are having difficulties complying with conservation plans.

Notes: Counties with no or minimal cropland with an EI of 15 or greater are **not** eligible for this type of waiver.

See subparagraphs G and H.

- DAFP may authorize a waiver to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP from total CRP enrollment acreage if local county government concurs. See subparagraphs J, K, and L.

B Total Cropland

A county's total cropland acreage is based on the cropland **physically** located within the county boundaries. See 10-CM for determining the physical location of a tract and its associated cropland, as well as for assigning a physical location county for tracts that cross county boundaries.

Total cropland is maintained in the web-based software.

For counties that are divided into 2 or more subcounty areas, the physical location of cropland is based on the subcounty acres. The physical location of CRP acres will also be based on the subcounty area.

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

*--C Acreage Subject to All CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE Limit

The 25 percent cropland limit is applied to the **physical** location of CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE acres.--*

For CRP-2's, CRP-2C's, CRP-2C30's, and CRP-2G's completed in the automated COLS, the physical location of CRP acreage is determined by COLS.

Acreage subject to the county cropland limitation, and included in the 25 Percent County Cropland Limit Report, includes the following:

- cropland acreage enrolled in CRP or projected to be enrolled in CRP on October 1 of the current year, according to the web-based software
- CRP useful easement acreage under active easement periods but not under CRP-1
- *--WRP/ACEP-WRE cropland acreage as reported by NRCS and recorded by County--* Office.

D Acreage Not Subject to the County Cropland Limitation

Acreage **not subject** to the county cropland limitation and excluded from the 25 Percent County Cropland Limit Report includes the following:

- any land enrolled in EWRP administered by NRCS
- *--pastureland or other noncropland enrolled in WRP or ACEP-WRE administered by--* NRCS
- cropland that is designated as subclass W in the land capability classes IV through VIII because of severe use limitations because of soil saturation or inundation, as determined by NRCS
- CRP marginal pasture land
- noncropland enrolled in grassland CRP signup
- cropland enrolled in CRP devoted to field windbreak (CP5) or shelterbelts (CP16)
- cropland acreage enrolled in CRP under CRP-1 scheduled to expire September 30 of the current year
- cropland acreage enrolled under CREP if a waiver for this exclusion has been approved by DAFP.

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

E County Report of Cropland and CRP Enrollment

The National Office will maintain a report that provides a county's total cropland, total acres enrolled in CRP, and cropland acres available for enrollment in CRP. This report takes into consideration acres subject to the county cropland limitation, acreage not subject to the county cropland limitation, and WRP/ACEP-WRE signups, and any DAFP waivers.

The report will be based on cropland data from the web-based software, other source of information, and any DAFP waivers.

--An updated report is posted weekly on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--

The following table provides a description of the information provided in the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report.

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Column Title	Information Provided
County Name	Name of the County.
Cropland acres	Total cropland acres physically located within the county.
Maximum cropland available to enroll in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE (25%)	Twenty-five percent of the acreage listed in the column titled "Cropland acres".
Active General Signup cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the county that are currently enrolled through general CRP signup.
Active Continuous Signup cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the county that are currently enrolled through continuous CRP signup.
Active CREP Signup cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the county currently that are enrolled through CREP signup.
Active WRP/ACEP-WRE cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the County that are enrolled in WRP/ACEP-WRE.
Total cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE	Total of cropland acres listed in columns titled "Active General Signup cropland acres," "Active Continuous Signup cropland acres," "Active CREP Signup cropland acres," and "Active WRP/ACEP-WRE cropland acres".
% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE	Percent of total cropland acres enrolled through general, continuous, CREP, and WRP/ACEP-WRE determined by dividing the acres listed in the column titled "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE" by the acres listed in the column titled "Cropland acres" rounded to one decimal.
Maximum Signup that could be approved for the current FY contracts	Total number of cropland acres that are available to be enrolled in CRP with an effective start date in the current FY (start date before October 1) or be enrolled in WRP/ACEP-WRE. Important: If the column contains a negative value, County Offices cannot approve contracts with an effective start date in the current FY
Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for the current FY and the subsequent FY contracts	Total number of cropland acres that are available to be enrolled in CRP with an effective start date in the subsequent FY (start date on or after October 1) or be enrolled in WRP/ACEP-WRE if none of the acres in the "Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts" column will be enrolled. Important: If the column contains a negative value, County Offices cannot approve contracts with an effective start date in the subsequent FY.

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81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--F Counties Exceeding County Cropland Limitation for Current FY**

County Offices must review the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report each week when the report is updated. County Offices must access and review the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.

When the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column of the report is zero or negative, COC must immediately reject all offers with an effective date in the current FY (start date before October 1) that includes any cropland physically located within the county.--*

When the cropland acreage enrolled exceeds the county cropland limitation, and a waiver has not been approved, County Offices must:

- announce the CRP signup
- notify all producers that only offers for continuous CRP signup for marginal pastureland
--devoted to CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, or CP30, and Grassland CRP practice CP88 for noncropland may be approved if otherwise eligible.--

Note: COC must immediately reject all offers for cropland acreage physically located in the county and inform the producer using CRP-26.

***--Important:** County Offices must use the county data for the county where the cropland being offered is **physically located**.

G Counties Exceeding County Cropland Limitation for the Subsequent FY

County Offices **must** access and review the **current** CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report each week when the report is updated. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.

When the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column of the report is zero or negative, COC must immediately reject all offers with an effective date in the subsequent FY (an effective date on or after October 1) that includes any cropland physically located within the county. County Offices must inform the producer using CRP-26.

Important: County Office must use the county data for the county where the cropland being offered is **physically located**.--*

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/WRP/--* ACEP-WRE**

County Offices **must** access and review the **current** CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report each week when the report is updated. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.

County Offices must follow the steps in the following table for each continuous CRP signup offer, including offers to enroll cropland through CREP, submitted that includes any cropland

*--acres when **both** the percentage listed in the “% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE” column of the report is equal to or greater than 20.0 percent for the county where--* the cropland being offered is **physically located**, and:

- for offers with a current FY start date (start date before October 1), the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column of the report is greater than zero
- for offers with a subsequent FY start date (start date on or after October 1), the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for the current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column of the report is greater than zero.

Step	Action	Result
1	Follow the process flow according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 171 C, through Step 17. COC or CED will not act on CRP-1 until completing all steps in this table.	
2	Access the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report through the *--FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--* Important: County Offices must access the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.	
3	From the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report, enter the value from the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column for the county where the cropland on the CRP-1 from Step 1 is physically located. Important: The data for the county where the cropland is physically located must be used.	
4	From the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report, enter the value in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” for the county where the cropland on the CRP-1 from Step 1 is physically located. Important: The data for the county where the cropland is physically located must be used.	

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/WRP/--* ACEP-WRE (Continued)**

Step	Action	Result
5	Enter the total number of cropland acres from all CRP-1's that were approved, but not recorded in CCMS as an approved CRP-1, any time before the date of the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from step 1 is physically located in a different county, the County Office must contact the physical location County Office to obtain the total number of cropland acres from all CRP-1's that were approved, but not recorded in CCMS as an approved CRP-1, the week before the date of the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report.	
6	Enter the total number of cropland acres from all CRP-1's that have been approved since the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report was posted. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from step 1 is physically located in a different county, the County Office must contact the physical location County Office to obtain the total number of cropland acres from all CRP-1's that have been approved since the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report was posted.	
7	Enter the total number of acres determined acceptable from the current FY general CRP signup for which CRP-1 has not been approved. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from step 1 is physically located in a different county, the County Office must contact the physical location County Office to obtain the total number of acres determined acceptable from the current FY general CRP signup for which CRP-1 has not been approved.	
8	Enter the total number of cropland acres determined acceptable from the current FY grassland CRP signup for which CRP-1 has not been approved. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from step 1 is physically located in a different county, the County Office must contact the physical location County Office to obtain the total number of acres determined acceptable from the current FY general CRP signup for which CRP-1 has not been approved.	

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/WRP/--* ACEP-WRE (Continued)**

Step	Action	Result
9	Add the result of step 5, step 6, step 7, and step 8.	
10	Subtract the result of step 9 from the result of step 3.	
11	Subtract the result of step 9 from the result of step 4.	
12	Enter the total number of cropland acres on CRP-1 offer being processed from step 1.	
13	Enter the FY of CRP-1 from step 1. If the start date of CRP-1 is: • before October 1, then the FY of CRP-1 is the current FY; go to step 14 • on or after October 1, then the FY of CRP-1 is the subsequent FY; go to step 16.	
14	Is the result of step 12 less than or equal to the result of step 10? If: • “Yes”, go to step 15 • “No”, go to step 18.	
15	The County Office may continue to process CRP-1 from step 1 according to subparagraph 171 C. This is the last step to be completed. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from step 1 is physically located in a different county, the County Office must immediately contact the physical location County Office and provide the total number of cropland acres that will be approved.	
16	Is the result of step 12 less than or equal to the result of step 11? If: • “Yes”, go to step 17 • “No”, go to step 18.	
17	The County Office may continue to process CRP-1 from step 1 according to subparagraph 171 C. This is the last step to be completed. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from step 1 is physically located in a different county, the County Office must immediately contact the physical location County Office and provide the total number of cropland acres that will be approved.	
18	STOP. COC must immediately reject the offer and follow subparagraph F to inform the producer using CRP-26. The number of cropland acres offered on CRP-1 from step 1 exceeds the number of cropland acres that can be enrolled without exceeding the 25 percent county cropland limit.	

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/WRP/--* ACEP-WRE (Continued)*Example 1:**

The following information from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report applies to Example 1. The value in the:

- “County Name” column is County X
- *--“% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE” column is 25.5 percent--*
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column is -542.7
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column is 16,618.6.

Producer A submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 25.0 acres of cropland physically located in County X with a start date of September 1 (during the current FY). COC **must** immediately reject Producer A’s offer because County X has exceeded the 25 percent county cropland limit for the current FY.

Producer B submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 20.0 acres of marginal pastureland physically located in County X with a start date of September 1 (during the current FY). County Office may process Producer B’s offer because marginal pastureland acres do not include any cropland acres.

Example 2:

The following information from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report applies to Example 2. The value in the:

- “County Name” column is County Y
- “% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP” column is 19.7 percent
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column is 7,709.8
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column is 16,480.4.

Producer C submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 1,250.0 acres of cropland physically located in County Y with a start date of September 1 (during the current FY). Producer D submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 300.0 acres of cropland physically located in County Y with a start date of October 1 (during the subsequent FY).

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/WRP/--*
ACEP-WRE (Continued)**

Example 2 (Continued):

County Office may process and act on both Producer C's offer and Producer D's offer without completing the steps specified in subparagraph H because the "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE" column from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report for the county where the cropland being offered is physically located (County Y) is below 20.0 percent and the total cropland offered for each FY is less than the maximum number of cropland acres that could be enrolled before meeting the 25 percent county cropland limitation.

Example 3:

The following information from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report applies to Example 3. The value in the:

- "County Name" column is County Z
- "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE" column is 25.0 percent
- "Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts" column is -44.5
- "Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts" column is 6,178.1.

Producer H submits an offer, through the current continuous CRP signup, to enroll 2,300.0 acres of cropland physically located in County Z with a start date of October 1 (during the subsequent FY). County Office must complete the steps specified in subparagraph H because the "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP/ACEP-WRE" column from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report for the county where the cropland being offered is physically located (County Z) is 25.0 percent or higher; however, up to 6,178.1 acres of cropland can be enrolled if the FY of the CRP-1 will begin October 1 (during the subsequent FY).

County Office completes the steps in subparagraph H. The following table shows the results of each step.

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/WRP/--* ACEP-WRE (Continued)*Example 3 (Continued):**

Step	Result
1	County Office processes Producer H's offer according to subparagraph 171 C.
2	County Office accesses the current CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report from *-- https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP --*
3	-44.5 acres
4	6,178.1 acres
5	3,452.7 acres COC approved 3 CRP-1's in the weeks before the date of the current CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report; however, the County Office has not recorded the 3 approved CRP-1's in CCMS. The total number of cropland acres from the 3 CRP-1's is 3,452.7 acres.
6	356.2 acres COC approved 1 CRP-1 since the current CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report was *--posted on https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP --* however, the County Office has not recorded the approved CRP-1 in CCMS. The total number of cropland acres from CRP-1 is 356.2 acres.
7	2,201.4 acres There were 5 current FY general CRP signup offers for a total of 2,401.4 acres determined acceptable by the National Office. At the time the County Office is processing Producer H's offer from Step 1, the County Office had already approved 1 of the 5 current FY signup acceptable offers; however, the County Office has not recorded the CRP-1 in CCMS as an approved CRP-1. The approved CRP-1 was for a total of 200.0 acres. Because the approved CRP-1 was not recorded in CCMS before the date of the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report, the 200.0 acres is included in Step 5. The remaining 2,201.4 cropland acres of the 4 acceptable offers not yet approved are entered in this Step.
8	0 acres At the time the County Office is processing Producer H's offer from Step 1, the grassland CRP signup had not ended; therefore, there have been no current FY grassland CRP signup offers determined acceptable or rejected by the National Office.
9	6,010.3 acres
10	-6,054.8 acres
11	167.8 acres
12	130.6 acres
13	Subsequent FY
14	Blank
15	Blank
16	Yes
17	County Office continues to process Producer H's offer according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 171 C, through Step 18.
18	Blank

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81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)***--I Requesting Waivers to Exceed County Cropland Limitation**

For CRP, COC may request a waiver to exceed the county cropland limitation if either of the following are met:

- the 25 percent county cropland limitation has already been exceeded under the authority of a previously approved waiver--*
- the county expects to reach the 25 percent county cropland limitation within 6 months.

COC must:

- document case thoroughly and record in COC minutes
- complete AD-894 and AD-893 according to paragraphs 82 and 83 respectively, if a waiver will be requested
- submit requests to STC by a STC-established deadline
- include verifiable documentation that indicates producers are having difficulties complying with conservations plans.

Important: Waivers can only be approved by DAFP.

For ACEP-WRE, NRCS:

- is responsible for:
 - determining whether a waiver will be requested
 - making the request
- will complete AD-894 if a waiver will be requested
- will submit NRCS determinations to STC for concurrence.

Note: Upon NRCS request, COC must distribute AD-893's to at least 10 random sampling of agricultural producers and groups listed on AD-894, items 25, 26, and 27.

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*--J What to Include With Waiver Request

County Offices must submit waiver requests to STC and include the following with the waiver request:

- letters of recommendation from the Soil Conservation District and at least 1 County Commissioner--*
- AD-894 with all items completed
- total number of AD-893's sent out to be completed
- copies of all AD-893's returned by the deadline on AD-893, item 9
- copy of COC minutes thoroughly documenting justification for waiver.

Note: County Offices must:

- distribute AD-893 to at least 10 random sampling of the agricultural producers and groups listed on AD-894, items 25, 26, and 27
- keep returned AD-893's on file for 10 years
- describe how exceeding the 25 percent cropland limitation will not adversely affect the local economy and how operations in the county are having difficulties complying with conservation plans.

*--K--*STC Waiver Review and Determination

STC must:

- review AD-894, letters of recommendation, and AD-893's submitted by the County Office
- determine whether an adequate number of AD-893's were distributed to sample the opinions of producers, agricultural-related business, and others
- based on AD-894, determine the level of interest in the county for waiving the county cropland limitation and the effect, both positive and adverse, a waiver would have on producers and businesses in the county

Note: If a waiver would have significant adverse effects, as determined by STC, deny the request.

- thoroughly document in STC meeting minutes the basis used to determine whether producers are having difficulties complying with conservation plans

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--K--*STC Waiver Review and Determination (Continued)**

- submit verifiable documentation that indicates producers are having difficulties complying with conservation plans

Note: If producers are **not** having difficulties complying with conservation plans, STC must deny request.

Important: Counties with no or minimal cropland with an EI of 15 or greater are **not** eligible for a waiver.

- obtain written NRCS concurrence on all waiver determinations
- if all requirements are met and STC recommends a waiver be approved, submit all the following to Program Manager, CRP:
 - completed AD-894
 - copy of COC and STC meeting minutes thoroughly documenting justification for waiver and basis used to determine whether producers are having difficulties complying with conservation plans
 - copy of written NRCS concurrence for a waiver
 - copy of all AD-893's
 - copy of all letters of recommendations, both for and opposed to a waiver
- if all requirements are **not** met or STC does not recommend a waiver be approved, deny request and notify Program Manager, CRP by written memorandum that the request was denied and include the reason for denial.

***--L--*Requesting Waivers to Exclude Cropland Acreage Under CREP**

COC's may, with concurrence from local county governments, submit a waiver to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP from the total cropland acres enrolled in CRP when determining the county cropland limitation.

Example: Clinton County, Michigan has 100,000 acres of cropland, of which 25,000 are enrolled in CRP. Of the 25,000 cropland acres enrolled in CRP, 22,000 acres
 --are enrolled under general CRP signup and 3,000 are enrolled under CREP.--
 Clinton County submitted a waiver request to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP from total cropland acres enrolled in CRP. If the waiver is approved, Clinton County's total cropland acreage enrolled in CRP, for purposes of the 25 percent limit, will be 22,000. Clinton County could enroll 3,000 acres
 --of cropland in a general CRP signup or continuous CRP signup.--

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)**L Requesting Waivers to Exclude Cropland Acreage Under CREP (Continued)**

Waivers to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP must be requested by COC with concurrence by STC.

Waiver requests to exclude only a portion of CREP acres, or by practice (for example CP 23) will **not** be considered.

COC must thoroughly document justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP in the COC meeting minutes.

M County Government Concurrence

COC's must obtain concurrence in writing, from local county government before submitting a waiver request.

Local county government officials must be the highest executive authority in the county, for example, County Commissioner, County Executive.

N Submitting Waiver to Exclude Cropland Acreage Under CREP

County Offices must submit waiver requests to STC and include both of the following:

- written letter from local county official concurring with the request for waiver
- copy of COC meeting minutes thoroughly documenting justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP.

If STC concurs with COC request for a waiver, STC must:

- thoroughly document the justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP in STC meeting minutes
- *--submit all the following to CREP Program Manager:--*
 - memorandum requesting waiver
 - copy of COC and STC meeting minutes thoroughly documenting justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP
 - copy of written letter from local county official concurring with the request for waiver.

If STC does not concur with COC request for a waiver, STC must deny request and notify the County Office of denial.

82 Completing AD-894

A How to Complete AD-894

Complete AD-894 according to the following.

Item	Instructions	
1	Enter the county name.	
2	Enter the State name.	
3	*--Check the applicable program (WRP or ACEP-WRE or CRP) for which a--* waiver is being requested.	
4	Enter total cropland in the county.	
5	*--Enter the maximum cropland limitation for WRP or ACEP-WRE and CRP (25--* percent of the total cropland in the county).	
6	Enter the maximum cropland limitation for easements (15 percent of the total cropland in the county).	
7	Complete items 7 through 10 as follows.	
	Line	Instructions
	A	Enter total acres approved for CRP.
	B	Enter total easement acres, excluding easement acres of CP5 and CP16, approved for CRP.
	C	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
8	*--Enter total cropland acreage under WRP or ACEP-WRE easement.--*	
	A	Enter the total number of acres being offered for CRP during the current signup.
	B	*--Enter the number of easement acres, excluding easement acres of CP5A and CP16A, being offered for CRP.--*
	C	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
	D	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
9	A	Enter CRP total acres approved and offered (item 7 A plus item 8 A).
	D	Enter total cropland acreage from item 7 D.
10	B	*--Enter the total easement acres, excluding easement acres of CP5A and CP16A, approved for CRP.--*
	D	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.

82 Completing AD-894 (Continued)

A How to Complete AD-894 (Continued)

Item	Instructions
11	Enter the total CRP acres approved and the total cropland acres approved for *--WRP or ACEP-WRE (sum of item 7 A plus item 7 D).
12	Enter the total acres offered for CRP or total cropland acres for WRP or ACEP-WRE (item 8 A or 8 D, as applicable).--*
13	Enter the sum of item 9 A plus item 9 D.
14	Enter the sum of item 10 B plus item 10 D.
15	*--Enter the percentage of total county cropland accepted in both WRP or--* ACEP-WRE and CRP (item 7 A plus item 7 D divided by item 4).
16	Enter the percentage of cropland being offered in the current signup (item 8 A or 8 D divided by item 4).
17	Enter the percentage of cropland waiver requested (item 13 divided by item 4 minus 25 percent).
18	Enter percentage of easement accepted (item 7 B plus item 7 D divided by item 4).
19	Enter percentage of easement offered (item 12 divided by item 4).
20	Enter percentage of easement waiver requested (item 14 divided by item 4 minus 15 percent).
21 through 23	Enter the acres and percentage of waiver being requested for the following: • COC recommendation to STC • Governor or State Director of Agriculture • County Commissioners.

82 Completing AD-894 (Continued)

A How to Complete AD-894 (Continued)

Item	Instructions	
24	Enter the acres and percentage of waiver being requested from the following agricultural leaders in the community:	
	• NIFA • NRCS • Soil Conservation District • FS • other.	
25	Complete a random sample of agricultural producers in the county as follows.	
	Column	Instructions
	A	Enter the number of agricultural producers who favor an increase in the cropland limitation for easements in the county.
	B	Enter the average percent of increase recommended by agricultural producers in the county.
	C	Enter the number of agricultural producers who are against an increase in the cropland limitation for easements in the county.
26	Complete a random sample of agriculture-related businesses in the county as follows.	
	Column	Instructions
	A	Enter the number of agriculture-related businesses that favor an increase in the county cropland limitation.
	B	Enter the average amount of increase (percent) that is being recommended by each agriculture-related business sampled.
	C	Enter the number of agriculture-related businesses sampled that are opposed to an increase in the county cropland limitation.
27	Column	Instructions
	A	Enter the number of nonagriculture-related businesses sampled that favor an increase in the county cropland limitation.
	B	Enter the average amount of increase (percent) that is being recommended by each nonagriculture-related business sampled.
	C	Enter the number of nonagriculture-related businesses sampled that opposed an increase in the county cropland limitation.

82 Completing AD-894 (Continued)

B Example of AD-894

The following is an example of AD-894.

This form is available electronically.

AD-894 (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency		1. County Lebanon	2. State PA
REQUEST FOR CROPLAND WAIVER FOR CRP/ACEP-WRE				3. Mark applicable program CRP ☒ ACEP-WRE ☐	4. Total Cropland in County (CRP/ACEP-WRE Purposes) 143,119.1
				CP5 and CP16 acres approved after March 31, 1991 are not to be included in CRP easement acres.	
NOTE: When completed, this AD-894 will contain protected data. To address this, the program owner may add the following advisory statement to the form: "This completed form contains information that is protected from unauthorized use/unauthorized disclosure by Federal law including but not limited to the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). USDA disclosure of this completed form is restricted to only the individual(s) to whom the information on the form pertains, and to authorized personnel who have (1) appropriate access clearances/permissions and (2) a demonstrated business need for the information in order to perform their assigned official duties."					
Authorized Limitation Acres		5. County Cropland (25% of Item 4): 35,779.8		6. Easement (15% of Item 4): 14,311.9	
		7. Approved		8. Offered	
CRP	A. Total	34,220.1		36,100.6	
	B. Easement	359.4		359.4	
ACEP/WRE	C. Total				
	D. Cropland	550.4		359.4	
TOTAL		11. (Item 7A plus Item 7D) 34,770.5		12. (Item 8A or Item 8D as applicable) 1,3139	
		13. (Item 9A plus Item 9D) 36,651.0		14. (Item 10B plus Item 10D)	
15. % of Cropland Accepted (Item 11 divided by Item 4) 24,2948 %		16. % of Cropland Offered (Item 12 divided by Item 4) %		17. % of Cropland Waiver Requested (Item 13 divided by Item 4 minus 25%) 0.6087 %	
18. % of Easement Accepted (Item 7B plus Item 7D divided by Item 4) %		19. % of Easement Offered (Item 12 divided by Item 4) %		20. % of Easement Waiver Requested (Item 14 divided by Item 4 minus 15%) %	
21. COC Recommendation to STC for Acceptance. (Do not exceed amount necessary to cover current enrollment period.)				A. ACRES	B. PERCENT
				1,880.5	1.3139 %
22. Governor or State Director of Agriculture				1,880.5	1.3139 %
23. County Commissioners				1,880.5	1.3139 %
24. Agricultural Leaders in the Community:				a. NIFA	1,880.5
				b. NRCS	1,880.5
				c. Conservation District	1,880.5
				d. FS	1,880.5
				e. Other:	1,880.5
ITEM		A. NUMBER FOR INCREASE	B. AVERAGE (%)	C. NUMBER AGAINST INCREASE	
25. Random Sample of Agricultural Producers		5	2 %	0	
26. Random Sample of Agriculture-Related Businesses		a. Bankers/Lending Institutions	2	2 %	
		b. Feed/Seed/Fertilizer Dealers	1	2 %	
		c. Oil/Gas Suppliers		%	
		d. Implement Dealers	2	2 %	
		e. Other:	1	2 %	
27. Random Sample of Nonagriculture-Related Businesses		a. Grocery		%	
		b. Auto Sales/Service		%	
		c. Other:	1	2 %	

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83 Completing AD-893

A How to Complete AD-893

Complete AD-893 according to the following.

Item	Instructions	
	Items 1 through 9 are to be completed by the FSA County Office.	
1	Enter the date AD-893 is distributed to the groups in item 11.	
2 and 3	Enter County Office address and phone number.	
4 through 8	Enter the information for the county from Screen EPC1001 or EPC1002.	
9	Self-explanatory.	
	Items 10 through 14 are to be completed by representatives of NRCS, Soil Conservation District, NIFA, and FS, at least 1 county commissioner, and any additional local groups that would have an interest in the effect of program impact on the local economy.	
10	The person completing AD-893 will enter recommendations as follows.	
	Item	Instructions
	A	Enter recommendation for county cropland percentage for CRP.
	B	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
	C	CHECK “Yes” or “No” to indicate whether the county cropland limitation should exceed the 25 percent by a small increase. If yes, enter the increase.
11	Check the applicable group or groups in which the representative participates.	
12	Enter any additional comments or recommendations.	
13	Enter the name of the person completing items 10 through 12.	
14	The person completing items 10 through 13 must sign and date AD-893.	

83 Completing AD-893 (Continued)

B Example of AD-893

The following is an example of AD-893.

This form is available electronically.			
AD-893 (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency	
RECOMMENDATION OF PERCENT OF CROPLAND TO BE ENROLLED IN CRP/ACEP-WRE		1. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 08-15-2015	
		2. COUNTY OFFICE ADDRESS Lebanon County FSA Office 1600 Cumberland Ave. Lebanon, PA 17042	
		3. COUNTY OFFICE TELEPHONE NO. (Area Code) 717-272-3900	
NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), 7 CFR 1410 and 7 CFR 1491. The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program's Wetlands Reserve Easements component. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses Identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program's Wetlands Reserve Easements component.			
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3846(b)(1), Title I, Subtitle F, Administration). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.			
The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Agricultural Conservation and Easement Program – Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE) regulations limits enrollment to 25 percent of the cropland in our county with not more than 15% in easements, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that further enrollment will not adversely affect the economy of our county. The recommendations from our residents, farmers, merchants, key agricultural leaders, County Committee, and local and State elected officials will assist the Secretary in determining the percent of cropland which can be enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE from our county. Please review information in Part A and then complete Part B, Items 10-16.			
PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY FSA			
4. Enter the total cropland in the county.		ACRES	
		143,119.1	
5. Enter twenty-five percent of the cropland (Item 4 times 25%).		35,779.8	
6. Enter fifteen percent of the cropland (Item 4 times 15%).		14,311.9	
7. Enter the current enrollment in CRP excluding CP5 and CP16 (current accepted acreage-not including this signup).		34,220.1	
8. Enter the current enrollment in ACEP-WRE and CRP easements excluding CP5 and CP16 (current accepted Acreage, not including this signup).		909.8	
PART B – TO BE COMPLETED BY RESPONDENT		RETURN THIS FORM BY:	
9. PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 10 THROUGH 16 AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE COUNTY FSA OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS IN ITEM 2 NO LATER THAN 		October 1, 2015	
		PERCENT	
10A. I recommend that the limit on cropland enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program for our county be set at		27 %	
10B. I recommend that the limit on cropland enrolled in the ACEP-WRE for our county be set at		%	
10C. If you recommended 25%, but the county's acreage enrollment under this signup only exceeds the 25% by a small percent, would you be willing to recommend for approval this small increase? ☐ YES ☐ NO Up to what overall percent?		%	
11. I belong to the following groups (please mark all that apply):			
County Commissioner	☐	Local:	
FSA County Committee Member	☐	NRCS	☐
FSA Community Committee Member	☐	Conservation District	☐
Agricultural Banker/Lender	☐	NIFA	☐
Feed/Seed/Fertilizer Dealer	☐	FS	☐
Agricultural Oil/Gas Supplier	☐	Implement Dealer	☐
		Other Agriculture-Related Business	☒
		Grocery	☐
		Auto Sales	☐
		Other Business Not Directly Related to Agriculture	☐
		Other:	☐
12. COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATIONS (If any):			
13. NAME (Please Print) John Smith			
14. SIGNATURE		15. TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL IF SIGNING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY	
		16. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 09-01-2015	

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84-100 (Reserved)

Part 5 SRR's and Maximum Payment Rates

101 Maximum Payment Rates

A About Maximum Payment Rates

Before the producer submits an offer on CRP-1 and CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP-2G, as applicable, the County Office must calculate and inform the producer of the maximum payment rate for the eligible acreage being offered. The maximum payment rate is the maximum per acre rental rate that CCC is willing to pay for the eligible acreage offered. Offers submitted in excess of the calculated maximum payment rate shall be automatically rejected.

A maximum payment rate will be calculated for each offer based on:

- posted SRR tables and any applicable reductions
- soils MUSYM and acreage data collected and recorded on CRP-2, CRP-2C, or CRP-2C30, as applicable
- incentive amounts, as applicable according to subparagraph 66 D
- maintenance rates, as applicable according to subparagraph 66 D.

B Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for General CRP, Grassland CRP and Continuous (Non-CREP) CRP

A Climate-Smart Practice Incentive as a percentage of the per acre weighted average SRR ~~was~~ added to the weighted average SRR for contracts approved between June 14, 2021, and September 30, 2024. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive was available for CRP practices that increase carbon sequestration, reduce greenhouse gases emissions, and otherwise mitigate climate change. Practices included establishment of trees and permanent grasses, development of wildlife habitat, and wetland restoration.

The incentive amount was based on the estimated benefits of each practice type. Practices were broken into the following 3 cover types:

- Woody Biomass – 10 Percent Incentive: CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP25, CP31, and CP36
- Grass and Legume – 5 Percent Incentive: CP1, CP15A, CP15B, CP24, CP29, CP42, CP43, and CP88
- Grass – 3 Percent Incentive: CP2, CP4D, CP8A, CP9, CP48B, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, CP23A, CP27, CP28, CP30, CP33, CP37, CP39, CP40, and CP41.

Note: The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive was not applicable for CREP offers. Eligible practices enrolled in SAFE CP38A-E followed the rules for the listed CP.--*

101 Maximum Payment Rates (Continued)**C Maximum Payment Rate**

--FSA annually reviews the per-acre maximum payment rate limitations applicable to general CRP, continuous (non-CREP) CRP, and CLEAR30 in conjunction with SRR updates.--

The weighted average SRR's and maximum payment rate limitation for general CRP signup offers is \$240 per acre.

The maximum payment rate limitation for continuous CRP signup offers is \$300 for all continuous CRP signup types, except:

- CLEAR30, which is \$380
- CREP.

*--**Important:** Offers exceeding the maximum per-acre payment rate will be rejected.--*

102 SRR's**A About SRR's**

SRR's are soil-specific estimates of dryland cropland rental rates used to set maximum annual payment rates for CRP cropland offers and contracts. SRR's are maintained by State Offices using the Conservation SDMS.

The Cash Rents Survey administered by NASS generates county average dryland cash rent estimates, which are generally the foundation for the county average rental rates and will be reviewed annually.

SRR's are based on multiplying County Average Rental Rate (County AVGRT) by soil-specific productivity factors and an SRR percentage for each signup type.

Note: The prorated general and continuous SRR's are determined by multiplying the posted SRR by 85 percent and 90 percent, respectively.

102 SRR's (Continued)

B Adjustment to the SPI Range

*--FSA adjusts all county rental rates to reflect an SPI range of 0.5 to 1.5 (50 to 150 percent of the county rental rate). SPI is used along with the NRCS National Commodity Crop Productivity Index to normalize the county rental rate by soil within each county. Effective May 12, 2025, SPI has been adjusted to include only 3 soil productivity groupings (0.5, 0.75, and 1.0). Soils with an SPI of 1.00 or greater will receive the posted County AVGRT rate.

Note: The SPI adjustment is applicable for the calculation of CREP SRR's.

State	County	County AVGRT	Map Unit Symbol	SPI <u>1/</u>	SPI Adjusted SRR <u>2/</u>	General CRP 85% SRR <u>3/</u>	Continuous CRP 90% SRR <u>3/</u>
State	County	\$100	PVa	1.0	\$100	\$85	\$90
State	County	\$100	Cr	0.75	\$75	\$64	\$68
State	County	\$100	AcA1	.5	\$50	\$43	\$45

1/ Soil productivity index (SPI) is based on the publicly available National Commodity Crop Productivity Index developed by NRCS.

2/ Rounded to whole dollars.

3/ Posted SRR's include a note regarding the reduction/proration factor.--*

C Additional One-Time 10 Percent Inflationary Adjustment

--For contracts approved between June 14, 2021, and September 30, 2024, FSA increased the county rental rate by a 1-time 10 percent "inflationary" adjustment for the life of the contract. This inflationary adjustment was set at contract start and factored into the SRR.--

* * *

102 SRR's (Continued)***--D SRR Tables--***

SRR tables will show the individual maximum SRR for groups of soils by using the NRCS soil map unit symbols based upon the soil survey ID. These groupings' rates are established based on similar productivity levels, each soil grouping will have only one SRR.

Note: The productivity factors may be capped, reducing the number of soil groups, and are subject to any proration/reduction for that signup.

102 SRR's (Continued)***--E Reviewing and Adjusting Soil Map Unit Symbols and SRR's--***

FSA posts SRR's for cropland based on soil map units using unique soil map unit symbols. To facilitate using standardized soils data within USDA, the soil map unit symbols used for SRR posting need to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they match symbols patterns currently published in the soils legends of NRCS' FOTG.

The National Office, in conjunction with NRCS, will ensure that rental rates are established for all cropped soils in each county using NRCS's most current soil survey legend from FOTG, including proper uppercase and lowercase patterns for those symbols using alphabetic letters.

Additionally, some new SRR's and soil map unit symbols may need to be approved for CRP use to reflect recent soil survey changes by NRCS.

All SRR and soil map unit symbol maintenance will be completed by State Offices.

County Offices that require the addition of a soil map unit symbol and SRR must submit a request to the State Office.

--F Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate--

The weighted average soil rental rate is calculated for each offer using the acreage and SRR's of the 3 predominant soils on the land offered for enrollment.

Notes: If marginal pastureland is part of the offer, all the marginal pastureland acres must be included in the predominate soils.

If all of the offer is marginal pastureland, the marginal pastureland rate will be used.

103 Establishing SRR's**A Rental Rate Establishment for Cropland**

Maximum payment rates for cropland offered for CRP are calculated using SRR's. SRR's must be set at levels that reflect the average cash rental rates per acre for **nonirrigated** cropland for annually tilled crops for each soil map unit area within a soil survey area within a county during the past year.

These SRR's shall be set:

- for soil types where share rents are most common which is the cash equivalent of share rents
- for soil types with a predominance of summer fallow or double/triple cropping, reflecting the market rental values of these cropping patterns
- using one SRR per soil map unit only
- at levels reflecting rate consistency within soil surveys and across all county and State lines and soil survey boundaries.

The National Office:

- is responsible for establishing SRR's
- will use the most current NASS survey, NRCS productivity indexes, and other information as necessary.

103 Establishing SRR's (Continued)

B Rental Rate Establishment for Marginal Pastureland

Maximum payment rates for marginal pastureland offers are calculated using marginal pastureland rental rates. These rental rates must be set for all applicable practices on marginal pastureland (subparagraph 181 C) at levels that reflect the average cash rental values of **nonirrigated** riparian area grazing land * * *.

The grazing productivity of riparian area grazing land in arid regions is typically higher and more variable than that of adjacent whole field grazing land. For this reason, Western U.S. counties' marginal pastureland rental rates are usually higher than average grazing rental rates, and separate rental rates based on permanent/seasonal riparian areas have been established.

The basis for these rental rates will be set using the following.

County Location	Rate Basis	Soil Map Unit Symbol
Eastern and Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico Counties	1 rate per county	MPLALL
Western U.S. Counties	1 rate per county for land adjacent to seasonal water bodies	MPLSEA
	1 rate per county for land adjacent to perennial water bodies	MPLPER

C Rental Rate Establishment for Grassland CRP

*--A grassland CRP rental rate may be established based on the current year NASS pastureland rental rates. The final rate is calculated to be no more than 75 percent of the grazing value of the land offered.

Grassland CRP rental rates will be set using the Soil Map unit symbol CRPGRR. **There will only be 1 rate per county.--***

103 Establishing SRR's (Continued)

D Rental Rate Posting and Use

Approved rental rates must be:

- used for all CRP-2's, CRP-2C's, and CRP-2G's regardless of signup type
- effective upon notification by the National Office
- posted year-round on a public display area in the County Office only for the land that exists within the county boundary.

***--Note:** County Offices must **not** post and maintain rates for surrounding counties. See 4-CRP, paragraph 150 for guidance on Soil Rental Rate Posting Reports.--*

104 (Withdrawn--Amend. 7)

105-125 (Reserved)

Part 6 Eligibility Requirements

Section 1 Producer Eligibility Requirements

126 Eligible Person

A Eligible Participants

Eligible participants can include:

- individual
- general partnership
- joint venture
- corporation
- limited liability company
- limited partnership
- limited liability partnership
- limited liability limited partnership
- estate
- trust - revocable
- State and local government
- churches, charities, and non-profit organizations
- public school
- BIA or Indian represented by BIA
- trust - irrevocable
- individual operating a small business
- Indian tribal venture.

***--Note:** See 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, for payment limitation, AGI, and--* payment eligibility requirements.

B Eligibility Criteria for Owners

An owner is eligible to offer land for enrollment in CRP if the owner meets 1 of the following requirements:

- *--owned the land for 12 months before the close of signup for general and grassland CRP offers
- owned land for 12 months before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup--*

Note: See paragraph 127 for ownership waivers.

Exception: Owners of land under expiring CRP-1 may reoffer such land for enrollment regardless of the length of ownership if all other eligibility requirements are met.

126 Eligible Person (Continued)

B Eligibility Criteria for Owners (Continued)

- acquired the land by will or succession as a result of death
- acquired the land under circumstances other than for placement in CRP, as determined by DAFP.

Notes: Ownership eligibility requirements will be considered satisfied if there is any combination of continuously leasing and owning by the same “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL during the 12-month period before the close of the current signup period.

When new land is acquired and added to a farm that meets the requirements of this subparagraph, the new land may only be offered when it also meets the ownership eligibility requirements of this subparagraph.

C Eligibility Criteria for Operators

An operator is eligible to offer land for enrollment in CRP when the operator meets all of the following requirements:

- operated the land for 12 months before the close of current of signup for general CRP and grassland CRP
- operated the land for 12 months before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup
- provides satisfactory evidence, as determined by COC, that control of the land will continue uninterrupted for the CRP-1 period.

Note: Satisfactory evidence may include any of the following:

- statement signed by the owner
- written lease for the appropriate time period
- owner’s signature on CRP-1.

Operator eligibility requirements will be considered satisfied if there is any combination of leasing and owning by the same “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL during the 12-month period before the close of the current signup period.

126 Eligible Person (Continued)**D Eligibility Criteria for Beginning * * * or Veteran Farmers or Ranchers**

A beginning * * * or Veteran farmer or rancher that has an approved TIP CRP-1R is not required to meet the 12-month owner/operator criteria when enrolling in continuous CRP signup.

E Payment Share Policy

An eligible person offering land for CRP **must** be eligible to offer land for CRP in his or her own right.

Participants will determine shares. COC will approve shares provided they are not designed to circumvent other program regulations. Payment shares are not required to be commensurate with previous CRP annual rental payments or interests on other contracts or agreements in the County Office.

***--Note:** A “0” percent share is not an appropriate share for the person qualifying the land.--*

F Date Ownership Commences

Land ownership must be determined according to 10-CM * * *. County Offices may determine the date ownership commences using the same document * * * used to determine land ownership if a date is provided on the document.

If a deed is used to determine ownership, County Offices must determine the date ownership commences using the later of the following:

- the date the deed was recorded
- the date of possession, if the possession date is after the deed recording date.

G Date Operatorship Commences

County Offices must use County Office records to determine the date operatorship commenced. If no records exist, the operator must provide adequate assurance, as determined by COC, that the operator is eligible to participate.

127 Waiving Ownership Eligibility Requirements

A COC Waivers of Ownership Requirements

COC's may accept land in CRP that does not meet the ownership requirements in subparagraph 126 B when:

- the land is any 1 of the following:

- acquired from an immediate family member within the 12-month period

Note: The total time owned by the family members was more than 12 months. Immediate family members include parents, children, siblings, grandparents, adopted children, and spouse.

- owned for more than 12 months, then sold on contract for deed

Note: Later the original owner repossessed the land and wants to submit an offer for CRP.

- sold and the original owner holds the mortgage

Note: The original owner regains title through foreclosure proceedings after the new owner files for bankruptcy. The original owner is eligible if the land was owned for at least 12 months.

- owned by a joint venture or general partnership of which at least 1 member has owned at least 50 percent of the land for the required 12-month period.

Example: Tim and Steve have owned 100 acres with an undivided interest for the last 10 years. Tim has a 60 percent share and Steve has a 40 percent share. Six months before the end of the CRP signup period, Tim bought Steve's share of the land and became the sole owner. Tim is eligible to offer land in CRP. If Steve had bought Tim's interest, Steve would not be eligible to enroll the land.

127 Waiving Ownership Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

A COC Waivers of Ownership Requirements (Continued)

- a producer did 1 of the following:
 - leased a farm with an option to buy

Note: The producer operated the acreage for more than 12 months before the close of the current signup period, then purchased the land shortly before signup.

- owned a farm for more than 12 months

Note: The producer then purchases additional acreage and the farms are combined. CRP-1 can be approved on the resulting farm only if the designated acres are all on the original tract.

- owned a farm for more than 12 months.

Note: The producer then lost land in foreclosure and exercised the right of redemption under State law, thereby redeeming the land from the mortgage holder before signup.

COC may waive the 12-month ownership requirement if the total offered acreage is less *--than or equal to 10 percent of the total cropland or noncropland purchased, as applicable.

Example 1: James Smith (owner) purchased 180 acres of cropland on October 15, 2021.--* This purchase is less than 1 year before the end of the signup period. Mr. Smith offered 15 acres of cropland for enrollment in CRP. Because the 15 acres of cropland are less than or equal to 10 percent of the total cropland purchased, COC may waive the 12-month ownership provision.

*--**Example 2:** Jane Smith (owner) purchased 40 acres of noncropland on November 15, 2021. This purchase is less than 1 year before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup. Ms. Smith offered 3 acres of noncropland for enrollment in CRP as marginal pastureland. Because the 3 acres of marginal pastureland are less than or equal to 10 percent of the total noncropland purchased, COC may waive the 12-month ownership provision.--*

Waivers for conditions not listed in this paragraph may only be approved by DAFP. All requests for waivers **must** include COC and STC recommendation and all relevant documentation to support the request, including a copy of the COC minutes that clearly indicate why COC determined to recommend the waiver.

Note: When STC does not recommend approval of a waiver request, STC must deny the request and provide appeal rights according to 1-APP.

127 Waiving Ownership Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

B STC Waivers of Ownership Requirements

STC may waive the 12-month ownership requirement if the total offered acreage is less than *--or equal to 20 percent of the total cropland or noncropland purchased.

Example 1: John Jones (owner) purchased 400 acres of farmland on October 15, 2021.--*
The total cropland purchased is 300 acres. This purchase is less than 1 year before the end of the signup period. Mr. Jones offered 50 acres of cropland for enrollment in CRP. Because the 50 acres of cropland are less than or equal to 20 percent of the total cropland purchased, STC may waive the 12-month ownership provisions.

*--**Example 2:** Jane Smith (owner) purchased 40 acres of noncropland on November 15, 2021. This purchase is less than 1 year before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup. Ms. Smith offered 6 acres of noncropland for enrollment in CRP as marginal pastureland. Because the 6 acres of marginal pastureland are less than or equal to 20 percent of the total noncropland purchased, STC may waive the 12-month ownership provision.--*

C Offer Acceptance When Ownership Eligibility Is Not Met (Undetermined)

This subparagraph applies only when the producer submits a waiver of ownership to COC or STC.

When ownership eligibility is not met at the time the producer offers the land for enrollment in CRP, County Offices must:

- allow the producer to submit the offer through the COLS process
- inform the producer the offer will not be considered until ownership eligibility has been determined.

Note: The offer is submitted but will not be ranked under a general signup because eligibility has not been determined.

128 Structural Change in Ownership of Land**A Structural Change Policy**

CRP ownership eligibility criteria provides an exception for structural changes in joint operations. See 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable, for the definition of joint operations.

Note: Structural changes in entities, such as corporations, trusts, or limited partnerships, do not affect ownership eligibility but may affect payment limitation.

When a structural change has occurred in a joint operation within the 12-month ownership requirement and the persons continuing to conduct the farming operation after the reorganization were primarily responsible for conducting the farming operation before the reorganization, the members are eligible for CRP.

Example: Smith Farms consisted of 3 members in a general partnership. The partnership made a structural change adding a family member as a general partner. The partnership increased by 1 person 6 months before the end of signup. The partnership is eligible to submit an offer.

***--Note:** The structural change policy applies to all participants with an interest in the CRP-1.--*

129 Right of Redemption After Foreclosure Provision**A Policy**

Producers who, before submitting a CRP offer, exercised their right of redemption under State law and redeemed land from a mortgage holder after foreclosure or after voluntarily conveying the acreage to the lending institution instead of foreclosure are eligible to participate if all the following are met:

- the length of original land ownership, foreclosure, redemption, and resulting ownership is at least 12 months
- the producer agrees in writing that CRP-1 shall not be assumed by a successor-in-interest

Note: COC or CED must approve CRP-1 only after agreement is received.

- the acreage is otherwise eligible according to Section 2.

B Notifying the Producer

County Offices must use CRP-25 to notify producers who had a brief loss of ownership, because of foreclosure or the threat of foreclosure, that they may participate when all other eligibility requirements are met.

Note: See Exhibit 5 for instructions and an example of CRP-25.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions

A Landlord and Tenant Provisions

Landlords must:

- when the acreage offered is not enrolled in CRP at the time of signup:
 - provide tenants, who have an interest in the acreage being offered at the time of signup, an opportunity to participate in CRP
 - not reduce the number of tenants on the farm as a result of or in anticipation of enrollment in CRP
- when the acreage offered is enrolled in CRP at the time of signup, provide tenants, with an interest in the CRP-1 acreage, an opportunity to participate in CRP if either of the following apply:
 - the tenant is otherwise involved in farming other cropland acreage on the farm at the time of signup
 - the tenant has an interest in the acreage being offered on the effective date of the new CRP-1.

Note: Interest in CRP-1 is not considered farming.

Landlords who violate these provisions will be ineligible to earn CRP payments, including annual rental payments, incentive payments, and C/S payments, until COC determines that the landlord is no longer in violation. See subparagraph B.

B Before Approving CRP-1

COC must determine whether landlord tenant provisions have been violated before approving CRP-1.

When there is a dispute between a landlord and tenant, and COC determines there is insufficient evidence to make a determination, COC must refuse to approve CRP-1 until the landlord and tenant resolve the dispute.

If the landlord and tenant provisions have been violated, COC must **not** approve CRP-1.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions (Continued)**C Binding CRP-1**

An approved CRP-1 is a binding * * * contract between all signatories on CRP-1, with a share greater than zero, and CCC.

- Transferring interest in the land under CRP-1 does **not** relieve COC's responsibility to ensure protection of the rights of the operator or tenants who are signatories on CRP-1 and who continue to have an interest in the acreage.
- CRP policy prohibits a landlord from replacing or removing the operator, tenant, or an estate from CRP-1 **unless** at least 1 of the conditions in subparagraph F are met.

D When Provisions Do Not Apply

Landlord and tenant provisions do **not** apply when the tenant:

- was removed for cause as determined by RA according to State law
- left the farm voluntarily without any coercion from the landlord.

Note: A signed statement by the tenant or sharecropper voluntarily relinquishing his or her right to the farm or CRP benefits is sufficient evidence to show voluntary removal.

The landlord may offer land for CRP that has a history of a tenant if COC determines that the landlord has the "necessary means" to conduct the farming operation.

For CRP purposes, "necessary means" means the landlord has the knowledge and ability to establish and maintain the CRP cover.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions (Continued)**E Certification Statement**

A certification statement must be signed by all tenants and landlords before approval of CRP-1. Attach the certification statement to CRP-1. State Offices must modify the following certification statement, after consulting with RA, to conform to State law, to include State parameters for removing tenants from CRP-1, and to modify the language for it to be clearly understood by producers.

I (We) understand that tenants participating on Conservation Reserve Program Contract, form CRP-1, may be removed from the contract if tenancy is not maintained, as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation. In addition, I (We) also understand that the tenant may be determined to be removed when the tenant:

1. was removed for cause, as determined by COC, after State Office consultation with RA
2. requests, in writing, to be removed from CRP-1
3. files for bankruptcy and the trustee or debtor in possession fails to affirm CRP-1
4. dies during the CRP-1 period and the administrator of the estate fails to succeed to CRP-1 within the 60 calendar days of COC notification.

Signature(s) and date(s) _____

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions (Continued)

F After Approving CRP-1

Tenants participating in CRP must maintain tenancy throughout the CRP-1 period to remain on the contract. If a tenant fails to maintain this tenancy, COC must determine, based on guidance from the State Office, whether the tenant should be removed for cause.

Note: Tenancy is defined as maintaining acreage according to the conservation plan or, as otherwise required on the farm, as determined by COC.

State Offices must consult RA for guidance to establish general parameters about acceptable conditions leading to removing tenants for cause. COC's may immediately act on cases within these parameters.

County Offices must assume tenancy is being maintained unless notified otherwise by anyone having an interest in the acreage.

After CRP-1 is approved, the operator or tenant may be replaced on CRP-1 when the operator or tenant:

- was removed for cause, as determined by COC, after State Office consultation with RA

Note: All court-ordered directives to remove the operator or tenant from CRP-1 must be reviewed by RA. Operators or tenants will only be removed from CRP-1 after review for legal sufficiency of the court-ordered directive by RA and RA approves the removal of the operator or tenant.

- requests, in writing, to be removed from CRP-1
- files for bankruptcy and the trustee or debtor in possession fails to affirm CRP-1 according to paragraph 580
- dies during the CRP-1 period, and the administrator of the estate fails to succeed to CRP-1 within 60 calendar days of COC notification as required by paragraph 546.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions (Continued)**G Removing Participants From CRP-1**

When a landlord legally removes an operator or tenant from the farm, COC must determine whether the operator or tenant may be removed from CRP-1 based on provisions in subparagraph F. If COC determines to remove the operator or tenant, the landlord may, if a revised CRP-1 is signed:

- continue CRP-1 as owner and receive all the payment
- acquire a new operator or tenant who may become a successor-in-interest to CRP-1.

County Offices must provide the:

- landlord or new operator or tenant, if applicable, with a revised CRP-1
- former operator or tenant appeal rights according to 1-APP.

131 AGI Provisions**A Policy for CRP-1's Approved May 13, 2002, Through September 30, 2008**

Beginning May 13, 2002, an average AGI limitation became effective for certain programs, including CRP.

This provision is effective beginning with the 2003 crop year. The average AGI limitation provides that an individual or entity shall not be eligible to receive certain benefits, during a crop year, if the average AGI of the individual or entity exceeds \$2.5 million, and less than 75 percent of the average AGI of the individual or entity is derived from farming, ranching, or forestry operations. See 1-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved May 13, 2002, through September 30, 2008, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 1-PL.

B Policy for CRP-1's Approved Beginning October 1, 2008, Through September 30, 2013

The average AGI limitation provides that a person or legal entity shall be ineligible to receive certain benefits during a crop year if the average adjusted gross nonfarm income of the person or legal entity exceeds \$1 million, unless at least 66.66 percent of the average AGI of the person or legal entity is average adjusted gross farm income. See 4-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved beginning October 1, 2008, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 4-PL.

***--C Policy for CRP-1's Approved Beginning October 1, 2013, Through September 30, 2020**

The average AGI limitation provides that a person or legal entity is ineligible for payments and benefits for 2015 and subsequent FY's if the average AGI exceeds \$900,000. See 5-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved beginning October 1, 2013, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 5-PL.

D Policy for CRP-1's Approved Beginning October 1, 2020

The average AGI limitation provides that a person or legal entity is ineligible for payments and benefits for 2021 and subsequent FY's if the average AGI exceeds \$900,000. See 5-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved beginning October 1, 2020, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 6-PL.--*

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)**E AGI Certification**

All producers with a share greater than zero, including members of entities and joint operations, **must** provide a certification of average AGI according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable. For CRP, certifications of average AGI are binding for the life of CRP-1. CCC-526, CCC-926, CCC-931, CCC-933, or CCC-941, as applicable, must be filed and appropriate flags set in the subsidiary file according to 3-PL before CRP-1 is approved. AGI determinations for CRP are for the contract period. See subparagraph I for contract revision AGI requirements.

F Policy for CRP-1's Approved for CRP Signup 46

No AGI limitation was in effect for CRP signup 46 (FY 2014).

G Determining Which AGI Rule Applies to Contract

The following provides guidance on which:

- payment limitation and rules apply to CRP contracts
- AGI certification form should have been filed or must be filed at the time of contract approval.

Note: Follow 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL to determine which business types are required to file AGI certifications.

Original Contract Approved →	On or After May 13, 2002 and Before Oct. 1, 2008	On or After *--Oct. 1 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2013--*	Oct. 1, 2013 Through Sept. 30, 2014 (FY 2014) Signup 46	On or After Oct. 1, 2014
AGI Rule and AGI Limitation Amount	1-PL \$2.5 mil	4-PL \$1 mil nonfarm	Not subject to AGI Provisions	*--5-PL, 6-PL, and 7-PL--* \$900,000
Required Form	CCC-526 or CCC-526C	CCC-931 CCC-933 CCC-931C		CCC-941

Note: CCC-926 may have been used and was acceptable before CCC-931 was made available.

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)***--H AGI Requirements for Producers Associated With Original Contracts**

Beginning June 4, 2012, follow this table to determine the requirements for filing an AGI certification form for producers.

Note: See subparagraph G to determine which AGI certification form should be filed.--*

If the producer is an entity or joint operation, all members with an ownership share are required to file the applicable AGI certification if the entity/joint operation is required to file the certification.

IF the producer's share is...	AND the producer is...	THEN the AGI certification is...
0 percent		not required.
Greater than 0 percent	• an individual • entity without members	required for the producer.
	• joint operation • entity with members	required for: • the producer, except for a joint operation • each member with an ownership share greater than 0 percent.

***--I--*Contract Revisions**

This table provides guidance for the requirements for filing an AGI certification form for producers and members of entities and joint operations when a contract is revised for either of the following reasons:

- new producer is added to the CRP contract
- new members are added to an entity or joint operation that has an interest in the CRP contract.

***--Note:** See subparagraph G to determine which AGI certification form should be filed.--*

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)

*--I--*Contract Revisions (Continued)

IF the contract is revised because...	AND the new producer has...	AND the producer is...	THEN an AGI certification is...
a new producer was added to the contract	0 percent share		not required.
	has a share greater than 0 percent	- an individual - entity without members	required for the year the change became effective for the producer. Example: Producer A has CRP contract #2117 with an effective date of October 1, 2010. Producer A sells the land to Producer B on September 20, 2011. Producer B informs the County Office on January 10, 2012, that he purchased the land under CRP contract #2117. Producer B must file AGI forms for 2011 (the year the change became effective).
		- joint operation - entity with members	required as follows for the year the producer is added to the contract: - the producer, except for a joint operation - each member with an ownership share greater than 0 percent. *--See exception in subparagraph J.--*
an existing producer's share was increased from 0 percent		- an individual - entity without members	required for year the producer was originally added to the contract with a 0 percent share.
		- joint operation - entity with members	required as follows for the year the producer was originally added to the contract with a 0 percent share: - the producer, except for a joint operation - each member with an ownership share greater than 0 percent.
a new member is added to a joint operation or an entity with members			required for year the member was added to the operation with an ownership share greater than 0 percent. *--See exception in subparagraph J.--*

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)***--J--*Exception to Year AGI Certification Must Be Filed**

If a producer or member of an entity or joint operation was previously associated with the CRP contract, then the original AGI certification continues to apply for that producer or member if their role changes.

Example: John Farmer has 100 percent interest in a CRP contract approved in 2010.

Farmers LLC replace John Farmer as a producer on the CRP contract in 2012. John Farmer is a member of Farmers LLC and has a 100 percent ownership interest in LLC.

Because John Farmer was already associated with the contract, the 2010 AGI certification continues to be applicable for John. However, an AGI certification **must** be filed for 2012 for Farmers LLC.

***--K--*Exception for Lands of Special Significance**

The Administrator may allow a waiver to the \$900,000 AGI limitation on a case-by-case basis for land that is determined to be environmentally sensitive land of special significance.

Waivers must be submitted to DAFP according to Exhibit 16.

132-150 (Reserved)

Section 2 Land Eligibility Requirements

151 Eligible Land Criteria

A Cropland Cropping History Eligibility Criteria

Eligible cropland includes cropland that is both of the following:

- planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during 4 of the 6 crop years from 2012 through 2017

***--Exception:** Field margins that are incidental to the planting of crops, such as turnrows, field borders, and center pivot corners. Field margins do not include other areas within a field.

Notes: The applicable crop years 2012 through 2017 are fixed by statute.

Acreage planted in an unworkmanlike manner, as determined by COC, will not be considered planted for cropping history for CRP purposes.

The following will be considered planted for CRP cropping history purposes:

- cropland for which the producer received an approved prevented planting claim according to 2-CP in the year the prevented planting occurred
- cropland enrolled in CRP during the term of CRP-1

Example: John Smith enrolled in CRP with a contract effective date of October 1, 2007. His CRP-1 expired September 30, 2017. John Smith earned and maintained cropping history credit for CRP purposes from 2007 through 2017.

- *--cropland that meets the criteria in the following table.

IF...	AND...	THEN...
the crop is alfalfa, multi-year grass, or multi-year legume	it was initially planted in 2012 through 2017	the cropland is considered planted to an agricultural commodity as conserving use for CRP cropping history purposes in the year it was initially planted and every subsequent year the commodity remained on the land, not to exceed 2017.

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151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

A Cropland Cropping History Eligibility Criteria (Continued)

IF...	AND...	THEN...
in any year 2012 through 2017 the cropland was fallow	the fallow was part of an established rotation pattern with either: • an agricultural commodity • alfalfa, multi-year grass, or multi-year legume Note: The entire rotation pattern must not exceed 12 consecutive years.	the year(s) the cropland was fallow during 2012 through 2017 will be considered planted to an agricultural commodity for CRP cropping history purposes.
alfalfa, multi-year grass, or multi-year legume is part of an established rotation pattern with an agricultural commodity	both of the following are met: • the entire rotation pattern is 12 years or less • the agricultural commodity was planted in at least one year, 2012 through 2017 of the rotation pattern	the land is considered planted to an agricultural commodity for CRP cropping history purposes.
cropland previously enrolled in CRP for which the CRP contract expired during crop years 2012 through 2017	the grass cover continues to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP at the time the offer is submitted <u>1/</u>	the land is considered planted to an agricultural commodity for CRP cropping history purposes.

1/ Cover that is deteriorated or degraded is not considered to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP and is not eligible to be designated as conserving use.

- physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity, as determined by COC.

Notes: COC's determination must be based on whether the cropland could be planted to an agricultural commodity in a normal manner during a normal cropping season.

--Cropping history may be provided according to subparagraph 332 B and late filed acreage reports may be accepted according to subparagraph 602A.--

Acreage permanently under water, including acreage currently enrolled in CRP, is ineligible to be offered for enrollment in CRP.

Exception: Acreage devoted to either of the following may be eligible to be offered if all other eligibility requirements are met:

- CP9, Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
- water according to paragraph 429.

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

A Cropland Cropping History Eligibility Criteria (Continued)

Cropland acreage enrolled in CRP maintains its status as eligible cropland. Therefore, acreage currently enrolled in CRP is eligible to be offered for enrollment if the current CRP-1 expires September 30 of the FY before the effective date of a new contract, unless the acreage has a CRP useful life easement that extends beyond the length of the current CRP-1.

Exception: Cropland that is currently enrolled in CRP that did not meet the cropland eligibility criteria when initially enrolled, but was allowed to continue in CRP under erroneous eligibility provisions, is not eligible to be re-enrolled.

The following is an example of cropping history credit for conserving use and rotations.

No.	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cropping History
1	Corn	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	No
2	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Yes - 12-Year Rotation Considered Planted
3	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Corn	Yes - 9-Year Rotation Considered Planted
4	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	Expired CRP Cover	Expired CRP Cover	Expired CRP Cover 1/	Yes - Considered Planted
5	Alfalfa	Corn	Corn	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Yes - Conserving Use
6	Clover	Soybeans	Corn	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Corn	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Clover	Clover	Yes - Conserving Use
7	Clover	Corn	Corn	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Clover	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Clover	Corn	Yes - Conserving Use
8	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Yes - 2-Year Rotation Considered Planted
9	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Fallow	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Fallow	Yes - 8-Year Rotation Considered Planted
10	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Fallow	No
11	Corn	Fallow	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Barley	Fallow	Fallow	Fallow	Soybeans	Fallow	Corn	Corn	No

1/ The cover continues to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP from 2018 through the date of the offer.

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Notes: Shaded area reflects acreage that receives planted or considered planted acreage.

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

B Land Eligibility Criteria for General or Continuous CRP Signup

Any land meeting the requirements in subparagraph A may be eligible for enrollment if it falls into 1 or more of the following categories.

Category	Criteria
Erodibility	For general CRP signup, cropland offered if the weighted average EI for the 3 predominant soils of the new land on the acreage offered is 8 or greater. The most current soil survey information shall be used. EI for CRP *--eligibility shall be calculated using RUSLE2 or WEPS. Do not use RUSLE or WEQ.--* EI's will be calculated based on the predominance of the type of erosion present. If the offer is subject to both wind and water erosion, the higher EI *--calculation shall be used. The results of the RUSLE2 or WEPS shall--* not be added together.
Expiring CRP	For general CRP signup, land currently enrolled in CRP scheduled to expire on September 30 of the FY the acreage is offered for enrollment. *--Example: CRP-1 is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2026. The acreage may be offered for enrollment during FY 2026.--*

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

--B Land Eligibility Criteria for General or Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)--

Category	Criteria
CPA's	*--For general CRP signup cropland located within 1 of the following:--* • Chesapeake Bay Region • Great Lakes Region • Long Island Sound Region • Longleaf Pine Region Important: All cropland within the Longleaf Pine Region is not automatically eligible to be offered for enrollment. Cropland within the Longleaf Pine Region must be: • suitable to be devoted to longleaf pine • planted or devoted to longleaf pine. • Prairie Pothole Region Note: See Exhibit 18 for maps. • State-designated CPA's.
Practices Eligible Under Continuous *--CRP Signup	Those practices eligible for enrollment under continuous CRP signup--* See paragraph 171.

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

C Land Enrolled in Other Programs

If all other eligibility criteria are met, the following land may be offered for CRP:

- land currently under Pub. L. 566 or Pub. L. 534 long-term contracts, if approved for modification by NRCS
- land for which the EQIP contract has expired, independent of the conservation practice lifespan is eligible for grassland CRP
- cropland that has had a permanent cover, including trees, established under EQIP or CSP that is no longer within practice lifespan requirements.

Examples: Cropland on which permanent vegetative cover has been established under EQIP and still under EQIP lifespan requirements is not eligible for enrollment in CRP.

A farm under a CSP contract that has only a part of the otherwise eligible cropland devoted to a permanent cover may have the CSP contract modified, if approved by NRCS, to allow enrollment of acreage not devoted to a permanent cover into CRP.

Note: See subparagraph D for land ineligible for enrollment in CRP.

D Ineligible Acreage

The following acreage is ineligible to be offered in CRP:

- Federally owned land

***--Note:** Tribal trust lands are not considered federally owned.--*

- land on which a Federal agency restricts the use in a mortgage or an easement
- land on which the use of the land is either restricted through deed or other restriction before enrollment in CRP prohibiting the production of agricultural commodities, or requires any resource-conserving measures during any part of the proposed contract period

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

D Ineligible Acreage (Continued)

- land for which Tribal, State or other local laws, ordinances, or other regulations require any resources conserving or environmental protection measures or practices and the owners or operators of such land have been notified in writing of such requirements, except, such land may be eligible for enrollment in CRP if the land is:
 - at the time of offer, enrolled in CRP under an approved CREP agreement that was in effect on December 20, 2018, and was initially approved before January 1, 2014, including any amended or successor CREP agreement; provided, that the CRP contract under which the land is enrolled is in the final year of the contract period, and the scheduled expiration date of the current CRP contract is before the effective starting date of the new CRP contract; or
 - such other land in the State that the DAFP determines is both otherwise eligible for CRP and appropriate for enrollment in CRP; and

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Note: Publication of Tribal, State, or other local laws, ordinances, or other regulations is considered written notification of requirements. Written notification is not limited to individualized notification to owners or operators.

- land devoted to hardwood trees that has been re-enrolled in CRP one or more times that is under 1 of the practices:
 - CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting
- ***--Exception:** Enrolled acres on practice CP3A, Hardwood Trees, on wetland soils that have been re-enrolled 1 or more times, may be offered for re-enrollment as 1 of the following CRP practices, provided the land and cover meets all other eligibility requirements:
 - CP23 – Wetland Restoration
 - CP23A – Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
 - CP31 – Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands.--*
 - CP11, Vegetative Cover – Trees – Already Established
 - CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat (Hardwood Trees Only)
 - CP36, Longleaf Pine Establishment
 - ***--CP38C-3A, SAFE Trees**
 - CP38C-25, SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only)
 - CP38D-36, SAFE Longleaf Pine

Important: Land enrolled in CRP devoted to CP11, Vegetative Cover – Trees – Already Established, for hardwood trees is not eligible for re-enrollment.--*

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

D Ineligible Acreage (Continued)

***--Note:** The CRP automated systems cannot accurately identify whether land being offered for enrollment has been previously re-enrolled to a specific practice. See Exhibit 3 for instructions on determining re-enrollment eligibility of hardwood tree practices (CP3A, CP11, CP25, CP36, CP38C-3A, CP38C-25, CP38C-36).--*

- acreage permanently under water, including acreage currently enrolled in CRP

Exception: Acreage devoted to either of the following may be eligible to be offered if all other eligibility requirements are met:

- CP9, Shallow Water Area for Wildlife
- water, according to paragraph 429.

- land under ACEP-WRE, CSP, or EQIP that meets either of the following criteria:

- has had a permanent cover, including trees, established and is still within the practice lifespan requirements

***--Note:** See subparagraph 151 C for grassland CRP.--*

- is under agreement and is scheduled to have a permanent cover, including trees, established regardless of whether any practice has been started or C/S paid

Notes: Canceling or modifying the contract or agreement or refunding C/S will not make the acreage eligible to be offered for enrollment.

Certain otherwise eligible cropland acreage enrolled in a CSP contract may be eligible for enrollment in CRP if the contract is approved for modification by NRCS. See subparagraph C.

Acreage under contract or agreement, which are management or structural in nature and does not require establishment or enhancement of a permanent cover, may be offered for enrollment if all other eligibility requirements are met. All acreage offered for enrollment in CRP that is under an EQIP contract **must** be terminated from the EQIP contract before CRP-1 is approved. The EQIP contract **must** be modified to remove this acreage according to EQIP Manual.

Examples: Following are examples of management or structural practices:

- strip cropping
- no-till systems
- underground pipelines
- terraces that do not require permanent cover.

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

D Ineligible Acreage (Continued)

- land currently within practice lifespan requirements according to subparagraph C
- land already enrolled in CRP

Exception: Land enrolled in CRP is eligible to be offered for re-enrollment in the program if the current CRP-1 expires September 30 of the FY the acreage is offered for enrollment, unless the acreage has a CRP useful life easement that extends beyond the length of the current CRP-1. See subparagraph A.

- existing grass waterways.

Exceptions: Grass waterways that are enrolled in CRP at the time this acreage is offered for enrollment in CRP.

Newly created grass waterways completed within the 12-month period previous to signup if:

- completed according to a conservation plan
- not under practice lifespan requirements according to subparagraph C.

Grass waterways enhanced or expanded within the 12-month period previous to signup if completed according to a conservation plan.

Note: Grass waterways that are purposely destroyed to be made eligible for enrollment in CRP will remain ineligible.

152 Native American Tribal Lands**A Land Eligibility**

Native American Tribal land is eligible for CRP. Tribal lands are:

- subject to BIA management
- **--Note:** See subparagraph 335 C for exceptions to signature requirements.
- subject to Tribal land management--*
- not U.S. owned.

153 State, County, or Publicly Owned Land**A Land Eligibility**

State, county, or publicly owned land that is offered for participation in CRP is eligible if the land meets all other eligibility requirements.

Exception: Federally owned land is ineligible to be enrolled in CRP. See subparagraph 151 D.

154 Land Under Lease for Gas, Oil, Earth, or Mineral Rights**A Guidelines for Existing Lease**

Eligible land on which gas, oil, earth, or other mineral rights exploration has been leased or is owned by someone other than the person interested in enrolling acreage in CRP may be **offered** for CRP-1.

If any person has an existing mineral rights' lease or someone other than the CRP participant owns the mineral rights **before** land is offered for CRP and the person exercises the right to extract minerals, etc., from the land that is subject to CRP, COC must:

- terminate CRP-1 on affected acres
- waive refund of annual rental payments and liquidated damages
- require refund of C/S payments
- advise the CRP participant that the land may be reoffered in a subsequent signup if the land meets all other eligibility requirements.

154 Land Under Lease for Gas, Oil, Earth, or Mineral Rights (Continued)**B Guidelines After Land Is Accepted in CRP**

If a person enters into a mineral rights' lease or sells the mineral rights **after** the land is accepted in CRP, and during the CRP-1 period the lessor or owner of the mineral rights exercises the right to extract minerals, etc., from land that is subject to CRP-1, COC must:

- terminate CRP-1 on the affected acres
- obtain refund of payments and liquidated damages according to paragraphs 571 and 577
- advise the CRP participant that the land may be reoffered in subsequent signups if the land meets all other eligibility requirements.

C Exploration of Minerals by Sampling

If exploration of minerals is performed by sampling to determine whether mining is feasible, COC must not terminate CRP-1 or reduce annual payments if:

- the exploration of minerals by sampling is completed within date specified by COC
- any disturbed cover is re-established at the CRP participant's expense
- the land will continue to meet eligibility requirements as determined by COC.

155-170 (Reserved)

Part 7 Continuous CRP Signup**171 Overview****A General Information**

Producers may submit offers to enroll certain acreage in CRP at any time under continuous CRP signup, provided the total county cropland limitation has not been exceeded according to Part 4. Continuous CRP signup provides producers with management flexibility when planning conservation enhancements to their farming operations.

Unlike a general CRP signup, the continuous CRP signup process does not have a competitive evaluation process.

The purpose of continuous CRP signup is to enroll small targeted environmentally sensitive acreage.

B Signup Numbers and Program Year

Signup numbers change at the beginning of each FY under the continuous CRP signup provisions.

Note: See Exhibit 20.

The program year is FY in which the first payment is earned.

***--Example:** Producer submits an offer for CP21 on July 1, 2022. COC approves CRP-1 on September 22, 2022. CRP-1 is effective October 1, 2022. The program year on CRP-1 is 2023.--*

171 Overview (Continued)

C Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow

The following table provides activities that must be completed for continuous CRP signup offers.

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
1	Producer: - expresses an interest in enrolling in CRP - indicates the acreage they want to enroll on digital imagery/map and identifies the practice they want to enroll.	Paragraph 211
2	County Office determines whether all the following are met: - all producer eligibility requirements - all land eligibility requirements - CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded.	Paragraphs 81, 126, 130, 131, 151, and 181
3	If all requirements in step 2 are: - met, create a TERRA scenario, upload it into COLS, and print CRP-2C - not met; Stop, do not proceed, and inform producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26.	4-CRP Subparagraph 215 A and 1-APP
4	COC or CED provides the following to NRCS or TSP: - unsigned CRP-2C - geospatial data/map identifying acreage offered.	Subparagraph 211 D
5	If land offered for enrollment is: - new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP) * * *, go to step 5A *--land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in a different signup or continuous CRP practice, go to step 5A - land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in the same continuous CRP practice, go to step 5B--* - a combination of new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP) and land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, go to step 5A for the new land and step 5B for the land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment.	Paragraphs 181 and 211

171 Overview (Continued)

C Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
5A	Based on a site visit, NRCS/TSP determines, using the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, if: •*--implementation of the CRP practice offered is suitable, needed, and feasible to solve or address the resource--* • the existing cover is solving or addressing the resource concerns in the CRP practice purpose •*--for re-enrolled acres only, the expiring CRP-1 acres must be in compliance with the conservation plan--* • practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11 • the acreage offered is suitable for installation of the NRCS conservation practices needed to solve the resource concern of the CRP practice.	Paragraphs 181 and 211, Exhibit 11, and CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet
5B	Based on a site visit, NRCS/TSP determines, using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the: •*--CRP practice has been maintained according to the--* conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable • approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan • CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concerns and meets the purpose of the practice • NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice • CRP practice meets the current practice standards. If any of the above are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.	Paragraphs 181 and 211, Exhibit 11, and applicable NRCS document

171 Overview (Continued)

C Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
6	NRCS or TSP: - returns unsigned CRP-2C and geospatial data/map to County Office - provides the County Office: - for new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP *--and land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in a different signup or continuous CRP practice) offered, a signed and dated CRP Suitability --* and Feasibility Worksheet and other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable - for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for *--re-enrollment in the same continuous CRP practice,--* either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, as applicable, and other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable.	Subparagraph 211 F, CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, and/or applicable NRCS document
7	COC or CED reviews NRCS or TSP documents and findings. County Office files all documents received from NRCS or TSP in the CRP folder. If NRCS or TSP determined the practice and acreage offered is: *--for new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP and land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in a different signup or continuous CRP practice):--* - not suitable, needed, and feasible; Stop and notify the producer the practice is not acceptable using CRP-26 - suitable, needed, and feasible without any changes; go to step 9 - suitable, needed, and feasible, but only if required changes are made; go to step 8	Paragraphs 211, 215, and 603

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
7 (Cntd)	- for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment: - not maintained according to the conservation plan; Stop, the land is not eligible for enrollment; handle noncompliance according to paragraph 603 - not resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) per the purpose of the practice; Stop, the land is not eligible for enrollment; handle noncompliance according to paragraph 603 - practice and cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable; practice is resolving or addressing the resource concern(s); practice meets the purpose of the practice and the current practice standards; and the NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice; go to step 9 - practice and cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable, but does not meet the current practice standards; go to step 8. When producer modifies the practice or acreage offered after NRCS or TSP has made the determinations in this step, Stop and go back to step 3.	Paragraphs 211, 215, and 603
8	COC or CED notifies producer of required changes needed to make the practice acceptable. If producer: - agrees to make all required changes, go back to step 3 and create new TERRA scenario, CRP-2C, and geospatial data/map, then proceed to step 9 - does not agree to make all required changes, Stop and notify producer offer is not acceptable using CRP-26.	Paragraph 215

171 Overview (Continued)

C Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
9	County Offices will ensure that the base limitation is not exceeded.	Paragraphs 212 and 401
10	County Office completes and prints CRP-2C and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2C and CRP-1 are ready for signature.	Paragraphs 214 and 215
11	County Office completes paid-for measurement service, if requested.	Paragraph 215
Q	Producer signs and dates completed CRP-2C and CRP-1, and provides the signed documents to the County Office. *--Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC or CED approve CRP-1.--*	Subparagraph 215 B
13	County Office: - notifies producer of acceptability of offer using CRP-23 - provides producer a copy of signed CRP-1 and CRP-2C - provides producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix - updates offer status in COLS to “submit to plan” - provides NRCS a copy of the: - letter of acceptability sent to producer (CRP-23) - signed CRP-1 - signed CRP-2C - new geospatial data/map created in step 8, if applicable.	Paragraphs 214 and 215
14	NRCS provides County Office with: - NRCS signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation - NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed.	Paragraphs 366 and 367

171 Overview (Continued)

C Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
15	County Office: • completes all necessary consultations, if needed •*--ensures participant obtains copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Sections G and K Note: NRCS will work with the participant during the environmental evaluation process.--* • completes FSA's portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to "submit to COC".	Subparagraph 366 B, paragraph 367, and 4-CRP
16	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.	Paragraph 366
17	County Office ensures * * * AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.	Paragraph 131
18	COC or CED approves CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
19	County Office records contract period on CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
20	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.	Paragraph 213 and 4-CRP
21	County Office: • records CRP-1 number obtained from CCMS on CRP-1 and CRP-2C • record C/S requested in CSS and generate FSA-848A *--within 20 calendar days of CRP-1 approval--* • notifies producer * * * CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24 and provides producer a copy of approved CRP-1, CRP-2C, and FSA-848A.	Paragraphs 215, 401, and 500

172-180 (Reserved)

Section 1 Continuous CRP Signup Basic Eligibility Criteria

181 Eligibility Requirements

A Eligibility Requirements for Cropland

All the following **must** be met before **cropland** acreage may be determined acceptable for enrollment under continuous CRP signup:

Note: For cropland within an approved wellhead protection area, see subparagraph B.

Important: Land that meets the definition of cropland cannot be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland. See subparagraph C for eligibility requirements for marginal pastureland.

- COC or CED determines that the:
 - cropland offered to be devoted to CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B, or CP22S, is immediately adjacent and parallel to the water body identified and documented by NRCS or TSP according to subparagraph E
 - producer eligibility requirements in Part 6, Section 1, are met
 - acreage offered is cropland

Important: See 10-CM for the definition of cropland.

- acreage offered meets eligibility criteria in subparagraph 151 A
- practice offered is an eligible practice for continuous CRP signup

Note: See subparagraph 66 C for a list of eligible practices.

- practice and acreage offered meet the program policy and size requirements for the practice provided in Exhibit 11
- county cropland limit eligibility criteria in Part 4 is met

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

A Eligibility Requirements for Cropland (Continued)

■ NRCS or TSP determines:

- *--for new land offered (land not currently enrolled in CRP or land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in a different sign up or continuous CRP practice), based on a site visit and using the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, all the following:--*
 - there is a resource concern the offered acreage and CRP practice will solve
 - existing cover is not solving or addressing the resource concerns of the CRP practice offered
 - acreage offered is suitable for the CRP practice offered
 - CRP practice offered is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11
- *--for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in the same continuous CRP practice, based on a site visit and using either conservation--* assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:
 - CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable
 - approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan
 - CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concerns and meets the purpose of the practice
 - NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice
 - CRP practice meets the current practice standards

Important: If any of the above are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

A Eligibility Requirements for Cropland (Continued)

- producer offers a per acre rental rate that is less than or equal to the calculated maximum payment rate. Offers in excess of the maximum payment rate will be rejected.

Notes: To calculate the per acre maximum payment rate when all the acreage offered is cropland, TERRA identifies and uses the 3 predominant soil types for the eligible acreage offered on CRP-2C. For land offered under the infeasible-to-farm criteria, the maximum payment rate will be calculated using the 3 predominant soils that comprise the infeasible-to-farm acreage. See

--paragraphs 196 and 212 and 4-CRP.--

The TERRA tool:

- provides official CRP data and calculations
- will be used for all CRP administration purposes.

B Eligibility Requirements for Cropland Within Wellhead Protection Areas

An approved public wellhead protection area is the area designated by the appropriate State agency with an EPA-approved Wellhead Protection Program for water being drawn for public use, as defined for public use by the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended.

Areas, such as aquifer protection areas, surrounding shallow aquifer areas, and water source protection districts are **not** public wellhead protection areas. Acreage within these areas is **not** eligible to be enrolled under the wellhead protection area provisions.

States that do not have an EPA-approved Wellhead Protection Program **cannot** enroll acreage in CRP under the wellhead protection area provisions. Contact the State water quality agency:

- to determine whether there is an EPA-approved Wellhead Protection Program
- for approved public wellhead protection areas.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

B Eligibility Requirements for Cropland Within Wellhead Protection Areas (Continued)

A TERRA shapefile for the approved public wellhead protection area must be used for each offer that includes cropland being offered using the public wellhead area criteria. See *--4-CRP for:--*

- attributes required and instructions for establishing a TERRA shapefile for approved public wellhead protection areas
- using a TERRA shapefile for public wellhead protection areas to process offers.

Before **cropland** acreage within an approved public wellhead protection area may be determined acceptable for enrollment under continuous CRP signup, **all** of the following **must** be met:

- COC or CED determines that the:
 - producer eligibility requirements in Part 6, Section 1, are met
 - acreage offered is cropland

Important: See 10-CM for the definition of cropland.

- acreage offered meets eligibility criteria in subparagraph 151 A
- practice offered is an eligible practice for continuous CRP signup within an approved public wellhead protection area

Note: See subparagraph 66 C for a list of eligible practices for cropland within an approved public wellhead protection area.

- practice and acreage offered meet the program policy and size requirements for the practice provided in Exhibit 11
- county cropland limit eligibility criteria in Part 4 is met
- at least 51 percent of the acreage offered is physically located within an approved public wellhead protection area

Important: The remaining acreage, up to 49 percent of the total acreage offered, must be contiguous to the acreage offered that is physically located within the approved public wellhead protection area.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

B Eligibility Requirements for Cropland Within Wellhead Protection Areas (Continued)

- the acreage offered does not exceed a radius of 2,000 feet from the approved public wellhead

Examples: The approved public wellhead protection area designated by the appropriate State agency is a 1,000-foot radius surrounding the approved public wellhead. Therefore, the acreage enrolled in CRP will not exceed the acreage within the 1,000-foot approved area.

The approved public wellhead protection area designated by the appropriate State agency is a 3,000-foot radius surrounding the approved public wellhead. Therefore, the acreage enrolled in CRP will not exceed the acreage within a 2,000 radius from the approved public wellhead.

Exception: Enrollment may be allowed beyond a radius of 2,000 feet from the approved public wellhead, provided the State has established hydrologically delineated public wellhead protection areas using a 5-year or 10-year time-of-flow criteria and the State water quality agency has approved the hydrologically delineated public wellhead protection area.

- NRCS or TSP determines:
 - for new land offered (land not currently enrolled in CRP), based on a site visit and *--using the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, all of the following:--*
 - there is a resource concern the offered acreage and CRP practice will solve
 - existing cover is not solving or addressing the resource concerns of the CRP practice offered
 - acreage offered is suitable for the CRP practice offered
 - CRP practice offered is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

B Eligibility Requirements for Cropland Within Wellhead Protection Areas (Continued)

- for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, based on a site visit and using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:
 - CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable
 - approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan
 - CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) and meets the purpose of the practice
 - NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice
 - CRP practice meets the current practice standards.

Important: If any of the above are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.

- producer offers a per acre rental rate * * * less than or equal to the calculated maximum payment rate.

***--Notes:** Offers exceeding the maximum payment rate will be rejected.--*

To calculate the per acre maximum payment rate when all the acreage offered is cropland, TERRA identifies and uses the 3 predominant soil types for the eligible acreage offered on CRP-2C. See paragraphs 102, 196, and 212 and 4-CRP.

The TERRA tool:

- provides official CRP data and calculations
- will be used for all CRP administration purposes.

***--Land meeting the definition of cropland cannot be enrolled in CRP as marginal--* pastureland.** See subparagraph C for eligibility requirements for marginal pastureland.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland

The following is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland:

- cropland
- forestland
- woodland.

Under no circumstances can land be considered both cropland and marginal pastureland. See 10-CM, for provisions for removing land from cropland status to be enrolled in CRP under marginal pastureland criteria.

--Marginal pastureland can only be enrolled as CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, CP30, or CP39.--

All * * * the following **must** be met before **marginal pastureland**, including grazing land that may not have been previously seeded, may be determined acceptable for enrollment under continuous CRP signup:

- devoted to a CP22 riparian buffer (planted or natural regeneration), CP29 wildlife habitat buffer, or CP30 wetland buffer as determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP
- COC or CED determines * * * the:
 - marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to the water body identified and documented by NRCS or TSP according to subparagraph E
 - producer eligibility requirements in Part 6, Section 1, are met
 - land offered is marginal pastureland

--Important: Land meeting the definition of cropland cannot be enrolled in--
CRP as marginal pastureland. See 10-CM for the definition of cropland.

- practice and acreage offered meets program policy and size requirements for the practice provided in Exhibit 11

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)**C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland (Continued)**

- NRCS or TSP must advise the producer on the selection of the appropriate practice and cover type based on site conditions and producer objectives
- NRCS or TSP determines:
 - for new land offered (land not currently enrolled in CRP), based on a site visit and using the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, all * * * the following:
 - there is a resource concern the offered acreage and CRP practice will solve
 - existing cover is not solving or addressing the resource concerns of the CRP practice offered
 - acreage is suitable for the CRP practice offered
 - CRP practice offered is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11
 - for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, based on a site visit and using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:
 - CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable
 - approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan
 - CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concerns and meets the purpose of the practice

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland (Continued)

- NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice
- CRP practice meets the current practice standards

Important: If any of the above are not being met, NRCS or TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.

- producer offers a per acre rental rate that is less than or equal to the calculated maximum payment rate using the applicable marginal pastureland rental rate for the county. Offers in excess of the maximum payment rate will be rejected.

--D Marginal Pastureland Existing Vegetation--

If existing vegetation is functioning as buffer as determined by NRCS or TSP, the land is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP. Sites must be enhanced to provide water quality benefits and wildlife habitat.

Example 1: Mary Smith offers to enroll marginal pastureland to be devoted to CP29. Cattle have been excluded from the riparian area. Based on a site visit, NRCS or TSP determines that the existing vegetative cover is functioning as a wildlife habitat buffer. No further action would be required for the existing cover to function as a wildlife habitat buffer. Therefore, the land is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP.

Example 2: Bob Brown offers to enroll marginal pastureland to be devoted to CP22. Based on a site visit, NRCS or TSP determines that the existing trees are not functioning as a riparian buffer because of the presence of livestock and the lack of a sufficient understory. Cattle exclusion and additional vegetation **must** be planted to establish a functioning riparian buffer. Therefore, provided all other eligibility requirements are met, the land may be enrolled in CRP to be devoted to CP22.

If NRCS or TSP determines that existing vegetation is not functioning as the practice offered, the conservation plan **must** require some action by the producer, such as tree planting, enhancement of cover, or wetland restoration; otherwise, the land is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

E Determinations, Identification, and Documentation

For **cropland** to be eligible to be enrolled as practice CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, COC or CED must determine whether the cropland is immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:

- stream having perennial flow
- stream having seasonal/intermittent flow (contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after a rainfall or snowmelt)
- sinkhole/karst area
- wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants that meet 1 of the following:
 - permanently flooded
 - intermittently exposed
 - semi-permanently flooded
 - seasonally flooded
- **permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds, if **both** of the following are met:
 - contains water cover **throughout the year in all years**
 - provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm.

Important: NRCS or TSP must identify and document the type of eligible water body on
 --the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for new land, or on the--
 applicable document for land currently enrolled in CRP that is being reoffered,
 as applicable. COC or CED must determine whether the cropland offered is
 immediately adjacent and parallel to the identified eligible water body.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

E Determinations, Identification, and Documentation (Continued)

For **marginal pastureland** to be eligible to be enrolled as practice:

- CP22, CP22B, CP22S, or CP29, COC or CED must determine whether the **marginal pastureland** is immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:
 - stream having perennial flow
 - stream having seasonal/intermittent flow (contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after a rainfall or snowmelt)
 - sinkhole/karst areas
 - **permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds, if **both** of the following are met:
 - contains water cover **throughout the year in all years**
 - provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm.

Important: NRCS or TSP must identify and document the type of eligible water body
 --on the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for new land, or on the--
 applicable document for land currently enrolled in CRP that is being
 reoffered, as applicable. COC or CED must determine whether the
 marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to the
 identified eligible water body.

- CP30, COC or CED must determine whether the **marginal pastureland** is immediately adjacent and parallel to wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants that meet 1 of the following:
 - permanently flooded
 - intermittently exposed
 - semi-permanently flooded
 - seasonally flooded.

Important: NRCS or TSP must identify and document the type of eligible wetland on
 --the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for new land, or on the--
 applicable document for land currently enrolled in CRP that is being
 reoffered, as applicable. COC or CED must determine whether the
 marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to the
 identified eligible wetland.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

F Expiring Continuous CRP Signup Land Eligibility

--Cropland and marginal pastureland currently under contract may be offered for re-enrollment in CRP no earlier than January 2 of the calendar year the CRP-1 will-- expire. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements of paragraph 151 and subparagraph 181 A, B, or C, as applicable, the practice must meet the current practice standards for the practice according to Exhibit 11.

Cropland * * * previously enrolled in CRP but CRP-1 has expired or was terminated and the land is not enrolled in CRP at the time it is offered may be eligible to be enrolled under continuous CRP signup if the land meets all eligibility requirements for new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP), including needed and feasible criteria.

Note: Land * * * currently enrolled or has expired * * * is **not** eligible for SIP.

--The following are examples of land enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment in CRP no earlier than January 2 of the calendar year the CRP-1 will expire.--

Example 1: Land is enrolled as CP21. The average width of the practice is 80 feet. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. NRCS determines the average width must be 100 feet to meet the current practice standards (practice standards at time land is being offered). The participant may enroll the land as CP21 provided the average width enrolled is 100 feet according to an approved conservation plan and all other eligibility requirements are met.

Example 2: Land is enrolled as CP21. The average width of the practice is 80 feet. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. The participant submits an offer to enroll the land currently enrolled plus additional land not currently enrolled making the average width 100 feet. NRCS determines the practice meets the current practice standards (practice standards at time land is being offered) and the land enrolled (average width of 80 feet) is solving the resource concern. The offer is not approved because the existing land and practice meets the current practice standards and is solving the resource concern, and the offer includes additional land not needed.

Example 3: Land is enrolled as CP1 under an expiring general CRP signup CRP-1. The land enrolled includes a seasonally flooded wetland. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. The participant submits an offer under continuous CRP signup for just the seasonally flooded wetland acreage and an upland buffer to be devoted to CP23. The land may be enrolled as CP23 provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

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G Acreage Ineligible To Be Enrolled

--In addition to the ineligible acreage provided in subparagraph 151 D, acreage not necessary to meet current practice standards for the practice according to Exhibit 11 is not eligible-- to be enrolled.

182 Infeasible-to-Farm**A Definition of Infeasible-to-Farm**

Infeasible-to-farm means an area * * * is too small or isolated to be economically farmed or is otherwise suitable for such classification.

B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy

COC may allow enrollment of certain **cropland** * * * determined infeasible-to-farm.

Note: Infeasible-to-farm criteria does not apply to marginal pastureland or grassland CRP.

Producers may enroll up to 25 percent of the enrolled cropland acreage of a filter strip (CP21, CP21B, or CP21S) or riparian buffer (CP22, CP22B, or CP22S) per field as part of the filter strip or riparian buffer if COC determines the following:

- remaining cropland is infeasible-to-farm according to subparagraph A
- more than 50 percent of the **field** is enrolled as a filter strip or riparian buffer on cropland.

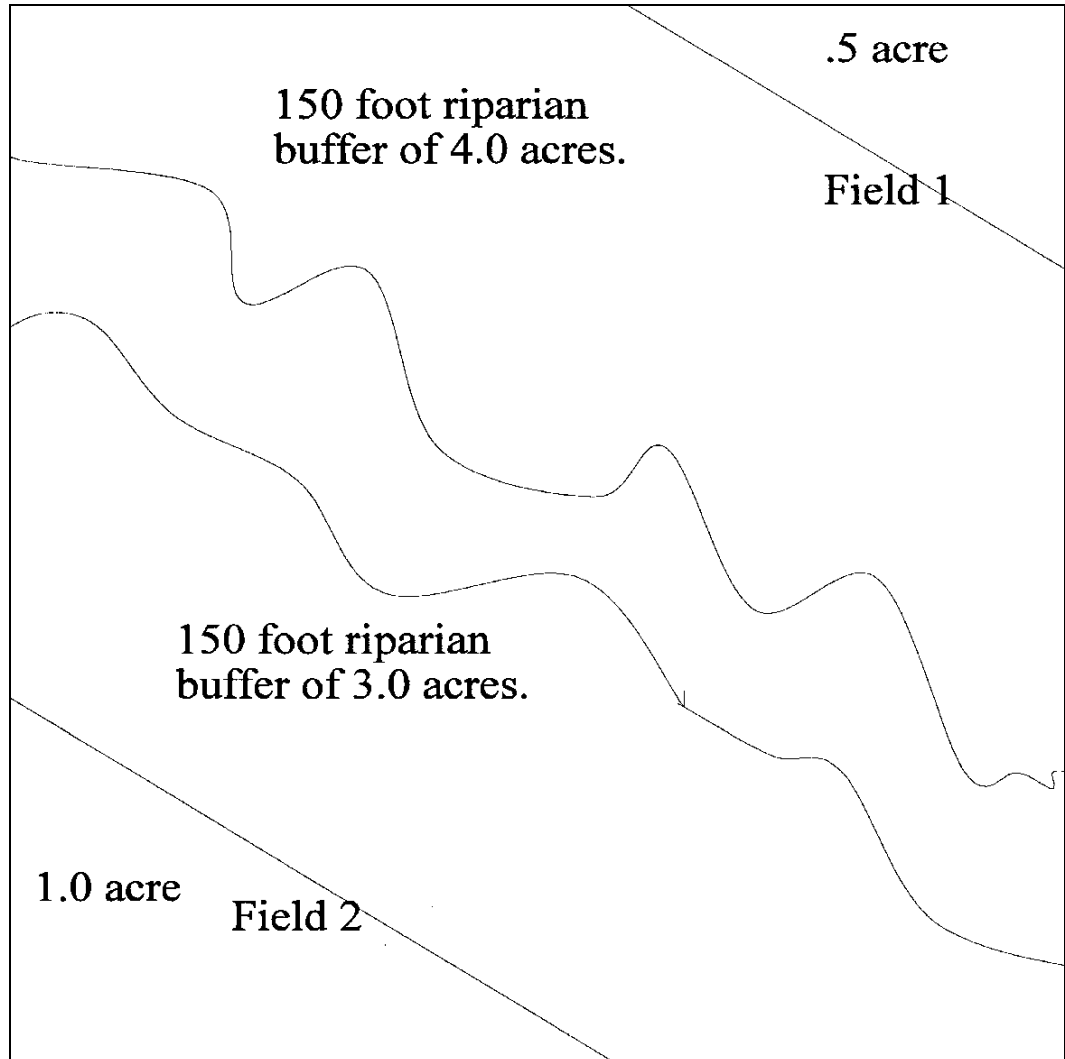
Note: COC is authorized to approve only up to 25 percent of the filter strip or riparian buffer per field as infeasible-to-farm acreage. Producers may request a waiver to enroll infeasible-to-farm acreage in excess of 25 percent. All waivers must be submitted to DAFP. Only DAFP may approve such waivers.

182 Infeasible-to-Farm (Continued)

B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy (Continued)

***--Example:** Producer offers to enroll a 4.0-acre CP22, Riparian Buffer, in Field 1 and a 3.0-acre CP22, Riparian Buffer, in Field 2. Field 2 has 1.0 acre remaining that is not part of the CP22, and Field 1 has 0.5 acres remaining that is not part of the CP22. The producer offered more than 50 percent of the total cropland acres in each field. The infeasible-to-farm amount for Field 1 is 1.0 acre, which is 25 percent of the riparian buffer in Field 1 (4.0 acres x .25 = 1.0 acre). Therefore, the 0.5-acre remaining portion of Field No. 1 is eligible to be offered for enrollment in CRP using infeasible-to-farm criteria.

The infeasible-to-farm amount for Field 2 is 0.8 acres, which is 25 percent of the riparian buffer in Field 2 (3.0 acres x .25 = .8 acre). Therefore, only 0.8 acres of the 1.0-acre portion remaining in Field 2 is eligible to be offered for enrollment in CRP using infeasible-to-farm criteria.--*



182 Infeasible-to-Farm (Continued)

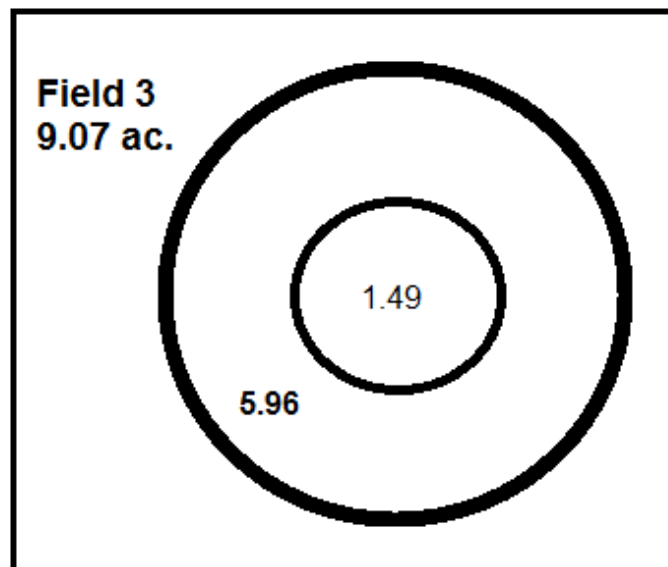
B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy (Continued)

Producers may enroll land as infeasible-to-farm if more than 75 percent of the field is enrolled as 1 of the following continuous CRP signup practices:

- CP5A
- CP8A
- CP17A
- CP18B
- CP18C
- CP23
- CP23A
- CP24
- CP27
- CP28
- CP31
- CP36
- CP37
- CP41.

Example 1: Producer offers to enroll a 1.20-acre CP8A, Grass Waterways, in Field 2. Field 2 is comprised of 16.0 acres of cropland. Because 1.20 acres are less than 75 percent of the 16.0-acre field, infeasible-to-farm provisions do not apply.

Example 2: Field 3 is comprised of 9.07 acres of cropland. The producer offers to enroll a 7.45-acre CP23A, Wetland Restoration. The offered acres (7.45) are 82.14 percent of the total cropland in Field 3 (9.07). Therefore, the *--1.62 acres remaining portion of Field 3 is eligible to be offered for--* enrollment in CRP using infeasible-to-farm criteria.



182 Infeasible-to-Farm (Continued)**C Per-Acre Incentive Payments for Infeasible-to-Farm Acreage**

Per-acre maintenance incentive payments, that may apply to practices eligible under continuous CRP signup, do apply to land enrolled using the infeasible-to-farm criteria. See paragraph 196.

183 HELI Offers**A Purpose**

--HELI must be offered during a continuous signup to establish long-term cover on highly erodible cropland with a weighted average EI for wind or water greater than or equal to 20, and will reduce:--

- erosion to below the soil loss tolerance level that will assist in maintaining the long-term productivity of the land
- off-site adverse impacts to water quality
- adverse impacts to hydrology by changing the land use, including reducing potential adverse flood impacts associated with severe storm events
- adverse impacts commonly associated with wind borne soil, including impacts to human health and property damage associated with severe dust storms.

183 HELI Offers (Continued)

B Eligible Land

Eligible cropland for HELI must:

- be cropland according to paragraph 151
- *--have a weighted average EI for wind **or** water of 20 or greater based on the 3 predominant soils as determined by TERRA for the offered acreage

Note: EI of 20 will not be a combination of wind and water EI.

- be suitable for the practice offered, as determined by NRCS or TSP according to subparagraph 181 A.

Notes: Existing grass or other perennial stands **not** currently enrolled in CRP are **not** eligible.

Consistent with the criteria for all other continuous signup practices, expiring HELI CRP acreage is eligible for re-enrollment and:

- automatically meets the suitable, needed, and feasible eligibility requirements
- the expiring acreage met HELI EI requirements at the time of initial enrollment.

Note: EI will be recalculated using RUSLE2 and WEPS when there is a change (increase or decrease) to the expiring acreage offered or a change of practice is offered on the expiring acreage.

- the expiring conservation cover must meet the minimum Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits Factor (N1a) environmental benefits index (EBI) with a point value greater than zero listed in Exhibit 26 for the applicable practice.--*

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C Eligible Practices

The following practices are eligible for HELI:

- CP1
- CP2
- CP3
- CP3A
- CP4D
- CP25.

Note: CP12 is not an eligible practice associated with any HELI practice.

Important: Vegetative cover on new offers or offers to re-enroll expiring CRP land must meet the minimum N1a EBI with a point value greater than zero listed in Exhibit 26 for the applicable practice.

***--Example:** A producer submits an offer to enroll land not currently enrolled in CRP in CP1. The land has a weighted average EI for wind or water of 22 and meets cropping history requirements. The practice offered is determined suitable and feasible by NRCS or TSP. The approved cover must be a minimum of 2 to 3 species--
* of an introduced grass.

D Incentives

*--SIP is authorized for new land enrolled under HELI provisions according to subparagraph 197 A.

PIP is authorized for new and re-enrolled land enrolled under HELI provisions according to subparagraph 197 B.--*

183 HELI Offers (Continued)**E Contract Duration and Effective Date**

The CRP-1 period for CRP contracts under HELI is 10 years for the following practices:

- CP1
- CP2
- CP4D
- CP25.

The CRP-1 period for CRP contracts under HELI is 15 years for CP3 and CP3A.

--The effective date of the CRP-1 is the first day of the month following the month COC approves the contract, or the effective date of the CRP-1 may be deferred up to 6 months-- according to paragraph 213.

General signup contracts scheduled to expire on September 30 of the current year may be *--offered for enrollment under HELI if the offer has a weighted average EI for wind or water of 20 or greater using RUSLE2 and WEPS. The effective start date of CRP-1 is--* October 1 of the year the existing CRP-1 expires.

See paragraph 213 for an example of expiration date for a 10-year continuous contract.

F Continuous Signup Number

For acreage enrolled in the CRP under HELI, County Offices will use the current continuous signup number.

Note: Continuous signup numbers change at the beginning of every FY.

184 CLEAR30 * * *

A Purpose

The CLEAR30 * * * was authorized in the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. CLEAR30 provides long-term water quality benefits by authorizing FSA to re-enroll small targeted environmentally sensitive acreage into a 30-year contract.

B Eligible Land

CLEAR30 is available nationwide.

Cropland must be currently enrolled under a CRP contract in a continuous CRP water quality practice, with the contract expiring on September 30 of the year offered. Certain marginal pastureland * * * devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, or wetland buffers is also eligible to enroll in CLEAR30, but also must be under a CRP contract expiring on September 30 of the year offered.

Important: Some land enrolled in CRP through a CREP agreement may **not** be eligible for CLEAR30. The terms and conditions of some CREP agreements prohibit or restrict enrollment of the land after the existing CRP contract expires, such as requiring the land to be placed under an easement or separate agreement with the State that makes the land ineligible for CRP. For land enrolled under a CREP agreement, County Offices must read the agreement to ensure * * * the land is not prohibited from enrollment in CRP before approving a CRP contract under CLEAR30.

FSA must provide an unsigned CRP-2C30 and geospatial data or map identifying the land offered for enrollment to NRCS for all CLEAR30 offers.

For expiring CRP land, NRCS is not required to determine need, feasibility, and suitability at the time of the offer. However, NRCS must determine whether the enrolled practice is present and functioning properly and * * * the number of acres offered meet the current practice standard, such as width of a filter strip. NRCS is **not** required to provide the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to FSA for re-enrolled practices. NRCS will return to FSA the unsigned CRP-2C30 and geospatial data or map.

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B Eligible Land (Continued)

***--Example:** A participant submits an offer to re-enroll an expiring 2.50-acre CP21 into CLEAR30. Suitability and feasibility was determined at the time the acreage was originally enrolled as CP21. NRCS determines the expiring 2.50-acre CP21 is present, functioning properly, and meets the current practice standard (e.g. width of the filter strip).--*

C Eligible Practices

The current practice **must** be in compliance at the time of offer into CLEAR30. All water quality practices listed in the following table are eligible to be offered under CLEAR30.

Practice	Title
CP8A	Grass Waterways
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
CP21	Filter Strips
CP22 <u>1</u> /	Riparian Buffer
CP23 <u>1</u> /	Wetland Restoration
CP23A <u>1</u> /	Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31 <u>1</u> /	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat

1/ The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, limits re-enrollment of land devoted to hardwood trees to 1 re-enrollment, excluding riparian forested buffers and forested wetlands. Identified practices are **not** limited to 1 re-enrollment.

Note: Participants may offer:

- all or a portion of the expiring acres
- new acres, in addition to the expiring acres, if necessary, to meet the current practice standard according to paragraph 181.

D Incentives

SIP's and PIP's are **not** authorized for land enrolled under CLEAR30.

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A per acre Water Quality annual rental rate incentive of 20 percent will be added to the weighted average SRR for all practices offered under CLEAR30.

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***--E Rental Rate Adjustment**

To encourage enrollment in the longer-term CLEAR30 contract of 30 years, FSA will provide a rental rate adjustment to the weighted average SRR.

CLEAR 30 Rental Rate Adjustment	Effective for Contracts Approved
27.5 percent	June 6, 2020 -September 30, 2024
23.2 percent	May 12, 2025 – September 30, 2025
22.5 percent	February 12, 2026 – September 30, 2026

F CLEAR30 SRR Calculation--*

Example of CLEAR30 Annual Rental Payment Calculation:

10-acre CP22 CLEAR30 offer.

The following incentives are applicable for this practice:

- *--22.5 percent rental rate adjustment
- 20 percent Water Quality Incentive.

The following 3 predominant soils and soil rental rates are applicable to this offer.

Soil	Acres	Soil Rental Rate--*	Total Rent	Weighted Average SRR
CR1	4	\$99	\$396	
ADC2	3	\$124	\$372	
PVa	2.5	\$75	\$188	
Totals	9.5		\$956	\$100.63/acre

$$*--\text{Weighted Average SRR} = \$956/9.5 \text{ acres} = \$100.63/\text{acre}$$

$$\text{Total rental payment adjustment } (22.2 + 20 = 42.2 \text{ percent}) = \$100.63 \times 0.422 = \$42.47/\text{acre}$$

$$\text{Weighted Average SRR, plus total rental payment adjustment} = \$100.63 + \$42.47 = \$143.10/\text{acre}$$

$$\text{Annual Rental Payment} = 10 \text{ acres} \times \$143.10/\text{acre} = \$1,431/\text{year for 30 years}$$

The per-acre maximum payment rate limitation for all CLEAR30 offers is the lesser of:

- weighted Average SRR, plus total rental payment adjustment for the offer
- \$380, the CLEAR 30 maximum payment rate limitation.

Important: Offers exceeding the maximum per-acre payment rate will be rejected.--*

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***--G Contract Effective Date and Length**

Land currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for re-enrollment no earlier than January 2 of the calendar year the CRP-1 will expire. The effective date for the new CRP-1 must be--
 * October 1. The CRP-1 must have an approval date on or before September 30 of the year of contract expiration. If the existing CRP-1 is not in the last year of the contract period, the land is not eligible to be offered for enrollment into CLEAR30.

The contract length for all CLEAR30 contracts is 30 years.

***--Example:** On February 19, 2026, a participant submits an offer to re-enroll land currently enrolled in CRP and scheduled to expire on September 30, 2026, in CLEAR30. All eligibility requirements are met. The CRP-1 for acreage offered is approved by COC or CED on August 17, 2026. The effective start date will be October 1, 2026, and contract expiration date is September 30, 2056.

The effective start date **cannot** be deferred.

H Continuous CRP Signup Number--*

For acreage enrolled in CRP under CLEAR30, County Offices shall use the current continuous signup number.

Note: Continuous signup numbers change at the beginning of every FY.

***--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow**

Manual CRP-1's and CRP-2C30's **are not authorized.--***

County Offices will process offers for CLEAR30 according to 4-CRP and the process flow in the following table.

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--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
1	National Office announced the CLEAR30 signup period.
2	Producer: - expresses an interest in re-enrolling an eligible practice in CLEAR30 - indicates the acreage they want to enroll on a digital imagery/map. County Office must explain program details, such as: - practice must be in compliance at the time of the offer - maximum payment rate calculations - maintenance completion. County Offices must provide the producer with the following: - CLEAR30 Signup Fact Sheet - CRP-1 Appendix - CRP-1 CLEAR.
3	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in CLEAR30 signup.
4	County Office determines whether all * * * the following conditions are met: - all producer eligibility requirements - all land eligibility requirements - CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. If all conditions are: - met, proceed to step 5 not met, stop, do not proceed, and inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26.
5	Create a Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment (TERRA) offer scenario, upload into COLS, and print CRP-2C30.
6	COC or CED provides the following to NRCS or TSP: - unsigned CRP-2C30 - geospatial data/map identifying acreage offered.

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--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities							
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land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment into CLEAR30	go to step 7A.							
a combination of new land (additional acreage needed to meet the current practice standard) and land currently enrolled in CRP being offered in CLEAR30	go to step 7A for land currently enrolled in CRP.							
	go to step 7B for new land (additional acreage needed to meet the current practice standard for the currently enrolled land) being offered in CLEAR30.							
7A	Based on a site visit using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, NRCS/TSP determines whether the: • CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable • approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan • CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concerns and meets the purpose of the practice • NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice • CRP practice meets the current practice standards. If any of these are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.							
7B	Based on a site visit using the CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, NRCS/TSP determines whether the: • additional acreage offered needed to meet the current practice standard for the expiring land being offered into CLEAR30 is feasible and needed to, and will, solve or address the resource concerns listed for the CRP practice • existing cover is solving or addressing the resource concerns in the CRP practice purpose • practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11 • acreage offered is suitable for installation of the NRCS conservation practices needed to apply the CRP practice.							

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--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
8	NRCS or TSP: • returns the unsigned CRP-2C30 and geospatial data/map to the County Office • provides the County Office with: • for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment in CLEAR30: • either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, as applicable • other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable • for new land (additional land needed to meet the current practice standard for an expiring offer into CLEAR30), a signed and dated CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet and other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable.

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--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities	
9	COC or CED reviews NRCS or TSP documents and findings. The County Office files all documents received from NRCS or TSP in the CRP folder.	
	IF NRCS or TSP determines the practice and acreage offered for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment into CLEAR30 is...	THEN...
	not maintained according to the conservation plan	stop , the land is not eligible for enrollment, and noncompliance must be handled according to paragraph 603.
	not resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) according to the purpose of the practice	
	being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable	go to step 11.
	resolving or addressing the resource concern(s)	
	meeting the purpose of the practice and the current practice standards	
	applying the NRCS conservation practices in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice	
	being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable, but does not meet the current practice standards	go to step 10.
	Note: When producer modifies the practice or acreage offered after NRCS or TSP has made the determinations in this step, stop and go back to step 5.	
10	IF NRCS or TSP determines the practice and acreage offered for new land (additional land needed to meet current practice standard for the expiring acreage being offered into CLEAR30) is...	THEN...
	not suitable, needed, and feasible	stop , notify the producer the practice is not acceptable using CRP-26.
	suitable, needed, and feasible without any changes	go to step 11.
	suitable, needed, and feasible, but only if required changes are made	go to step 10.
	COC or CED notifies the producer of required changes needed to make the practice acceptable.	
	IF producer...	THEN...
	agrees to make all required changes	go back to step 5 and create a new TERRA scenario, CRP-2C30, and geospatial data/map, then proceed to step 11.
	does not agree to make all required changes	stop and notify the producer that the offer is not acceptable using CRP-26.

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--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
11	County Offices will ensure that the base limitation is not exceeded.
12	County Office completes and prints CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 are ready for signature.
13	County Office completes paid-for measurement service, if requested.
14	Producer signs and dates completed CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 and provides the signed documents to the County Office. *--Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible officer. All signatures are required before COC or CED approves CRP-1.--*
15	County Office: • notifies the producer of the acceptability of offer using CRP-23 • provides the producer a copy of the signed CRP-1 and CRP-2C30 • provides the producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix and CRP-1 CLEAR • updates the offer status in COLS to “Submit to Plan” • provides NRCS a copy of the following: • letter of acceptability sent to the producer (CRP-23) • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2C30 • new geospatial data/map created in step 5, if applicable.
16	NRCS provides the County Office with: • NRCS-signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation, including signature from the Conservation District, if applicable • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed.
17	County Office: • completes all necessary consultations, if needed • *--ensures participant obtains copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Sections G and K Note: NRCS will work with the participants during the environmental evaluation process.--* • completes FSA’s portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to “Submit to COC”.

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--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
18	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs the conservation plan.
19	County Office ensures * * * AGI certification is filed and recorded in the subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.
20	COC or CED approves CRP-1.
21	County Office records the contract period on CRP-1.
22	County Office enters the COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.
23	County Office: - records the CRP-1 number obtained from the Conservation Contract Maintenance System on CRP-1 *--notifies the participant CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24 and provides the participant a copy of the approved CRP-1 and CRP-2C30.--*
24	Create initial FSA-848 in CSS within 20 calendar days of CRP-1 approval, if applicable, according to subparagraph 500 A.

--J Conservation Plan Requests--

For offers to enroll land into CLEAR30, County Offices must provide all documents necessary to complete the conservation plan to NRCS, including but not limited to, signed CRP-1 by 1 producer and signed CRP-2C30.

After providing all documents to NRCS, County Offices must immediately enter the status in COLS as "Submit for Plan".

A conservation plan must be completed, signed by NRCS/TSP and all signatories on CRP-1, and returned to FSA.

NRCS or TSP must ensure * * * the approved conservation plan:

- contains all practices necessary for the successful maintenance of the vegetative cover on all acres offered for CLEAR30
- is technically adequate for achieving CLEAR30 objectives
- incorporates all requirements for Federal, State, or local permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, *--Sections G and K.--*

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--J Conservation Plan Requests (Continued)--

- ensures that the CRP cover will not be disturbed during the primary nesting season for birds in the local area that are economically significant, in significant decline, or conserved according to Federal or State law, as determined by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee
- includes maintenance for a minimum of the first 3 years of the CLEAR30 contract period, as needed
- contains management activities, as needed.

--K Maintenance Activities--

For the purpose of CLEAR30, the following activities are considered “CLEAR30 maintenance” activities and may be eligible for maintenance payments:

- practice establishment/re-establishment as determined by NRCS or Technical Service Provider (TSP) throughout the life of the CLEAR30 contract

Note: The offered practice must be in compliance at the time of the offer.

- activities needed to maintain the practice and included in the conservation plan
- management activities according to paragraph 428
- operation and maintenance activities as determined by NRCS monitoring site visits and planning.

--L Participant Contract Maintenance--

CLEAR30 offers C/S assistance to participants for performing maintenance activities throughout the contract period. Participants are responsible for cover maintenance.

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--M Maintenance Payments--

C/S assistance is authorized for all CLEAR30 maintenance activities, including re-establishment of approved cover, performed in accordance with the approved conservation plan, NRCS/TSP monitoring, or other documentation made as part of the CRP contract upon approval.

Participants will be paid 75 percent of the STC-established rate to complete maintenance activities.

Average cost payment rates on a per-acre basis must be established by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee for all CLEAR30 maintenance activities to be used within the State.

Exception: Maintenance payment rates may be on a unit basis for structural components included within the CLEAR30 initiative conservation practice.

The following is a minimum list of maintenance activities requiring rates to be established:

- site prep
- seeding/inter-seeding – management activity
- control weeds/noxious weeds
- mowing of brush/herbaceous weeds
- prescribed burning, including reimbursement of burn permit/plan
- maintenance of conservation structures, such as grass waterways
- re-establishment of conservation practices damaged or destroyed at no fault of CRP participants, such as grass waterways
- maintenance of installed structures, such as fence/livestock crossing/water developments and facilities.

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--M Maintenance Payments (Continued)--

Additional activity rates may be needed depending on enrolled practices and management activities applicable to enrolled practices for the State.

State Offices will load maintenance payment rates at 75 percent of the STC-established average cost payment rates in Program Provisioning. County Offices will copy the State components as applicable to the county level for CLEAR30 maintenance activities.

--N CLEAR30 Maintenance Payment Processing--

CSS will be used to administer the CLEAR30 maintenance payments.

County Offices will select the CLEAR30 components in CSS according to the conservation plan. FSA-848A and FSA-848B will serve as a reminder of CLEAR30 maintenance payment approval, report of performance, and claim for payment.

County Offices will record the first 3 years of maintenance activity components in CSS as outlined in the conservation plan.

County Offices will choose either of the following options:

- create separate FSA-848's for each of the first 3 years of maintenance activities
- record multiple years of maintenance activities with each year's maintenance activity entered as a separate instance of the same practice and with an expiration date specific to the year detailed in the conservation plan on a single FSA-848.

Note: Revised conservation plans based on NRCS periodic practice monitoring visits will result in additional FSA-848's over the life of the CLEAR30 contract period.

The CRP participant requesting CLEAR30 maintenance payments must sign FSA-848A.

COC or CED must sign FSA-848A and approve the request for CLEAR30 maintenance payments.

See paragraph 500 for additional policy for processing FSA-848's.

CLEAR30 maintenance payments for the completion of maintenance activities performed by CLEAR30 participants will be issued through CSS after participant and TSP certifications have been completed.

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--O CLEAR30 Monitoring and Maintenance Activity Scheduling--

NRCS or TSP will complete monitoring site visits every 3 years for all CLEAR30 contracts. Modifications to the conservation plan will occur as needed after the site visits to schedule needed maintenance activities over the next 3 years.

--P Compatible Uses--

CLEAR30 will allow the following compatible economic uses if the use is consistent with the conservation plan and does not degrade water quality or other purposes of the practice:

- hunting and fishing
- managed timber harvest will not be subject to a 25 percent annual payment reduction
- haying and grazing according to Part 19.

***--Note:** NRCS will address any compatible uses that will affect the conservation cover in the conservation plan. Under no circumstances shall compatible use be permitted if such activity would cause long-term damage to the vegetative cover on the land.

Q Contract Termination, Refunds, and Liquidated Damages--*

CRP CLEAR30 contract modifications will follow Part 16.

Refunds, interest, and liquidated damages will be due according to the following table.

Type of Termination	Refunds Required	Liquidated Damages Due
Participant loses control of or transfers all or part of the land under CRP-1 and there is no successor.	All annual rental payments plus interest	Yes
All signatories voluntarily request in writing to terminate all or part of the land under CRP-1.		
Participant is out of compliance with CRP-1 terms and conditions on all or part of the land under CRP-1 and COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply.	All annual rental payments and maintenance payments, plus interest	Yes

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--R Completing CRP-2C30 for CLEAR30 Signup--

CRP-2C30 will be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer for enrollment. CRP-2C30 is used by FSA and NRCS or TSP to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates
- obtain data and statistics on acreage offered for enrollment.

Important: Offers containing both marginal pastureland and cropland with the same contract period must be completed using one CRP-2C 30 and CRP-1.

Before completing CRP-2C30, the County Office must ensure that the base acre limitation is not exceeded. See paragraph 401, 10-CM, and 1-ARCPLC.

All changes to data entered on CRP-2C30, including completion of item numbers 2 and 3B, after producer signs CRP-2C30 must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2C30 is:

- a COLS computer-generated form used for CLEAR30 signup offers
- *--provided in Exhibit 22 for display purposes only.--*

Manual CRP-2C's are not authorized.

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***--S CRP-1 CLEAR, Addendum to Appendix to Form CRP-1 Specifically, for--*
Conservation Reserve Program Contracts Under the CLEAR30 * * * Program**

The following is an example of CRP-1 CLEAR.

CRP-1 CLEAR (07-13-22)	<i>See CRP-1 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements.</i>
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	
ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX TO FORM CRP-1 SPECIFICALLY, FOR CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACTS UNDER THE CLEAR 30 PILOT PROGRAM	
I. INTRODUCTION	
The provisions of this Addendum apply only to Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts enrolled through CLEAR 30 Pilot Program ("CLEAR 30 CRP contracts").	
II. FOR PURPOSES OF CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS ONLY, AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE GENERALLY APPLICABLE APPENDIX TO FORM CRP-1 ("APPENDIX"), THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL SUPERSEDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVISIONS IN THE APPENDIX:	
1. DEFINITIONS	
A. <u>CRP contract or CRP-1</u> means the CRP documents including not only forms CRP-1, but also the Appendix to form CRP-1 ("Appendix"), the conservation plan, and this and any other addendums, related to the producer's participation in CRP. Such CRP contract shall set forth the terms and conditions for participation in the CRP and receipt of CRP payments under the CLEAR 30 pilot program.	
B. <u>Maintenance, or Maintain,</u> means activities needed to preserve and keep in good condition the conservation practice(s), as determined and described by the conservation plan. Maintenance also includes re-establishment of the practice(s), if CCC determines that such re-establishment is required. Further, maintenance includes management upkeep of the practice(s) over the life of the CRP-1.	
4. AGREEMENT	
A. The participant agrees: (1) That forms CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 shall, together, be considered an offer to enter into the CRP on the terms specified in the CRP contract. The offer, until revoked, may be accepted by CCC; provided, that liquidated damages may apply in the case of a revocation as specified elsewhere in the Appendix or 7 CFR Part 1410; (2) To place eligible land into the CRP for a period of 30 years, beginning on the effective date of the CRP contract executed by CCC; (3) To comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP contract, including implementing the conservation plan in accordance with the schedule of dates in such conservation plan; such compliance includes maintenance of the conservation practice(s).	

***--S CRP-1 CLEAR, Addendum to Appendix to Form CRP-1 Specifically, for--*
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- (4) To establish and maintain the practices agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan.
- (8) To control, on land subject to the CRP contract, all weeds, insects, pests, and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure the maintenance of approved cover, and to provide such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land, taking into consideration water quality, wildlife and other factors;
- (14) To carry out thinning and similar conservation practices, as specified in the conservation plan, to enhance the conservation benefits and wildlife habitat resources applicable to the CRP practice(s), and to promote forest management on land devoted to trees, if applicable, pursuant to the conservation plan.
- (15) To comply with noxious weed laws of the applicable State or local jurisdiction on land subject to this CRP contract.

B. CCC Agrees:

- (1) When CCC determines that maintenance activities are appropriate and in the public interest, to share the cost of such activities with owners and operators, as described in IV.1 of this Addendum for the eligible CRP practice(s) agreed to on the CRP-1.

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

- A. (3) A schedule of operations, activities, and completion dates for maintenance activities on the land subject to this CRP contract. The schedule of operations, activities, and completion dates may be modified based on periodic monitoring site visits, including the planning of additional activities throughout the 30 year CRP contract length.
- B. By signing the conservation plan, the participant agrees to establish and maintain the CRP practices specified in such conservation plan on the land subject to this CRP contract.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

It is mutually agreed that in the event that this CRP CLEAR30 contract is breached by the participant, as determined by CCC, the CCC will suffer substantial damages which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to the demand for refund as provided for in IV. 3 of this Addendum and the CRP regulations, the participant agrees to pay an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying: (1) 25 percent of the rental payment rate per acre on the CRP-1 by, (2) the number of acres on which the breach of contract occurred, as determined by CCC. Such amount shall be due as liquidated damages in addition to such other damages or amounts as may be due, as determined by CCC, and not as a penalty.

***--S CRP-1 CLEAR, Addendum to Appendix to Form CRP-1 Specifically, for--*
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13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT; JOINT LIABILITY

If a participant fails to carry out the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, as determined by CCC, but CCC determines that such failure does not warrant termination of this CRP contract in whole or in part, CCC may require such participant to refund, with interest, annual rental payments received under the CLEAR 30 CRP contract, or require the participant to accept such adjustments in the subsequent payment(s) as are determined to be appropriate by CCC, without regard to CCC's determination concerning termination of the contract in whole or in part. Participants who sign this CRP contract but have zero percent interest in the annual rental payment shall not be held responsible for contract compliance.

16. TRANSFER OF LAND

C. If the new owner or operator becomes a successor to this CRP contract with CCC:

(1) maintenance payments shall be made by CCC to the participant who completes the maintenance activity as described in the conservation plan.

E. (2) Refund all or part of the annual rental payments made with respect to such contract, plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC, and

(3) Pay liquidated damages to CCC as specified in paragraph 10 of this addendum.

III. FOR PURPOSES OF CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS ONLY, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE APPENDIX ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS:

4. AGREEMENT

(13) To perform management activities specified in the conservation plan.

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

A. (7) Management activities described in paragraph 6 of this appendix.

6. MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

7. COST SHARE PAYMENTS

IV. FOR PURPOSES OF CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS ONLY, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE APPENDIX:

1. MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

A. CCC maintenance payments shall be made available at a rate of 75 percent of the cost of maintenance, as determined by CCC, to participants who carry out such maintenance

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

***--S CRP-1 CLEAR, Addendum to Appendix to Form CRP-1 Specifically, for--*
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B. Maintenance payments may be made available under the CRP only for the maintenance of an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan. In order for the participant to receive maintenance payments, the participant, upon completion of the maintenance activity, must file with FSA the form FSA-848B, certifying performance of the maintenance activity, for approval by CCC.

2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Maintenance activities designed to ensure plant diversity and water quality benefits while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources must be conducted as needed throughout the contract period, as specified in the conservation plan. CCC will provide payment for any maintenance activities directly to the CRP CLEAR30 participant who completes the maintenance activity according to the conservation plan. Upon completion of the maintenance activity, the participant must file form FSA-848B, certifying performance of the maintenance activity with FSA.

3. REFUND IN THE EVENT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT

In the event CCC determines that the participant is in breach of the CLEAR 30 contract, CCC may demand refund of rental payments received, and refund of maintenance payments received, along with interest thereon, to the extent determined appropriate by CCC, as provided for in the CRP contract and the CRP regulations. In the event there is a conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other provisions of the CRP contract with regard to such demand for refund, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

185-195 (Reserved)

Section 2 Continuous CRP Signup Non-C/S Payments

196 Annual Payments

A Per Acre Maximum Payment Rate

Before CRP-1 is completed, the County Office must inform the producer of the per acre maximum payment rate for the eligible acreage being offered on CRP-2C. Producers may offer a per acre rental rate less than the calculated per acre maximum payment rate.

--Offers exceeding the maximum payment rate will be rejected.--

TERRA and COLS will calculate the maximum payment rate for the acreage and practice(s) offered.

B Per Acre Maximum Payment Rate Incentives

For continuous CRP signup practices, including when re-enrolled, a:

- water quality incentive payment of 20 percent of the per acre weighted average SRR **may** be added to the weighted average SRR only when authorized by DAFP

Important: Certain practices do not receive a water quality incentive. See subparagraph 66 D.

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- per acre maintenance rate **may** be added to the per acre:
 - weighted average SRR for cropland
 - rental rate for marginal pastureland.

Important: Maintenance payments are authorized for acreage enrolled under infeasible-to-farm criteria.

196 Annual Payments (Continued)

C Per Acre Maintenance Rates for Continuous CRP Signup Practices

The following table provides the practices for which a per acre maintenance rate applies and the applicable per acre * * * maintenance rate.

IF the practice is...	AND it includes...	THEN the maintenance rate is...
CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP29, or CP30	no fencing or water facility development	\$0.
	permanent fencing with no water facility development or no permanent fencing with a water facility	\$5.
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$10.
CP22, CP22B, or CP22S	no fencing or water facility development	\$2.
	permanent fencing with no water facility development or no permanent fencing with a water facility	\$5.
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$10.

COC will ensure that the conservation plan includes:

- provisions for the maintenance of the approved cover and practices
- the applicable components for the maintenance rate provided.

Important: Single strand electric fence is **not** considered a permanent fence for CRP. Components **must** be maintained for the contract period.

197 One-Time Payments**A SIP**

SIP is a one-time incentive payment made to eligible participants that enroll land devoted to an eligible continuous CRP signup practice.

Exception: SIP is **not** authorized for any land:

- enrolled in CRP being re-offered for enrollment, regardless of whether the land was enrolled under general, continuous, or grassland CRP signup, and regardless of whether the practice being offered is different than the practice enrolled
- land that was previously enrolled in CRP, regardless of whether the cover has been maintained.

See subparagraph 66 D for eligible practices for continuous CRP signup.

The SIP one-time incentive payment is an amount equal to 32.5 percent of the first full year (12 months) annual rental payment for the land eligible for a SIP. See paragraph 462 for making SIP's.

Example 1: 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP is enrolled in CRP under a CRP-1 with an effective start date of October 1, 2021. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment is \$400. The one-time SIP is \$130 (\$400 x .325).

Example 2: 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP is enrolled in CRP under a CRP-1 with an effective start date of June 1, 2021. The first annual rental payment for the land will be for only a portion of a year (June 1 through September 30). The SIP is determined using the first full year (12 months) annual rental payment. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment is \$400. The one-time SIP is \$130 (\$400 x .325).

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)**A SIP (Continued)**

Example 3: 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP and 5 acres of land not eligible for a SIP is enrolled in CRP under a CRP-1 with an effective start date of October 1, 2021. The SIP is determined using only the 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment for all 15 acres is \$600. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment for the 10 acres eligible for a SIP is \$400. The one-time SIP is \$130 ($\$400 \times .325$).

Example 4: 10 acres of land currently enrolled in CRP is re-enrolled in CRP under continuous CRP signup. No SIP is authorized because the land is not eligible for a SIP.

SIP is a separate payment from all the following:

- annual rental payment
- C/S payment
- PIP.

B PIP

PIP is an incentive payment made to an eligible participant to whom CCC has made a C/S payment for completing the installation of a CRP practice that is an eligible continuous CRP *--signup practice. Only participants to whom CCC has made a C/S payment are eligible--* for a PIP, and only after the eligible continuous CRP signup practice or component has been installed in compliance with the conservation plan.

* * *

See subparagraph 66 D for eligible practices for continuous CRP signup, and the PIP percentage for each practice.

*--**Note:** PIP is authorized for an existing or re-enrolled CP21 and CP22 when a denitrifying bioreactor or saturated buffer.--*

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)

B PIP (Continued)

PIP:

- is considered a C/S payment

***--Note:** See paragraph 462 for making PIP's.

- is authorized for eligible re-enrolled continuous CRP signup practices **only** if new C/S is approved

Note: See paragraph 181 F.--*

- plus CCC C/S payments, and any C/S payments from other sources combined, cannot exceed 100 percent of the cost of the practice

- ***--**will be paid at the time NRCS or technical service provider certifies performance on FSA-848B

- beginning with FY 2026 signup 65, is authorized for eligible continuous CRP signup practices as follows:

- new acres will receive a 50 percent PIP

Note: The 50 percent PIP is applicable to acreage previously enrolled in CRP but be considered new land as it is not enrolled in CRP at the time it is offered.

- re-enrolled acres will receive a 25 percent PIP only if new C/S is approved.

The 25 percent PIP is applicable to land being re-enrolled, regardless of whether the expiring land was previously enrolled under general, continuous, or grassland CRP signup, and regardless of whether the practice being offered is different than the practice re-enrolled.

Note: C/S and PIP are not eligible for CRP contracts that have been determined non-compliant.--*

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)**B PIP (Continued)**

*--The following table provides authorized PIP percentages since April 6, 2000.

Effective Date	PIP Percentage
April 6, 2000	40 percent
June 18, 2018	0 percent
December 6, 2019	5 percent
November 6, 2020	20 percent
April 22, 2021	50 percent
February 12, 2026	50 percent for new acres
	25 percent for re-enrolled acres

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Note: PIP is calculated at the component level in CSS. See 6-CRP. Eligible cost is the lesser of participant's actual cost or average actual cost times the extent approved.

198 First Year Prorated Annual Rental Payment for Continuous CRP Signup**A Prorated Annual Rental Payment**

All CRP annual rental payments are made after October 1 of each year of the contract period. All CRP-1's under continuous CRP signup **must** be for a minimum contract period of 10 years and will not exceed 15 years. See subparagraph 66 C for continuous CRP signup practices and associated contract period.

Because CRP-1's for certain land enrolled through continuous CRP signup may have an effective date other than October 1, the first year's annual rental payment may be for less than a 12-month period.

198 First Year Prorated Annual Rental Payment for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**B Example of Prorated Annual Rental Payment**

Producer offers land not currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP signup. The 10-year CRP-1 was approved on February 21, 2022, with an effective start date of March 1, 2022. Because the CRP-1 effective date is March 1, 2022, the producer will receive CRP payments for 10 years and 7 months if all eligibility requirements were met.

The producer will receive a total of 11 annual payments. The first annual rental payment will be made after October 1, 2022, for the 7 months (March 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022) CRP-1 was effective in FY 2022. The remaining 10 annual rental payments will be made after October 1 of each applicable year.

Important: All CRP annual rental payments, including first year prorated annual rental payments, will be made after October 1 of the applicable year. See paragraph 462.

199-210 (Reserved)

Section 3 Processing Continuous CRP Signup Offers

211 Continuous CRP Signup Process Information

A Receiving Continuous CRP Signup Offers

Producers may offer to enroll acreage in CRP at any time by submitting an offer on CRP-1 and CRP-2C. There is no deadline to submit an offer under continuous CRP signup.

Note: A new signup number will be used for each FY. See paragraph 171.

Offers **must** be submitted by tract. See 10-CM for a definition of a tract.

Producers must:

- indicate the acreage and practice offered
- identify the acreage offered on digital imagery/map
- indicate the per acre rental rate offered.

B Separate Offers

Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for:

- each CRP-2C completed
- practices with different contract periods.

Example: Producer offers 5 acres to be devoted to a filter strip with a 10-year contract period and 3 acres to be devoted to a riparian buffer with a 13-year contract period on the same tract. Only one CRP-2C is completed for the offer. However, separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for each practice.

211 Continuous CRP Signup Process Information (Continued)**C Informing Producers**

County Offices must inform producers:

- CRP-1 is a binding contract

Note: See Exhibit 21 for an example of CRP-1.

- changes are not allowed on the preprinted portion of CRP-1, CRP-1 Appendix, or CRP-2C
- any changes to the data entered on CRP-1, CRP-1 Continuation, CRP-2C, or other CRP form **must** be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer
- CRP-1 **must** be signed and dated by all required signatories before COC or CED may approve CRP-1

Note: See paragraph 335 for signature requirements.

- the base acre limitation cannot be exceeded

Important: See 10-CM for base acre limitations for tracts and farms.

- of provisions regarding CRP-1 effective date.

Note: See paragraph 213 for CRP-1 effective dates for continuous CRP signup.

211 Continuous CRP Signup Process Information (Continued)

D COC or CED Responsibilities

Before submitting unsigned CRP-2C to NRCS or TSP, COC or CED will determine whether all eligibility requirements in paragraph 181 are met.

Exceptions: COC or CED will not make a determination about:

- suitability of the acreage for the practice offered
- need and feasibility of the practice offered to solve the resource concern
- the eligibility of the per acre rental rate offered amount until maximum payment rate amount is calculated.

If all applicable eligibility requirements that COC or CED are responsible for in paragraph 181 are:

- **not** met, COC or CED must:
 - **not** submit unsigned CRP-2C to NRCS or TSP
 - use CRP-26 to inform producer the offer is not acceptable
- met, COC or CED must submit unsigned CRP-2C and geospatial data/map to NRCS or TSP.

E Withdrawing Offers and Acreage Modifications

For continuous CRP signup, before CRP-1 is approved by COC or CED, producers may modify the offer in any way except changes to the following:

- practice offered to another practice that is not eligible for continuous CRP signup
- rental rate per acre offered to exceed the calculated maximum payment rate.

Note: See paragraphs 101, 171, and 181.

211 Continuous CRP Signup Process Information (Continued)

E Withdrawing Offers and Acreage Modifications (Continued)

Producers who withdraw or modify acreage offered under continuous CRP signup **before** CRP-1 is approved will not be assessed liquidated damages.

Important: Liquidated damages are applicable after CRP-1 is approved.

When the producer modifies the acreage or practice offered after NRCS or TSP has returned ~~the~~ unsigned CRP-2C, geospatial data/map, and CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet ~~and other NRCS documents~~, as applicable, County Office must:

- update the TERRA scenario, COLS, and geospatial data/map to reflect modifications
- print updated CRP-2C
- provided updated unsigned CRP-2C and geospatial data/map to NRCS or TSP for suitability, needs and feasibility based on the producer's modifications.

A measurement service, if applicable, must be completed for all acreage determined acceptable **before** CRP-1 is approved. See paragraph 401.

Exception: Any acreage currently enrolled that is being reoffered if the acreage was previously measured and official fields.

F TSP Responsibilities

NRCS or TSP will determine, for every unsigned CRP-2C received:

- for new land offered (land not currently enrolled in CRP), based on a site visit and using ~~the~~ CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, all of the following: ~~and~~
 - there is a resource concern the offered acreage and CRP practice will solve
 - existing cover is not solving or addressing the resource concerns of the CRP practice offered
 - acreage offered is suitable for the CRP practice offered
 - CRP practice offered is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11

211 Continuous CRP Signup Process Information (Continued)

F TSP Responsibilities (Continued)

- for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, based on a site visit and using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:
 - CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable
 - approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan
 - CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concerns and meets the purpose of the practice
 - NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice
 - CRP practice meets the current practice standards

Important: If any of the above are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.

- return to County Office:
 - unsigned CRP-2C
 - geospatial data/map
 - *--completed, signed, and dated CRP Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for new offered land--*
 - conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form
 - other documentation supporting determinations.

212 Completing CRP-2C for Continuous CRP Signup

A About CRP-2C

CRP-2C will be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer for enrollment. CRP-2C is used by FSA and NRCS or TSP to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates
- obtain data and statistics on acreage offered for enrollment.

Important: Offers containing both marginal pastureland and cropland with the same contract period must be completed using one CRP-2C and CRP-1.

Before completing CRP-2C, the County Office must ensure * * * the base acre limitation is not exceeded. See paragraph 401, 10-CM, and 1-ARCPLC.

To be eligible to be enrolled in CRP, marginal pastureland **must** be devoted to CP22, *--CP22B, CP22S, CP29, CP30, or CP39. See paragraph 181.--*

Important: Land that meets the definition of cropland **cannot** be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland. See 10-CM for the definition of cropland.

All changes to data entered on CRP-2C, including completion of item numbers 2 and 3B, after producer signs CRP-2C must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2C is:

- a COLS computer-generated form used for continuous CRP signup offers
- *--provided in Exhibit 22 for display purposes only.--*

Manual CRP-2C's are not authorized.

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213 CRP-1 Period for Continuous CRP Signup

A Overview

The contract period of CRP-1 may vary for each CRP-1. The contract period will be not less than 10 years and not greater than 15 years. See subparagraph 66 C for continuous CRP signup practices and associated contract period.

***--Important:** CRP payments will not exceed 15 years. See subparagraph 184 F for CRP-1 period for CLEAR30.--*

B Effective Date of CRP-1 for Land Not Currently Enrolled in CRP

For land that is **not** enrolled in CRP at the time the producer submits CRP-1 and CRP-2C, the effective start date of the contract period for CRP-1's under continuous CRP signup provisions will be the first day of the month following the month COC or CED approves CRP-1.

Exception: The producer may defer the effective start date up to 6 months. However, the effective start date will always be the first day of the applicable month. See subparagraphs E, F, and G for examples.

CRP-1's not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C must be rejected.

Because the producer may defer effective start date up to 6 months, all crops **must** be removed from the accepted acreage before the effective start date of the contract period.

Note: Unless the effective start date is October 1 of any year, the first year's annual rental payment will be prorated. See paragraph 198.

213 CRP-1 Period for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**C Effective Date of CRP-1 for Land Currently Enrolled in CRP**

Land currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for re-enrollment through continuous CRP signup if all * * * the following are met:

- the land enrolled in CRP is in the last year of CRP-1

***--Note:** The land may be offered for re-enrollment no earlier than January 2 in the year the CRP-1 is scheduled to expire.--*

Important: If the land enrolled in CRP is **not** in the last year of CRP-1, the land is **not** eligible to be offered for re-enrollment.

- the acreage offered meets **all** * * * the applicable eligibility requirements according to paragraph 181
- CRP-1 effective start date is October 1 of the year the existing CRP-1 expires.

Important: Land enrolled in CRP in the last year of CRP-1 is **not** eligible to be re-enrolled with an effective start date other than October 1 of the year the existing CRP-1 expires.

D Expiration Date of CRP-1

Expiration date of CRP-1's under continuous CRP signup provisions will be September 30 of the applicable year, as determined by the contract period, regardless of the effective start date of CRP-1.

E Example 1 of 10-Year CRP-1

Producer offers land not currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP signup.

CRP-1 was approved by COC on July 22, 2022. The effective start date will be August 1, 2022, and the expiration date will be September 30, 2032, unless the producer chooses to defer the effective start date. The producer may elect to defer the effective date up to 6 months.

213 CRP-1 Period for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**E Example 1 of 10-Year CRP-1 (Continued)**

*--If the producer would have deferred the effective start date to January 1, 2023, the expiration date for CRP-1 would be September 30, 2033.

Assuming an effective start date of August 1, 2022, the participant would receive CRP payments for 10 years and 2 months if all eligibility requirements were met. Assuming an effective date of January 1, 2023, the producer would receive CRP payments for 10 years--* and 9 months.

Note: Each payment, including the first-year prorated payment, will be paid after October 1 of each applicable year.

F Example 2 of 10-Year CRP-1

*--On July 2, 2022, producer offers land currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP signup. The existing CRP-1 expires September 30, 2022, and all other eligibility requirements are met. CRP-1 for acreage offered was approved by COC or CED on July 12, 2022. The effective start date will be October 1, 2022.

The effective start date **cannot** be deferred, and the expiration date must be September 30, 2032.--*

G Example 3 of 15-Year CRP-1

Producer offers land not currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP *--signup. CRP-1 was approved by COC on February 24, 2022. The effective start date will be March 1, 2022, unless the producer chooses to defer the effective start date. The producer may elect to defer the effective date up to 6 months.

The producer cannot not receive CRP payments for more than 15 years; therefore, the expiration date for CRP-1 will be September 30, 2036. Assuming an effective start date of March 1, 2022, the producer would receive CRP payments for 14 years and 7 months.--*

214 Completing CRP-1 for Continuous CRP Signup

A Completing CRP-1

All item numbers, except item number 3, **must** be completed before producer signs CRP-1. See Exhibit 21 for example CRP-1.

All changes to data entered on CRP-1 after producer signs CRP-1 must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

***--Important:** The only pen and ink changes allowed on CRP-1 are:

- A change to the farm and tract number because of a reconstitution. See paragraph 546.
- Addition of the CRP-1 number and the CRP-1 period.--*

215 Notifying Producers With Continuous CRP Signup Offers

A Unacceptable Offers

Before submitting unsigned CRP-2C to NRCS or TSP, COC or CED must determine whether all eligibility requirements that COC or CED are responsible for in paragraph 181 are met.

If all applicable eligibility requirements are **not** met, COC or CED will:

- **not** submit CRP-2C to NRCS or TSP
- use CRP-26 to inform producer the offer was not acceptable.

If NRCS or TSP requires changes to the practice or acreage offered on the unsigned CRP-2C for the practice or acreage to meet the suitability, needs, and feasibility to be eligible, and the producer:

- does not agree to make all required changes, the County Office must notify the producer that the offer is not acceptable using CRP-26
- agrees to make all required changes, the County Office must:
 - update the TERRA scenario and COLS
 - create a new geospatial data/map of the acres offered

215 Notifying Producers With Continuous CRP Signup Offers (Continued)

A Unacceptable Offers (Continued)

- create a new CRP-2C
- submit the new signed CRP-2C and geospatial data/map to NRCS or TSP when sending signed CRP-1 and CRP-23 for NRCS to complete conservation plan.

Important: An updated TERRA scenario and new CRP-2C must be created. Pen and ink changes to the initial CRP-2C are **not** authorized.

B Acceptable Offers

If CRP-2C is returned from NRCS or TSP and all eligibility requirements are met, COC or CED must notify producer that CRP-1 and CRP-2C **must** be completed and signed.

Important: CRP-1 and CRP-2C not signed within 30 calendar days of the date the producer is notified CRP-2C is ready for signature will be rejected.

If producer completes CRP-2C with an acceptable per acre rental rate offered amount and signs CRP-1 and CRP-2C within 30 calendar days of the date the producer is notified CRP-2C is ready for signature, County Office will provide producer CRP-1 Appendix, and inform producer:

- the offer is acceptable using CRP-23
- starting the practice before CRP-1 approval is at the producer's own risk
- of all the requirements needed for CRP-1 approval, such as:
 - working with NRCS or TSP to obtain a conservation plan
 - completing a paid for measurement service, if requested
 - signed landlord/tenant certification statement.

County Office must provide NRCS or TSP all * * * the following:

- a copy of CRP-23 sent to producer
- a copy of the signed CRP-1 and CRP-2C
- new geospatial data/map, if applicable.

All changes to data entered on CRP-1 and CRP-2C after producer signs CRP-1 and CRP-2C must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

***--Exception:** Adding the contract number after the offer is approved in COLS.--*

215 Notifying Producers With Continuous CRP Signup Offers (Continued)

B Acceptable Offers (Continued)

CRP-1's not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C must be rejected. See paragraph 213.

When CRP-1 is approved, COC will use CRP-24 to notify producer of approval and contract period. See Exhibit 5.

216-236 (Reserved)

Part 8 FWP Provisions**237 General FWP Information****A Background**

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 authorized FWP for the enrollment of the following:

- certain cropped wetlands and associated buffers
- land devoted to constructed wetlands and associated buffers
- land devoted to certain commercial pond-raised aquaculture
- land subject to the natural overflow of a prairie wetland (flooded prairie wetland) and associated buffers.

B Authorized Practices

Practices authorized for continuous CRP signup enrollment in CRP under FWP are:

- *--CP27, FWP Farmable Wetland
- CP28, FWP Farmable Wetland Buffer--*
- CP39, FWP Constructed Wetland
- CP40, FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration
- CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland.

See Exhibit 11 for practice writeups for CP27, CP28, CP39, CP40, and CP41.

237 General FWP Information (Continued)

C Practice Eligibility Criteria Side by Side

The following provides a side-by-side of the eligibility criteria for each of the practices under FWP.

Practice	Name	Cropland	Cropping History	Wetland Size <u>1/</u>	Buffer
CP27	FWP Cropped Wetlands	Yes	Yes 3 of 10 most recent crop years.	Not to exceed 40 acres per tract.	4:1 ratio
CP28	FWP Buffer	Yes	Yes 3 of 10 most recent crop years.		
CP39	FWP Constructed Wetland	No	No	Not to exceed 40 contiguous acres per tract.	4:1 ratio Enrolled as part of the CP39.
CP40	FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration	No	Yes 1 year 2002 through 2007.	No limit.	No buffer required.
CP41	FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland	Yes	Yes 3 years out of 10 years from January 1, 1990, through December 31, 2002.	Not to exceed 40 acres per tract. No wetland greater than 20 acres.	4:1 ratio

1/ Buffer acreage plus wetland acreage may exceed 40 acres per tract; however, wetland component may **not** exceed limits of “Wetland Size” column.

238 Acreage Limitations**A Acreage Limitations**

The statute limits participation in CRP under FWP to:

- 750,000 acres in all States
- not more than 100,000 acres in any 1 State.

States may request on a case by case basis to increase to 200,000 acres.

Offers will be accepted on a continuous CRP signup basis until the earlier of the following:

- FWP national acreage limitation of 750,000 is reached
- CRP statutory authority is reached.

B 25 Percent Cropland Limitation

The 25 percent cropland limitation applies to FWP. When all acreage enrolled in CRP exceeds the 25 percent limitation and a waiver has **not** been approved, County Offices must:

- announce the FWP signup
- notify all producers that only offers for continuous CRP signup marginal pastureland practices, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, and CP30, and land physically located in a county that has not reached or exceeded the 25 percent limitation will be processed
- ensure that offers for acreage physically located in the county are not processed, except continuous CRP signup practices.

Note: COC must immediately reject all offers for acreage physically located in the county, except continuous CRP signup marginal pastureland practices CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, and CP30, and inform the producer using CRP-26.

239 Producer Eligibility**A Ownership Eligibility**

An owner is eligible to offer land for enrollment in FWP if the owner meets 1 of the following requirements:

- owned the land for 12 months before CRP-2C is submitted
- acquired the land by will or succession as a result of death
- acquired the land under circumstances other than for placement in CRP under FWP, as determined by the FSA National Office.

Note: Ownership eligibility requirements are satisfied if there is any combination of continuously leasing and owning the same person or entity during the 12-month period before CRP-2C is filed.

B Operator Eligibility

An operator is eligible to offer land for enrollment in FWP when the operator meets both of the following requirements:

- operated the land for 12 months before CRP-2C is filed
- provides satisfactory evidence, as determined by COC, that control of the land will continue uninterrupted for the CRP-1 period.

Note: Satisfactory evidence may include any of the following:

- statement signed by the owner
- written lease for the appropriate time period
- owner's signature on CRP-1.

Operator eligibility requirements must be satisfied if there is any combination of leasing and owning by the same person or entity during the 12-month period before CRP-2C is filed.

240 FWP Eligible Land Criteria for CP27 and CP28

A Cropland Eligibility Criteria

Eligible cropland for wetlands (CP27) and associated buffer (CP28) includes cropland that is * * * planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during any 3 of the previous 10 crop years.

Note: Acreage for which the producer received an approved prevented planting claim according to 2-CP shall be considered planted for that year for CRP cropping history purposes.

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Acreage permanently under water is ineligible to be offered for enrollment in FWP unless land is eligible for enrollment under CP27, CP40, or CP41.

241 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility for CP27 and CP28**A Eligibility Criteria for CP27**

Cropland designated as cropped wetlands, or prior converted wetlands, as determined by NRCS or TSP, not to exceed 40 acres per tract, may be enrolled in CRP under FWP as CP27.

Note: Cropped wetlands are farmed wetlands and wetlands farmed under natural conditions.

B CP27 Acreage Limitations

The maximum size of any 1 wetland (CP27) is 40 acres per tract. Wetlands greater than 40 acres in size are **not** eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP, CP27.

Examples: A producer has a 42-acre wetland. The producer wants to offer 40 acres of the wetland for enrollment in FWP. Because the total wetland is greater than 40 acres in size, it is **not** eligible for enrollment in FWP as a CP27.

A producer offers a 15-acre wetland, a 12-acre wetland, and a 13-acre wetland for enrollment in FWP. Because the total acres do not exceed 40 acres, all wetlands (40 acres) may be enrolled if all other eligibility requirements are met. Associated buffers (CP28) **must** be enrolled for the wetland acreage. The total of the wetland and buffer acreage may exceed 40 acres per tract.

C CP28 Acreage Limitations

The minimum size of any associated buffer (CP28) enrolled in CRP under FWP is 30 feet surrounding the wetland.

The maximum size of any associated buffer (CP28) enrolled in CRP under FWP is 4 times the size of the wetland. STC's may determine a buffer ratio less than 4:1, consistent with program purposes and with State Technical Committee concurrence.

Note: The total acreage of each associated buffer must **not** exceed the size limitation.

241 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility for CP27 and CP28 (Continued)**C CP28 Acreage Limitations (Continued)**

CP28 must be enrolled in conjunction with each of the following practices:

- CP27
- CP41.

Note: A CP28 is **not** required for practice CP39 or CP40.

Examples: A producer offers a 2-acre FWP cropped wetland (CP27) for enrollment in FWP. NRCS or TSP determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 8 acres. CP28 does not exceed 4 times the size of the wetland (8 acres); therefore, both CP27 and CP28 are eligible for enrollment in FWP, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

A producer offers a 2-acre wetland (CP27) for enrollment in CRP under FWP. NRCS or TSP determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 12 acres. Because the buffer exceeds 4 times the size of the wetland acreage, CP27 and CP28 are ineligible for CRP under FWP.

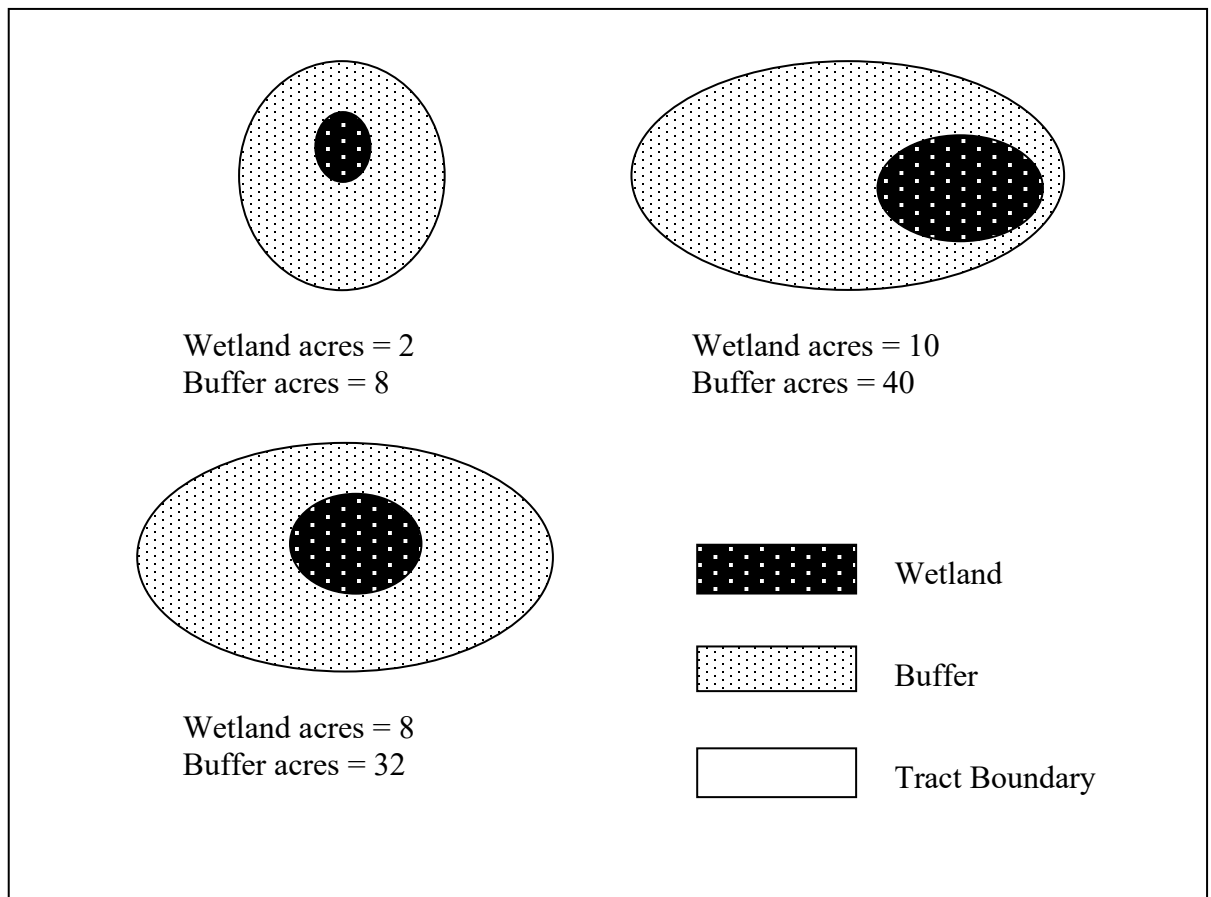
A producer offers a 10-acre wetland, a 12-acre wetland, a 15-acre wetland and an 8-acre wetland. All are offered as CP40. Because there is no limit on the wetland size of CP40, all wetlands are eligible to be offered for enrollment in FWP. A buffer may be installed around the wetlands, but is not required.

241 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility for CP27 and CP28 (Continued)

D Tract Limitation

Enrollment in CRP under CP27 is limited to no more than 40 acres of wetland per tract.
The combined total acreage of wetland (CP27), not to exceed 40 acres, and associated buffer (CP28) may exceed 40 acres per tract.

Example: Tract #2101 = 160 acres
Total CP27 = 20 acres
Total CP28 = 80 acres
Total of Enrolled Practices = 100 acres



242 FWP Eligible Land Criteria for CP39

A Land Eligibility Criteria

Land eligible to be enrolled as constructed wetland (CP39) is land that receives surface and subsurface flow from row crop agriculture production designed to provide nitrogen removal and other wetland functions.

Note: There is no cropping history requirement for cropland or marginal pastureland enrolled as a constructed wetland.

243 Acreage Limitation and Practice Eligibility for CP39

A Eligibility Criteria for CP39

Land that meets eligibility criteria of paragraph 242, not to exceed 40 acres per tract, may be enrolled in FWP as CP39.

B CP39 Acreage Limitations

The maximum size of any 1 constructed wetland CP39 is 40 acres. Constructed wetlands greater than 40 acres in size are **not** eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP as CP39.

The total of all constructed wetlands per tract may not exceed 40 acres.

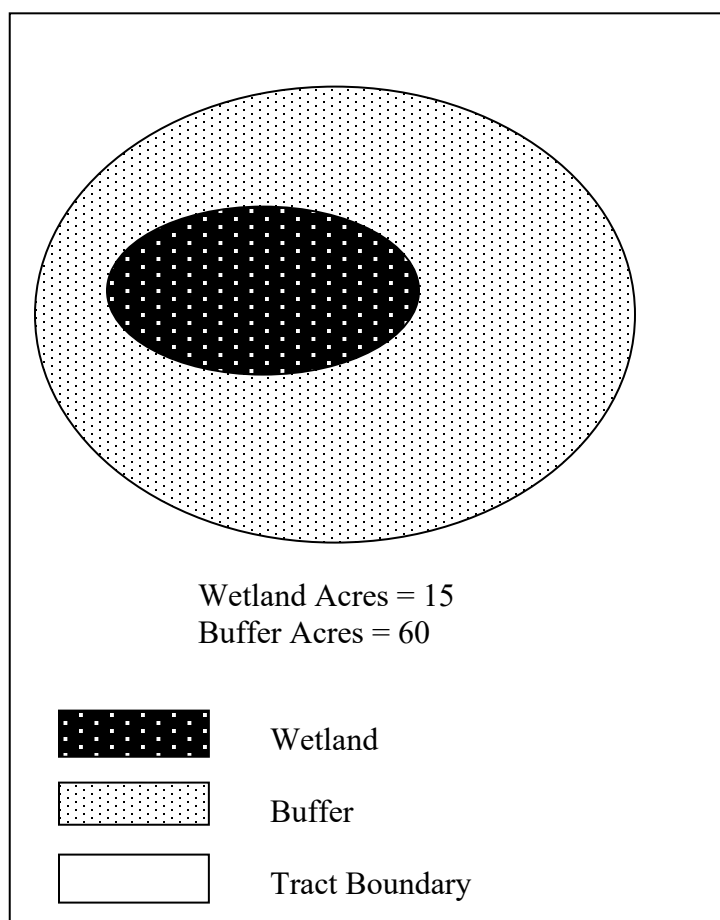
An associated buffer is required in conjunction with practice CP39. The associated buffer should be included as part of the CP39 enrolled acres. The maximum size of the associated buffer is 4 times the size of the wetland acreage. STC's may determine a buffer ratio less than 4:1, consistent with program purposes and with State Technical Committee concurrence.

243 **Acreage Limitation and Practice Eligibility for CP39 (Continued)****C Tract Limitations**

Enrollment in CRP under CP39 is limited to no more than 40 acres of wetland per tract. The combined total acreage of wetland and associated buffer, may not exceed 40 acres per tract unless a waiver is approved according to subparagraph D.

Example: **Tract #2101 = 160 acres**
 Total CP39 = 15 acres
 Associated buffer = 60
 Total of Enrolled Practices = 75 acres

Note: This land would not be eligible for enrollment as CP39 unless a waiver is approved by DAFP.

**D Waiver**

If wetland acreage offered for enrollment is less than 40 acres and the combined wetland and buffer exceed 40 acres, STC may submit a request to DAFP to waive the 40-acre tract limitation.

244 FWP Eligible Land Criteria for CP40**A Land Eligibility Criteria**

Eligible land to be enrolled in FWP as CP40 is land that was devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture in any 1 year during 2002 through 2007.

B Commercial Pond-Raised Aquaculture

Commercial pond-raised aquaculture means any earthen facility from which \$1000 or more of freshwater food fish were sold or normally would have been sold during a calendar year.

Foodfish are considered fish grown under controlled conditions (aquaculture) for human consumption. Fingerling ponds and brood ponds are considered foodfish and are eligible for enrollment under practice CP40 because these ponds are used in the overall commercial operation.

Note: Other aquaculture products that are not cultivated for human consumption (nonfoodfish), which includes ornamental fish, bait fish, sport fish, and plants are **not** eligible for enrollment under practice CP40.

Producers must provide verification of commercial pond raised aquaculture using any of the following:

- feed purchase records
- stocker purchase records
- harvest/sales records
- imagery
- slides.

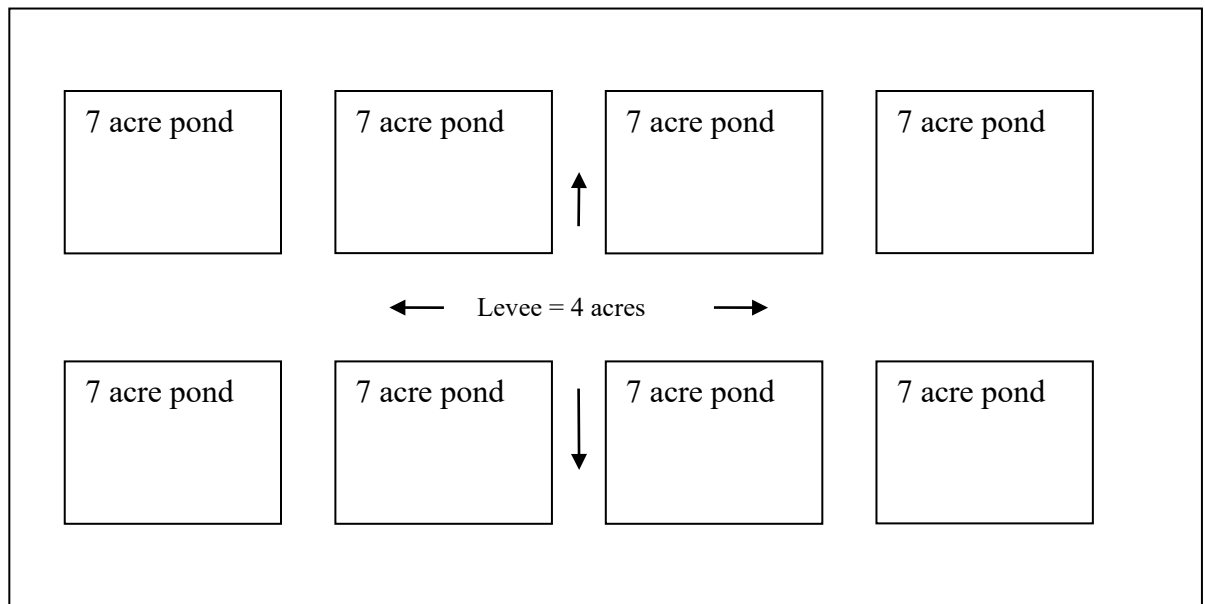
245 Acreage Limitation for CP40

A CP40 Acreage Limitations

Land devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture to be enrolled in FWP as practice CP40 is **not** limited by size of the wetland or by tract.

Example: Tract = 60 acres

CP40 = 60 acres (pond area and levee)



Note: The levee area is included as part of the CP40 and will be planted to appropriate vegetation for the site. A buffer (CP28) is not required.

246 FWP Eligible Land Criteria for CP41

A Crop Land Eligibility Criteria

Eligible cropland for enrollment as practice CP41 is cropland located in the Prairie Pothole CPA, according to Exhibit 18, that was:

- subject to the natural overflow of a prairie wetland
- COC approved prevented planted
- planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during at least 3 of the 10 crop years after January 1, 1990, and before December 31, 2002.

Notes: Acreage for which a producer received a crop insurance indemnity payment for prevented planting must be considered planted for that year for CRP cropping history purposes.

Field margins that are incidental to the planting of crops, such as turnrows, field borders, and center pivot corners, are eligible to be offered. Field margins do not include other areas within a field.

Acreage that received planted and considered planted credit for crop acreage base protection is considered planted for purposes of CRP cropland eligibility.

Examples: A producer planted corn in 1991, soybeans in 1997, and corn in 2002. All other years the land was intermittently flooded. The land does **not** meet the cropping requirements because the planting was not within a 10-year period (1991 through 2002).

A producer planted soybeans in 1993, corn in 1997, and wheat in 2002. This land meets cropping history because the planting is within the 10-year period (1993 through 2002).

B 10-Year Cropping History Time Periods for CP41

The following are the 10-year cropping history time periods for CP41.

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002

247 Acreage Limitation and Practice Eligibility for CP41**A Eligibility Criteria for CP41**

Cropland that meets the eligibility criteria of subparagraph 246 A, not to exceed 20 contiguous acres per flooded prairie wetland, may be enrolled in CRP under FWP as CP41.

B CP41 Acreage Limitation

The maximum size of any 1 flooded prairie wetland (CP41) is 20 contiguous acres. Flooded prairie wetlands greater than 20 acres in size are **not** eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP as CP41.

The total of all flooded prairie wetlands on an offer may exceed 20 acres. The total of all flooded prairie wetlands per tract may not exceed 40 acres.

Examples: A producer has a 22.5 acre flooded prairie wetland. The producer wants to offer 20 acres of the flooded prairie for enrollment in FWP. Because the total wetland is greater than 20 acres in size, it is **not** eligible for enrollment in FWP.

A producer offers a 12.5 acre flooded prairie wetland, a 8 acre flooded prairie wetland, and a 18.5 acre flooded prairie wetland for enrollment in FWP. Because no wetland is greater than 20 acres, all flooded prairie wetlands (39 acres) may be enrolled if all other eligibility requirements are met. Associated buffers must be enrolled for the flooded prairie wetland acreage.

Neither CP41 nor CP28 may be enrolled as a separate practice. See subparagraph 241 C for CP28 acreage limitation.

247 **Acreage Limitation and Practice Eligibility for CP41 (Continued)****C Tract Limitation for CP41**

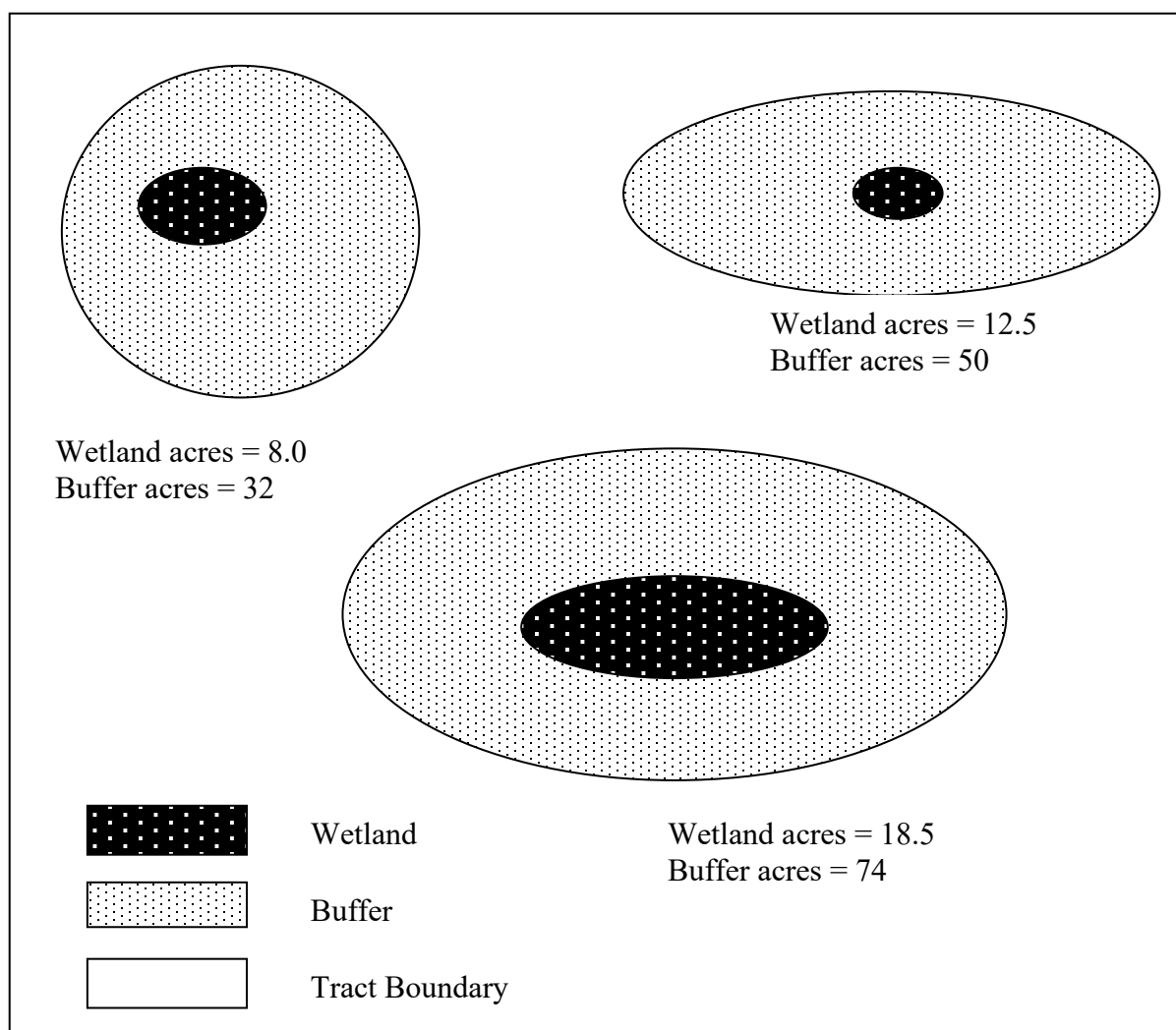
Enrollment in CRP under CP41 is limited to no more than 40 acres per tract. The maximum size of any one CP41 is 20 acres. The combined total acreage of CP41's is limited to 40 acres per tract. The total of CP41 and associated buffer (CP28) may exceed 40 acres per tract.

Example: Tract 2101 = 240 Acres

Total CP41 = 39 Acres

Total CP28 = 156 Acres

Total of Enrolled Practices = 195 Acres



248 Processing Offers

A CRP-1's and CRP-2C's

County Offices must follow Part 7, for processing CRP-1's and CRP-2C's for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

B Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1 period for CRP-1's under FWP is 10 to 15 years.

The effective date of CRP-1 is the first of the month following the month COC or CED approves CRP-1.

C Program Year

The program year is FY in which the first payment is earned.

D Continuous CRP Signup Number

For acreage enrolled in CRP under FWP, County Offices must use the current continuous
--CRP signup number.--

Note: Continuous CRP signup numbers change the beginning of every FY.

249 Payments**A Annual Rental Payment**

Producers receive annual rental payments on the land that is enrolled under FWP. The annual rental payment is the sum of the following:

- weighted average SRR
- incentives according to subparagraph 196 B.

B C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. See Part 15.

C Incentive Payments

The following incentives are authorized according to paragraphs 196 and 197 for CP27, CP28, CP39, CP40, and CP41:

- Water Quality Incentive
* * *
- PIP
- SIP.

Note: Expiring CRP that is being re-offered as FWP is **not** eligible for SIP. Cropland previously enrolled in CRP that is re-enrolled for FWP, is **not** eligible for SIP if the cover has been maintained.

250-260 (Reserved)

Part 9 Grassland CRP Provisions

261 General Grassland CRP Information

A Background

Grassland CRP provides both ecological and economic benefits. Participants voluntarily limit future development and cropping uses of the land while retaining the right to conduct common grazing practices and operations related to the production of forage and seeding, subject to certain restrictions during PNS.

Grassland CRP is authorized to enroll grassland into CRP during signup for offer evaluation.

After signup, offers will be evaluated on the basis of:

- current and future use
- environmental factors
- maximizing grassland preservation
- other factors, including cost
- vegetative cover
- small scale livestock initiative.

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***--Note:** Beginning with SU207, offers are no longer evaluated based on the farmer or rancher's CCC-860 status.--*

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers accepted will be those that provide the greatest benefits as related to the grassland CRP ranking factors as listed in Exhibit 24.

The National Office will provide State and County Offices with the following:

- program information sheets for producers
- program provisions and procedures
- other information as requested.

261 General Grassland CRP Information (Continued)--***B Goals**

The purpose of grassland CRP is to provide assistance to landowners and operators to protect grazing uses and related conservation values on eligible private pasture and rangelands. Grassland CRP emphasizes support of grazing operations, maintaining and improving--* plant and animal biodiversity, and protecting grassland and shrubland from the threat of conversion to uses other than grazing.

C Consistency With CRP Procedure

Unless otherwise noted, all other provisions of CRP apply to grassland CRP.

D Duplication of Benefits

Cropland enrolled in grassland CRP cannot receive a payment under the ARC or PLC program. Grassland CRP is potentially eligible for grazing losses because of natural disasters *--under NAP, LFP, or ELAP if all eligibility requirements in 1-NAP, 1-LFP or 1-ELAP are--* met.

262 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility

A 25 Percent County Cropland Limitation

*--Cropland enrolled in grassland CRP will count against the 25 percent county cropland limitation.

B CRP Acreage Enrollment Limitation

All land enrolled in grassland CRP counts against the National CRP acreage limitation.

Note: The statute provides that 2 million acres of the CRP acreage limitation are reserved for grassland CRP. Those acres are not authorized for any other CRP signup.

C Authorized Practices

CP88 is the only practice authorized for grassland CRP. Existing contracts will--*
continue to use practices CP42, CP87, CP87A, CP88, and CP88A if enrolled during signup 200 and practices CP87, CP87A, CP88, and CP88A if enrolled during signup 201. Practices must be determined suitable for the site conditions by the technical agency to be authorized or enrolled.

Note: See Exhibit 11 for practice writeup for CP88.

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263 Land and Producer Eligibility

*--A States and Counties Authorized for Grassland CRP

Grassland CRP is eligible for enrollment in all States and territories.

B Eligibility for Owners and Operators

Persons determined eligible for CRP according to Part 6 may request to enroll certain acreages in grassland CRP according to this part.--*

263 Land and Producer Eligibility (Continued)

C Land Eligibility Requirement

Eligible land for grassland CRP is land on a tract or a portion of a tract that:

- is classified according to 10-CM, paragraph 30 as:
 - cropland if the land use or land cover is an improved pasture or hay-land established to a permanent vegetative cover
 - rangeland including native pasture or native land

***--Note:** Cropping history is not required for grassland CRP.--*

- contains forbs or shrubland (including improved rangeland and improved pastureland) for which grazing is the predominant use

Exception: Grassland with less than 5 percent tree canopy interspersed throughout the offered acreage is eligible.

- is located in an area historically dominated by grassland
- provides habitat for animal and plant populations of significant ecological value if the land is retained in its current use or restored to a natural condition
- is expiring CRP

Note: Expiring CRP devoted to tree practices are not eligible.

- land that was previously enrolled in EQIP and the contract is currently expired; however, the land is currently within the EQIP practice lifespan.

The following land classifications, as described in 10-CM, subparagraph 30 B, are **not** eligible to be enrolled in grassland CRP:

- urban
- mined land
- forest
- water body
- barren
- tundra
- perennial snow and ice
- other agricultural land not normally used for livestock grazing activities
- rangeland with greater than 5 percent tree canopy.

263 Land and Producer Eligibility (Continued)**C Land Eligibility Requirement (Continued)**

***--Example 1:** Participant's 100-acre offer includes a five-acre patch of trees in one corner of the field and one 4-acre pond. There are only 91 acres eligible to be enrolled into grassland CRP.

Example 2: Participant's 100-acre offer includes trees interspersed throughout the 100 acres with less than 5 percent canopy. All 100 acres are eligible to be enrolled into grassland CRP.

Example 3: Participant's 100-acre offer includes trees interspersed throughout the 100 acres with a 10 percent canopy cover. This offer is not eligible to be enrolled in grassland CRP because the 10 percent canopy exceeds the maximum 5 percent tree canopy.--*

263 Land and Producer Eligibility (Continued)**D Small Scale Livestock Grazing Operation**

For a small-scale livestock grazing operation, producers will use CRP-2G-1 to self-certify the number of grazing animal units. See subparagraph 267 E for an example of CRP-2G-1 and livestock unit values. If a State needs a value for a type of livestock not listed, contact CD.

Note: CRP procedure limits a producer to 1 offer per tract.

For the small-scale livestock grazing operation, maximum offer acreage will be limited to 200 acres per FSN.

264 Contract Duration and Program Year

A Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1 period for grassland CRP must be 10 or 15 years in duration.

The effective date of CRP-1 will start on October 1.

B Program Year

The program year is the FY in which the first annual rental payment is earned.

C Signup Number

--Grassland CRP will use signup numbers as provided in Exhibit 20.--

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP

A General Information About Grassland CRP Signup and Offer Process

Signup periods will be announced by DAFP. The National Office must provide State and County Offices:

- program information sheets for producers
- updated program provisions and procedures
- other information as requested.

During signup, producers will submit offers for the amounts they are willing to accept to enroll acreage in the program. County Offices will calculate the maximum acceptable rental rate for the acreage being submitted. This amount is referred to as the maximum payment rate and is described in detail in paragraph 101.

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers selected will be those meeting the national ranking criteria cut-off score.

265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities

The following table provides the steps a County Office may follow for grassland CRP signup and the reference for each step. County Offices may adjust the order of events in the following table to provide for a workable signup period.

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Step	Action	Reference
1	National Office announces grassland CRP signup period.	Press Release and National Notice
2	Producer: - expresses an interest in enrolling in grassland CRP - indicates the acreage they want to enroll on a digital imagery or map. County Offices must explain the following program details: - land eligibility and ineligibility - payment rate - national ranking and selection process - COC determinations - available practices and applicable C/S rates. County Offices must provide the producer with current Grassland CRP Ranking Criteria Fact Sheet, the Grassland CRP Working Lands Fact Sheet, and any State specific technical practice standard requirements. Example of State Specific Practice Standard Requirements: The NRCS practice standard 528 for prescribed grazing requires that participants fence off any streams or rivers. County Office staff will provide the participant with a State Grassland CRP Fact Sheet or implementation requirements explaining any State specific planning requirements at the time of application.	National Notice and Part 9 of 2-CRP Paragraph 332 Paragraph 151
3	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in grassland CRP Signup and informs FSA of any C/S requests.	National Notice and Press Release

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

Step	Action	Reference
4	Participant will provide FSA with the requested practices and estimate extents needed. FSA will inform the participant: • C/S is not guaranteed and will be determined based on need by the technical agency • C/S practice will not be started before the environmental review has been completed and FSA has notified the participant of the approval of the cost share agreement (FSA-848A).	Part 15, Paragraph 367, and 1-EQ
5	County Office determines whether all the following are met: • all producer eligibility requirements • all land eligibility requirements • CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. If all are: • met, proceed to step 6 • not met, STOP. Do not proceed. Inform the producer the *--eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26--* (Exhibit 5).	Part 6
6	If all requirements in step 5 are met, create a TERRA offer.	4-CRP
7	After completing a TERRA scenario, process offers through COLS.	4-CRP
8	County Office enters the offer data (practice, cover type, acres, CRP-1 period) in COLS, as provided by the producer.	4-CRP

265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

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Step	Action	Reference
9	County Office completes and prints CRP-2G and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2G and CRP-1 are ready for signature. Provide producers CRP-1 Appendix (Exhibit 29) before submitting offers.	4-CRP
10	Producer signs and dates the completed CRP-1 and CRP-2G and provides the signed documents to the County Office. Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC or CED approves CRP-1.	4-CRP
11	County Office must ensure that offer is in “Submitted” status in COLS.	4-CRP
12	State and County Offices review the offer ranking data to identify incomplete or erroneous ranking data. If ranking data is incomplete or erroneous, County Office must edit the offer to correct the incomplete or erroneous data. County Office must go back and repeat steps 9 through 11.	CRP Notice
13	National Office locks COLS for ranking. County Offices can no longer access grassland CRP signup offer records.	National Office
14	National Office ranks all grassland CRP signup offers in a “Submitted” status.	National Office
15	A national ranking cutoff score is determined and final results of acceptable and rejected offers are announced.	CRP Notice
16	Accepted or Rejected Offers are posted.	CRP Notice
17	County Offices must conduct a post ranking eligibility review.	CRP Notice

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

Step	Action	Reference
18	County Office notifies producer of acceptability of offer using *--CRP-23 or rejected offer using CRP-26. For accepted--* offers, the County Office: • provides producer a copy of signed CRP-1 and CRP-2G • provides producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix • updates offer status in COLS to “submit to plan” • provides NRCS a copy of the: • *--letter of acceptability sent to producer (CRP-23)--* • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2G • CRP-1 Appendix • geospatial data or map created in step 6, if applicable.	CRP Notice
19	County Office will complete a paid for measurement service for acceptable offers, if requested by the producer.	Paragraph 401
20	NRCS completes site visit as determined necessary as part of the conservation plan development.	Paragraph 366
21	NRCS provides County Office with: • NRCS signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed.	Paragraph 376

265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

Step	Action	Reference
22	County Office: • completes all necessary consultations, if needed Note: Ground disturbing practices (example: water wells, livestock pipelines, ponds, and watering facilities) on land offered for grassland CRP will require consultation and may result in the need for a field survey. •*--ensures participant obtains a copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G and K Note: <u>NRCS will work with the participant during the environmental evaluation process.--*</u> • completes FSA's portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to "submit to COC".	Paragraphs 366 and 367 and 1-EQ
23	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.	Paragraph 366
24	County Office ensures * * * AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC approval date.	Paragraph 131
25	COC or CED approves CRP-1.	Paragraph 401

265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)**B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)**

Step	Action	Reference
26	County Office records Contract Period on CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
27	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.	Paragraph 401
28	County Office: - records CRP-1 number obtained from CCMS on CRP-1 - notifies producer that CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24, and provides producer a copy of approved CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
29	The FSA-848A will not be approved until a final conservation plan or modified conservation plan is received, and the environmental review is completed. Once received the County Office will complete the FSA-848A within 5 days and notify the participant of cost share approval.	CRP Notice

266 (Withdrawn--Amend. 7)**267 Completing CRP-2G****A About CRP-2G**

CRP-2G must be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer. The document is used to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates for producers before offers are submitted
 - obtain ranking data and statistics on acreage offered for grassland CRP according to Exhibit 24.

Items 1 through 10 I must be completed before the producer's signature, title, and date in items 12A, 12B, and 12C.

All changes to data entered on CRP-2G after the producer signs CRP-2G must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2G is:

- a computer-generated form
- *--provided in Exhibit 22 for display purposes only.--*

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267 Completing CRP-2G (Continued)

--B Completing CRP-2G-1--

Producer must complete CRP-2G-1 when submitting an offer as a small-scale livestock grazing operation.

Items 1 through 9 must be completed before the producer's signature, title, and date in items 10A, 10B, and 10C.

--CRP-2G-1 is provided in Exhibit 22 and on the forms website.--

CRP-2G-1 must be completed for all offers submitted by producers as a small-scale livestock grazing operation. The submitted CRP-2G-1 will become part of the CRP-2G offer file when submitted by the producer.

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--268 Processing Offers*A Reviewing Offers**

COC or CED **must** ensure that:

- producers have submitted offers for CRP-1 by tract and year
- CRP-2G and CRP-1 were signed by at least 1 eligible producer
- after the conclusion of the ranking period, offers that have been determined **not** acceptable will **not** be kept for consideration under the next ranking period.

B Submitting Offers for National Office Ranking

County Offices **must** ensure that all offers are submitted no later than COB of the last day of the signup period.

269 Notifying Producers**A Eligibility Review**

COC or CED must:

- review the list of acceptable offers to ensure that all eligibility criteria have been met for all offers listed as acceptable by the National or State Office
- not approve CRP-1 if the producer or offered acreage does not meet eligibility criteria even though the offer is listed as acceptable by the National or State Office.

Note: Provide NRCS or TSP a list of acceptable offers.

B Offer Not Acceptable

If the offer is not acceptable, notify the producer of the unacceptable offer according to subparagraph C.--*

269 Notifying Producers (Continued)

C Procedure for Notifying Producers

--COC or CED will notify producers, using CRP-23 and CRP-26 (Exhibit 5), of the status-- of their offer as soon as the list of acceptable offers is received, and an eligibility review was conducted.

D Offer Acceptable and Clearly Eligible

If the offer is determined acceptable by national ranking, advise the producer:

- to notify the County Office if the producer wants the offer approved

Note: The producer's notification to the County Office is not required to be in writing. The County Office must notate the producer's notification and include the notation in the producer's CRP folder.

- that a conservation plan must be developed by NRCS or TSP before CRP-1 can be approved by COC or CED

Note: County Offices must provide to NRCS or TSP all documents necessary to complete the conservation plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

- CRP-1
 - CRP-2G
 - maps.
- of provisions for starting practices. See Part 11.

E Rescoring Offers Where the Grass Cover Does Not Support the Ranking Score

For acceptable grassland CRP offers where NRCS is unable to verify the number of grasses claimed by the producer, allow the offer to be re-ranked based on the information NRCS provides and if the score is:

- still acceptable continue to conservation plan development and CRP-1 approval
- **not** acceptable based on the national ranking cutoff score allow the producer to voluntarily withdraw the offer without liquidated damages.

270 Payments**A Grassland CRP Payments**

Grassland CRP practices are not eligible for SIP and PIP. Grassland CRP participants will receive annual rental payments.

B C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost for certain components of grassland CRP practices. See Exhibit 11 for practice CP88. The FSA-848A will:

- not be approved until the final conservation plan or modified conservation plan is received and the environmental review is complete.

***--Note:** Once completed the County Office will approve the FSA-848A within 20 calendar days.-
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- be based on NRCS or TSP determination of need according to the CP88 practice requirements described in Exhibit 11
- must be completed and all practices installed within 36 months of approval of the FSA-848A, unless otherwise approved by DAFP

•*--see paragraph 511 for policy on water infrastructure requests.--*

271 Contract Activities**A Grassland CRP Permitted Activities**

For grassland CRP, the following activities are permitted if specified in the conservation plan:

- common grazing practices, including maintenance and necessary cultural practices, on and in a manner * * * consistent with maintaining the viability of grassland, forb, and shrub species appropriate to that locality
- haying, mowing, or harvesting for seed production, subject to appropriate restrictions during PNS

***--Note:** Haying is not authorized during PNS.--*

- fire pre-suppression, fire-related rehabilitation, and construction of fire breaks
- grazing-related activities, such as fencing and livestock watering facilities.

272-285 (Reserved)

Part 10 General CRP Signup and Offer Process

286 Overview

A General Information About Signup and Offer Process

Signup periods will be announced by DAFP. The National Office must provide State and County Offices:

- program information sheets for producers
- updated program provisions and procedures
- other information as requested.

During signup, producers will submit offers for the amounts they are willing to accept to enroll acreage in the program. County Offices will calculate the maximum acceptable rental rate for the acreage being submitted. This amount is referred to as the maximum payment rate and is described in detail in paragraph 101.

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers selected will be those that provide the greatest environmental benefits considering the cost of enrolling the acreage in the program.

*--B General CRP Signup Process Flow

The following table provides general CRP signup activities that must be completed for general CRP signup offers. Some activities are completed before the beginning of general CRP signup enrollment period and are performed by the State Office.--*

Step	Pre-Signup Activities	Reference
1	National Office announces general CRP signup period.	Press Release/ National Notice
2	As directed by National Office CRP notice, State or County Offices update the following: • CPA's • lookup tables • wildlife, water quality, and air quality zones • C/S rates • SRR's • county cropland limitation	National Notice and Parts 4, 5, and 15

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities During Signup	Reference
3	Producer: - expresses an interest in enrolling in CRP - indicates the acreage they want to enroll on a digital imagery/map and identifies the practice they want to enroll. The County Office must explain program details, such as: - the EBI process - required cropping history - maximum payment rate calculations - national ranking and selection process - COC determinations - available practices and C/S rates. County Offices must provide the producer with EBI information *--and general CRP Signup Fact Sheets.	Paragraph 332
4	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in general--*	
5	County Office determines whether all the following are met: - all producer eligibility requirements - all land eligibility requirements (cropping history) - CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. If all are: - met, proceed to step 6 - not met, STOP. Do not proceed. Inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26.	Paragraph 151

286 Overview (Continued)

B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Activities During Signup	Reference
6	If all requirements in step 5 are met, create a TERRA offer scenario to determine whether the acreage offered meets 1 of the following land eligibility categories •*--EI equal to or greater than 8--* • CPA • expiring CRP. If acreage offered: • meets 1 of the land eligibility categories, upload into COLS • does not meet; STOP. Do not proceed. Inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26.	Paragraph 151 and 4-CRP
7	County Office enters the offer data (practice, cover type, acres, CRP-1 period) in COLS, as provided by the producer.	4-CRP
8	County Office completes and prints CRP-2 and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2 and CRP-1 are ready for signature.	4-CRP
9	Producer signs and dates the completed CRP-1 and CRP-2 and provides the signed documents to the County Office. Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC/CED approves CRP-1.	4-CRP
10	County Office must ensure that offer is in “Submitted” status in COLS.	4-CRP
11	State and County Offices review the offer ranking data to identify incomplete or erroneous ranking data. If ranking data is incomplete or erroneous, County Office must edit the offer to correct the incomplete or erroneous data. County Office must go back and repeat steps 8 through 10.	
12	National Office locks COLS for ranking. County Offices can no longer access general CRP signup offer records.	National Office

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities Post Signup	Reference
13	National Office ranks all general CRP signup offers in a "Submitted" status.	National Office
14	A National EBI Cutoff Score is determined and final results of acceptable and rejected offers are announced.	Press Release and CRP Notice
15	Acceptable/Rejected Offers are posted.	National Office
16	County Offices must conduct a post ranking eligibility review.	CRP Notice
17	County Office notifies producer of acceptability of offer using CRP-23 or rejected offer using CRP-26. For accepted offers, the County Office: • provides producer a copy of signed CRP-1 and CRP-2 • provides producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix • updates offer status in COLS to "submit to plan" • provides NRCS a copy of the: • letter of acceptability sent to producer (CRP-23) • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2 • *--CRP-1 Appendix--* • geospatial data/map created in step 6, if applicable.	CRP Notice
18	County Office will complete a paid for measurement service for acceptable offers, if requested by the producer.	Paragraph 401
19	NRCS completes site visit as determined necessary as part of the conservation plan development.	Paragraph 366
20	NRCS provides County Office with: • NRCS signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed.	Paragraphs 366 and 367

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities Post Signup	Reference
21	County Office: • completes all necessary consultations, if needed •*--ensures participant obtains a copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G and K Note: NRCS will work with the participant during the environmental evaluation process.--* • completes FSA's portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to "submit to COC".	Subparagraph 366 B and paragraph 367
22	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.	Paragraph 366
23	County Office ensures that AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.	Paragraph 131
24	COC or CED approves CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
25	County Office records Contract Period on CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
26	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.	Paragraph 401
27	County Office: • records CRP-1 number obtained from CCMS on CRP-1 •*--notifies participant that CRP-1 is approved using--* CRP-24, and provides producer a copy of approved CRP-1.	Paragraph 401

287-292 (Reserved)

Section 1 Ranking and Selection Process

293 National Ranking and Selection Process

A About the National Ranking Plan

The national ranking process was developed by FSA, in consultation with NRCS, ERS, EPA, FS, FWS, and other agencies. The process is designed to prioritize CRP offers based on environmental criteria and cost. The process uses an EBI that includes 6 national ranking factors: 5 factors that quantify the relative environmental benefits of each offer, and 1 cost factor that quantifies cost on a per acre basis.

The National Office must determine the rank of each offer by adding the sum of the scores received for all environmental factors plus a cost factor. Offers will be ranked from highest to lowest total score.

Note: The EBI scores assigned to each factor are applied generally to all eligible offers; therefore, the EBI point system is not appealable. The information used to determine the individual EBI score for a specific offer may be appealed.

The 5 national environmental ranking factors and 1 cost factor will be collected for all offers.

B National Ranking Factors

The following are the 6 national ranking factors.

Factor	Description	Point Ranges
N1	Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits	*--0 through 100--*
N2	Water Quality Benefits from Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching	0 through 100
N3	On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion	0 through 100
N4	Enduring Benefits	0 through 50
N5	Air Quality Benefits	3 through 45
N6	Cost/Acre	to be determined

293 National Ranking and Selection Process (Continued)

B National Ranking Factors (Continued)

Scoring criteria for each national ranking factor are listed in Exhibit 26.

FSA will determine environmental scores for factors N1 through N5 for each offer during and shortly after signup.

Note: Offers under continuous CRP signup are not evaluated. See paragraph 181.

The National Office will determine the cost factor using the CRP per acre offer.

For general CRP signup, when the applicable cropland limit for the county is reached, the residency of the owner or operator that submitted the offer will be used to determine the acceptability of the offer when more than 1 offer has an equivalent EBI score.

Example: The EBI (environmental benefits plus cost) cutoff level in Bucks County, Pennsylvania is 250 points. Bucks County is 20 acres from the 25 percent cropland limit.

Offer A (250 EBI points and 20 acres in size) is from an out of State landowner with an operator from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Offer B (250 EBI point and 20 acres in size) is from a local Bucks County farmer.

Offer B will be selected for enrollment in the program.

C Processing Offers

Only general CRP signup offers will be accepted. Continuous CRP offers will be accepted under the continuous CRP signup process. Offers under continuous CRP signup are not evaluated. See Part 7.

General CRP signup offers must compete based on the scores for each national factor, including cost.

D Selecting Offers

After all offers have been ranked, the National Office will provide by notice the ranking list to each applicable State and County Office indicating the offers that have been accepted or rejected. County Offices must notify each producer according to paragraph 341 after conducting the final eligibility review.

294-310 (Reserved)

Section 2 Presignup Activities

311 State Office Activities

A State Office Action

State Offices will perform the following activities before signup:

- provide information to STC regarding national selection criteria
- ensure that all County Offices have:
 - necessary forms and information needed to conduct a signup
 - evaluated the total cropland figures for the county and have followed procedure in Part 4 accordingly
- ensure that:
 - County Office personnel are trained on program policy and procedure, when determined needed by STC
 - County Offices monitor their total county cropland status and follow Part 4.

312 County Office Activities

A County Office Action

County Offices will:

- ensure that:
 - all necessary forms for conducting a signup are in the County Office
 - soil/payment rate tables are made available to the public
- conduct public information meetings if determined needed
- review total cropland provision in Part 4 to determine whether a signup will be held.

Note: See Part 4.

313-330 (Reserved)

Section 3 Conducting a CRP Signup in the County Office**331 Announcing County CRP****A County Offices Announcing CRP**

County Offices will use news media to inform all owners and operators, on a county-wide basis, of the following:

- CRP eligibility requirements
- locations and dates of informational meetings
- dates for submitting offers
- CRP provisions, including general terms and conditions
- information needed to submit offers, such as eligible cropping history, fields to be identified, and number of acres to be offered.

Issue CRP announcement to all owners and operators in the county.

Note: County Offices must include CRP continuous CRP signup information in the county newsletter. Special mailings are optional but not required.

B Statement of Participation

--All eligible owners and operators, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity must have-- an opportunity to submit requests to place land in CRP.

332 Submitting Offers

A Processing Offers

Offers **must** be submitted to the County Office where the land is administratively located. The following provides instructions on whether to process an offer.

IF land is...	THEN process the offer...
physically located in a county that has reached or exceeded the 25 percent cropland limitation or other applicable limit as provided in Part 4* * * and ACEP-WRE signups and the county does not have an approved waiver before the signup period begins	only if it is for practices eligible under continuous CRP signup marginal pastureland criteria (CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, CP30, or CRP noncropland grassland practices CP87 or CP88).
physically located in a county that has not reached the 25 percent cropland limitation or other applicable limit as provided in Part 4	in the administering county for any eligible practice.

B Cropland Eligibility Determinations

County Offices will assist producers with cropland eligibility determinations on CRP-2. To determine cropland eligibility for CRP-1, use CRP-2.

Note: County Offices must use FSA-578 on file for applicable years to verify cropping history entered on CRP-2, items 22 through 25. **Digital imagery will not be used--* to determine cropping history when FSA-578 is on file.**

If there is no FSA-578 on file for any year of the applicable 6 years:

- require the producer to provide 2 or more of the following:
 - a signed statement from the person who harvested or planted the crop
 - a neighboring producer's certification of crops and acreage, on the back of a digital image for each year
 - a signed statement from a reliable person with knowledge of which crops were planted on the farm

Note: COC or CED may require the producer to provide other documentation to determine cropping history, such as:

- seed, fertilizer, and chemical receipts
- load summary documents or elevator receipts.

332 Submitting Offers (Continued)**B Cropland Eligibility Determinations (Continued)**

- COC or CED must review and verify all of the documentation submitted to determine whether the cropping history is acceptable by:
 - digital imagery, if applicable
 - farm visit
 - personal knowledge.

A late-filed FSA-578 may be accepted according to 2-CP, paragraph 27 when there is no FSA-578 on file for the applicable year being used to determine cropping history for eligibility. The late-filed fee must be calculated according to 2-CP.

C Maximum Payment Rate Determination

County Offices will assist producers by calculating the maximum payment rates, including multiple scenarios if requested, according to Part 5.

For general CRP signup offers, the maximum payment rate is the weighted average SRR of ~~the 3 predominant soils for the acreage offered plus the Climate-Smart Incentive.~~ Caps may apply to the maximum payment rate. See subparagraph 101 C for maximum payment rate ~~cap for general CRP signup.~~

D Separate Offers

Each producer, depending upon the eligibility determination and the practices selected, must submit only 1 offer per tract per program year per general CRP signup.

Note: The definition of a tract in 10-CM must be used for offers being submitted by tract for CRP purposes.

332 Submitting Offers (Continued)**D Separate Offers (Continued)**

If a producer submits multiple offers, some of which are not determined acceptable, the producer may withdraw any or all acceptable offers.

Note: Acceptable offers on different tract numbers must **not** be combined under 1 tract number.

Important: Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for:

- each CRP-2 completed
- practices with different CRP-1 periods.

Example: Producer offers 5 acres of CP1 with a 10-year CRP-1 period and 20 acres of CP3A with a 15-year CRP-1 period on the same tract. Only one CRP-2 is completed for the offer. Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for each practice.

E Final Date for Submitting Offers

The deadline for receiving offers in the County Office is COB on the DAFP-established final date for submitting offers.

F Material for Producers

Provide copies of FSA informational material issued by DAFP to each producer submitting an offer. Provide copies of procedures in this handbook, including the formula process, to producers, if requested.

333 Completing CRP-2

A About CRP-2

CRP-2 **must** be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit offers. The document is used to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates for producers before offers are submitted
- obtain ranking data and statistics on acreage offered for the program.

Note: Before completing CRP-2, the County Office must ensure that the base limitation is not exceeded. See subparagraph 401 B and 1-ARCPLC, paragraph 21.

All item numbers, except item number 6, must be completed before producer signs CRP-2. All changes to data entered on CRP-2 after the producer signs CRP-2 must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

Notes: See paragraph 212 for completing CRP-2C for continuous CRP signup.

Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for:

- each CRP-2
- practices with different CRP-1 periods. See paragraph 332.

CRP-2 is:

- a computer-generated form
- *--provided in Exhibit 22 for display purposes only.--*

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334 Providing CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix**A Instructions to Producers**

Producers must be advised that:

- CRP-1 (Exhibit 21) is a binding contract; offers are irrevocable after the end of signup
* * *
- changes are not allowed on the preprinted portion of CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix
- any changes to the data entered on CRP-1 **must** be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer
- CRP-1 **must** be signed and dated by all required signatories. See paragraphs 335 and 340.

B What to Give Producers Submitting Offers

When the producer is ready to submit an offer, County Offices must provide the following to the producer:

- copy of CRP-2
- CRP-1 (Exhibit 21)
- copy of CRP-1 Appendix.

335 Signature Requirements

A Required Signatures

All owners, operators, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered **must** sign CRP-1, including owners with zero share in CRP annual rental payments.

Exception: Deceased participants must be removed from CRP-1 within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of the participant, regardless of whether the deceased participant is still listed as an owner on the deed, purchase contract, or other acceptable document that affirms ownership. See subparagraph 554 D for County Office actions required within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of a participant.

Each person who signs CRP-1 for a share greater than zero:

- has entered into a 10- to 15-year binding agreement with CCC

Exception: See landlord and tenant provisions in paragraph 130.

- is jointly and severally liable for complying with terms and conditions of CRP-1.

Note: Zero-share participants are not jointly and severally responsible for CRP-1 performance.

The following shows forms and signature requirements.

Form	Signature Required
CRP-1 (Exhibit 21) Certification Statement (subparagraph 130 E)	All operators, owners, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered
Conservation Plan	All operators, owners, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered *--Important: Conservation plans, when completed by NRCS for land enrolled in CRP, are considered an FSA document. FSA spousal signature authority applies, and spouses may sign CRP conservation plans on behalf of one another without a power of attorney.--*

Notes: See subparagraph C for exceptions on obtaining owners' signatures.

See 1-CM for acceptable signature methods.

335 Signature Requirements (Continued)

B Owners' Signatures

An owner is required to sign CRP-1 unless a farm is under multiple ownership and the owner's name is not on the deed to the portion of land being offered on CRP-1.

Important: Deceased owners must be removed from CRP-1 within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of the owner, regardless of whether the deceased owner is still listed as an owner on the deed, purchase contract, or other acceptable document that affirms ownership. See subparagraph 554 D for County Office actions required within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of a participant.

C Requirement Exceptions

The requirements for signatures apply unless:

- a trustee of BIA representing the Native Americans owning the land signs on their behalf

--Note: See 1-CM.--

- a native American has a restrictive 5-year BIA farm lease that has been extended according to BIA provisions.

Exception: If the land has non-Native American owners who are unknown, CRP-1 may be approved without the non-Native American owners' signatures if the total non-Native American owner share is 25 percent or less.

See 10-CM for recording unknown owners or operators in MIDAS Farm Records.

D Policy on Evidence of Signature Authority

For CRP-1, CRP-1R, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2G, CRP-2C30, CRP-817U, FSA-848A, and FSA-848B, acceptable evidence of authority for an individual to sign in a representative capacity must be on file at the time the person is signing the applicable document in a representative capacity. The County Office will not accept a signature of an individual acting in a representative capacity unless there is acceptable evidence of this authority on file in the County Office at the time the individual signs the applicable document. See 1-CM for acceptable evidence of signature authority.

336 Submitting Offers After Signup Deadline**A Register of Offers**

Registers are authorized for CRP signups according to 1-CM, paragraph 2. Producers placed on the register by COB on the final date for submitting offers must be:

- assisted as soon as possible after the final date for submitting offers
- considered to have submitted their offers on time.

B Late-Filed Offers

Only offers filed before the deadline for submitting offers are eligible.

Using CRP-36 (Exhibit 5), advise producers who submit offers after the deadline that late-filed offers are not eligible.

Note: Producers listed on the register are not considered late-filed offers.

All offers submitted by producers on a register must be completed and submitted in COLS within 1 week after the last day of the announced general CRP signup period to be ranked.

337 Withdrawing and Modifying Offers**A Adjustments to Acreage Offered**

A measurement service must be completed for all acreage determined acceptable before CRP-1 is approved. See 2-CP for redeterminations.

Exception: See paragraph 401.

CRP-1 must be adjusted to reflect the measured acres. See paragraph 401.

A measurement service fee is required on offered acreage using digital imagery. See 2-CP, paragraph 927.

Note: See paragraph 401 for measurement service requirements for approving CRP-1's.

B Withdrawing Offers

Producers can withdraw offers any time before the close of signup. Withdrawals of a part of the acreage offered are not authorized after the end of the signup period. Withdrawn offers will not be assessed liquidated damages.

A request to withdraw a CRP offer must be:

- in writing
- filed in producer's folder
- accepted.

C Identifying Withdrawn Offers

Identify each offer withdrawn by entering the following on CRP-2:

- the word "Withdrawn" in bold, red letters
- the signature of the person authorizing withdrawal
- the date withdrawal is made.

When an offer is withdrawn before the close of signup, if requested, provide a new CRP-1 to producers for resubmitting an offer by the final signup date. See subparagraphs 332 E and 337 B.

338 Succession to Offers**A General Policy**

Succession-in-interest rights do not apply to CRP offers to participate, except for:

- immediate family members of the producer that submitted the offer, according to subparagraph B
- a person, or entity, taking title to the land offered when the producer that submitted the offer dies.

Note: See subparagraph C.

All other applicable eligibility requirements will apply to the successor.

Note: See paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest to approved CRP-1.

B Succession by an Immediate Family Member

An immediate family member of the producer who submitted the offer may succeed to an acceptable offer, if all the following are met:

- producer that submitted the offer met all eligibility requirements
- successor signs CRP-2, item 26, acknowledging acceptance of offer as originally submitted

Note: No modifications to the original offer are authorized. Successor cannot modify or revise the original offer.

- immediate family member succeeding to the offer meets all other eligibility requirements before CRP-1 is approved.

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Immediate family members include parents, children, siblings, grandparents, adopted children, and spouse.

The succeeding family member does not need to meet the 12-month ownership or operatorship criteria.

338 Succession to Offers (Continued)**C Succession When Producer Who Submitted Offer Dies**

Succession-in-interest rights apply to any acceptable CRP offer when the:

- producer who submitted the offer dies before CRP-1 approval
- person or entity taking title to the land elects to succeed to the offer.

The person or entity taking title to the land may succeed to an acceptable offer, if all of the following are met:

- producer that submitted the offer met all eligibility requirements
- successor signs CRP-2, item 26, acknowledging acceptance of offer as originally submitted

Note: No modifications to the original offer are authorized. Successor cannot modify or revise the original offer.

- successor meets all other eligibility requirements before CRP-1 is approved.

* * *

The succeeding producer does not need to meet the 12-month ownership or operatorship criteria.

D Notify Eligible Successors

COC must notify eligible successors to offers that:

- they have 60 calendar days from the date of notification to succeed to the acceptable offer
- the offer will be null and void if it is not succeeded to by an eligible successor within 60 calendar days of notification
- no revisions or modifications, other than succession to the original offer, are authorized.

339 Errors and Omissions Policy

A Identifying Erroneous Records

Erroneous offer records include:

- errors detected in ranking data elements
- changes to CRP-2 data elements:
 - including changes to offered acreage because of measurement service
 - resulting from appeal or technical redeterminations.

Any timely-filed offers found by County Offices to contain incorrect ranking data are considered erroneous. Changes in the CRP-2 data may result in any of the following:

- offer being ineligible
- EBI score increasing
- EBI score decreasing.

A change made to acres of a soil type may change the maximum payment rate or the EBI score and may require the offered rental rate to be adjusted by the producer.

B Identifying Omitted Records

Omitted records include:

- any timely filed eligible general CRP signup offer not successfully loaded and/or submitted by COB on the last day of the announced general CRP signup period or COB 1 week after the last day of the announced general CRP signup where County Offices used a register
- timely-filed offers which were originally determined ineligible and not ranked that are determined eligible through the appeals process or any technical redeterminations.

Important: Late-filed offers are **not** omitted offers. Both CRP-1 and CRP-2 must be completed and signed by an eligible producer and received in the County Office by the end of signup to constitute an offer. CRP-1 or CRP-2 alone does **not** constitute an offer.

Note: See 1-APP for handling appeals.

339 Errors and Omissions Policy (Continued)**C Policy About Errors and Omissions**

All **eligible** offers that were omitted and all submitted offers that are later determined erroneous must be reprocessed by the County Office using the COLS software to determine whether the offer is acceptable. This includes all offers for which CRP-1 has **not** been approved, including those where the producers have been issued letters indicating the offer was acceptable. For errors detected after approving CRP-1, see paragraph 638.

Important: Only COLS software will be used by County Offices to process omitted and erroneous offers. See subparagraph D. County Offices must submit a copy of the “Offer Scenario” printed from the COLS Submit Offer Screen to the State Office to verify that the omitted or corrected offer was entered into the COLS software. Erroneous and omitted offers must be entered into the COLS software.

COC must reject any offer that is determined to be unacceptable, including offer records for which producers have been issued letters of acceptability. When offers are determined to be ineligible after CRP-1 has been approved, County Offices must follow paragraph 638.

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D Handling Erroneous Offers With Decreases in Maximum Payment Rate

Certain erroneous offer data may cause a change and subsequent recalculation of the maximum payment rate. If the maximum payment rate (“Maximum Payment Rate” block in COLS) is decreased because of the recalculation, the producer must agree to accept the lesser of the following:

- recalculated maximum payment rate
- original rental rate offer.

Note: The producers may withdraw the offer without assessment of liquidated damages.

E Handling Erroneous Offers With Increases in Maximum Payment Rate

If the maximum payment rate (“Maximum Payment Rate” block in COLS) is increased because of the recalculation, the producer must agree to the offered rental rate from the original CRP-2. If the producer does **not** agree to accept the offered rental rate from the original CRP-2, the producer may withdraw the offer without liquidated damages.

340 Processing Offers**A Reviewing Offers**

COC or CED must ensure that:

- producers have submitted offers for CRP-1 by tract and year
- CRP-2 was signed by at least 1 eligible producer
- CRP-1 was signed by at least 1 eligible producer
- CRP-1 signers have an interest in designated acres

Note: Notify producers they have 30 calendar days from the date of notification informing them their offer was acceptable to obtain **all** signatures, or CRP-1 will not be approved.

- offers that are not acceptable are kept on file for 1 year after the acceptable offer list is received.

B Submitting Offers for the National Office Ranking

County Office must ensure all offers are submitted COB on the end of signup for review and evaluation by the National Office.

--See 4-CRP for submitting offers to the National Office for ranking.--

C Request for Information

After data is reported to the State Office, inform anyone who requests data that the request **must** be submitted in writing according to 2-INFO.

Note: Release requested information only according to 2-INFO.

341 Notifying Producers**A Eligibility Review**

COC or CED must:

- review the list of acceptable offers to ensure that all eligibility criteria have been met for all offers listed as **acceptable** by the National Office
- **not** approve CRP-1 if producer or the offered acreage does not meet eligibility criteria even though the offer is listed as acceptable by the National Office.

B Offer Not Acceptable

If the offer is not acceptable, advise the producer that:

- offer was not acceptable
- eligible land may be reoffered in a later signup.

C Procedure for Notifying Producers

COC or CED must notify producers, using CRP-23, CRP-24, and CRP-26 (Exhibit 5), of the status of their offer as soon as the list of acceptable offers is received and an eligibility review was conducted.

Note: Decisions issued through use of CRP-26 must include appeal rights to COC according to 1-APP.

Provide NRCS or TSP a list of acceptable offers.

341 Notifying Producers (Continued)**D Offer Acceptable and Clearly Eligible**

If the offer is determined acceptable, advise the producer:

- to notify the County Office if the producer wants the offer approved

Note: The producer's notification to the County Office is not required to be in writing. The County Office must notate the producer's notification and include the notation in the producer's CRP folder.

- that a conservation plan **must** be developed by NRCS or TSP * * * before CRP-1 can be approved by COC or CED

Note: County Offices must provide to NRCS or TSP all documents necessary to complete the conservation plan, including, but not limited to the following:

- CRP-1
 - CRP-2
 - TERRA scenario
 - geospatial data
 - maps.
- of provisions for starting practices. See Part 11.

342-365 (Reserved)

Part 11 Conservation Plans and Contract Support Documents

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan

A Conservation Plan

A conservation plan is a record of the producer's decisions and supporting information for the treatment of a unit of land or water as a result of the planning process that meets NRCS FOTG planning criteria for each natural resource and addresses economic and social considerations. The plan describes the schedule of operations and activities required to
--address and resolve identified natural resource concerns.--

B Original Plan Development

An approved conservation plan is required before CRP-1 can be approved. NRCS or TSP **must** complete a site visit, before approving a conservation plan.

County Offices must provide to NRCS or TSP all documents necessary to complete the conservation plan, including, but not limited to the following:

- CRP-1
- CRP-2
- TERRA scenario
- geospatial data/maps
- location and any other relevant geospatial data/maps.

The approved conservation plan must be developed by:

- the participant
- NRCS or TSP.

NRCS or TSP is responsible for the following conservation planning, practice implementation, and certification activities:

- environmental evaluation during the conservation planning process
- technical leadership for planning and implementation
- technical concurrence on the conservation plans and revisions
- adherence to subparagraph 367 F about compliance with NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and related laws, regulations, and executive orders.

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)**B Original Plan Development (Continued)**

--The Conservation District will sign the conservation plan according to NRCS and--
Conservation District policy as specified under mutual, cooperative working, operational, and contribution agreements and according to the confidentiality provisions of Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

NRCS or TSP must ensure that the approved conservation plan:

- contains all the practices necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the vegetative cover on all of the acres offered for CRP
- is technically adequate for achieving CRP objectives
- incorporates all requirements for Federal, State, or local permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G
- ensures that the CRP cover will not be disturbed during PNS.

Note: See paragraph 427.

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

B Original Plan Development (Continued)

- for CP22 when the producer elects natural regeneration, provides **all** * * * the following:
 - **no** C/S will be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See Exhibit 11.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- NRCS technical practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration
- NRCS or TSP must conduct a status review of the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established **and** meets the standards and specifications for NRCS technical practice code 391, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: NRCS or TSP **must** immediately notify COC or CED:

- of the result of the status review
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

Note: COC or CED **must** notify participant of the results of the status review.

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)**C Application of Practices**

The approved conservation plan must include measures necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the approved practices and required management activities. This applies regardless of eligibility for C/S funds.

-- CP12, Wildlife Food Plot, may be included in the approved conservation plan only to-- enhance certain other practices included in the approved conservation plan if the:

- producer wants to establish a wildlife habitat
- area is suited for the successful establishment of the practice.

Note: See Exhibit 11 for practices eligible to be used in conjunction with CP12.

D Practice Performance Requiring Permits

Participants who want to perform practices on land they do not own or to install practices that require State or Federal permits are responsible for obtaining permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices, as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G before the cover establishment.

The person receiving C/S assistance is responsible to CCC for any losses sustained by the Federal Government if the person:

- infringes on the rights of others
- does not comply with applicable laws and regulations.

367 Conservation Planning**A Conservation Plan Development**

Upon notification that the offer is acceptable, the designated NRCS conservationist will work with the producer to develop a conservation plan. The designated conservationist will also coordinate with the appropriate agencies relating to the planning and installation of wildlife habitat and forestry practices.

B Plan Requirements

An approved conservation plan:

- includes all of the eligible acres offered for CRP
- may provide for haying and grazing if permitted
- has suitable planned cover for the soil types enrolled
- includes practices required for the establishment of permanent cover
- for natural regeneration of CP22, CP22B, or CP22S; see subparagraph 366 B
- contains the practices necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the approved cover on all acres enrolled
- contains practices necessary to control weeds, insects, and pests
- contains the best method for maintenance of the approved cover, such as prescribed burning or other options
- contains required management activities
- is technically adequate for achieving CRP objectives
- meets the specific environmental objectives of CPA, if applicable

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

B Plan Requirements (Continued)

- ensures that the CRP cover will not be disturbed during the PNS

Note: See paragraph 427.

- ensures NEPA and other requirements have been met; see subparagraph F
- includes engineering plans.

CED or COC before approving CRP-1 will review and approve the plan if all requirements are met including signature requirements found in paragraph 368. The plan must be rejected if these requirements are not met.

C Conservation Plan Map

The conservation plan map must include the field number, field boundaries, easements, and acres, as identified by FSA. The land use must be identified as “Cropland-CRP-Conservation Practice Number.”

D Additional Material to Include in the Conservation Plan

In addition to the material outlined in the National Planning Procedures Handbook, the conservation plan must include information or job sheets/implementation requirements on the following:

- vegetative or cover establishment
- herbicides, insecticide, or mechanical weed control.
- required management activities
- engineering plans
- *--grazing or haying plan requirements, if applicable.--*

E Planning Policy

Technical references and conservation planning policy include:

- National Planning Procedures Handbook
- National Food Security Act Manual
- General Manual 180, Part 409 – Conservation Planning Policy
- General Manual 190, Part 410 – Compliance with NEPA
- Field Office Technical Guides – Technical criteria.

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements

NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and other related laws, regulations, and executive orders require Federal agencies to consider the potential impacts of their proposed actions on the natural, cultural, and human environment. Therefore, **before** approving a CRP-1 (including re-enrollment), land application of animal waste, construction of wind-powered generation devices, or implementing any ground disturbing practice, FSA **must** ensure that all potential impacts to the cultural, natural, and human environment have been considered and thoroughly evaluated according to 1-EQ, 7 CFR Part 799, and GM 190 Part 410. It is FSA's responsibility to determine the impacts of a project on protected resources and to make the finding of effect. Cultural resource documentation may be provided by NRCS or a TSP, however FSA is responsible for consultations and determination of effects. Consultation may result in the need for a cultural resources field survey(s).

The following table provides the items for approval and related criteria needed prior to approval in relation to NEPA.

Item for Approval	Criteria
CRP-1 (including contract re-enrollments)	NRCS or the TSP must provide the following documentation to FSA, when applicable: • complete Sections A-O of the NRCS-CPA-52, based on the results of the site visit • all reports, permits, or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain *--practices, as provided on NRCS-CPA-52, Sections G and K Note: NRCS will work with the participant during the environmental evaluation process.--* • IPaC or other technical report addressing threatened and endangered species Note: IPaC reports are valid for 90 days. • floodplain information • prime farmland • soils and HEL (CPA-026) • wetland documentation • cultural resources documentation • photographs • 7.5-minute USGS topographic map of the project.

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements (Continued)

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Item for Approval	Criteria
CRP-1 (including contract re-enrollments) (Cntd.)	The FSA approving official must: • determine the area of potential effect, prior ground disturbance, historical aerial images, soil data, producer information, cropping history, and farm equipment usage • review the NRCS-CPA-52, as prepared by NRCS or a TSP during the conservation planning process, to determine potential impacts of the proposed CRP-1 and associated C/S and CP's on the cultural, natural, and human environment. • ensure compliance with all environmental policies and regulations in 1-EQ • see 1-EQ for proposed actions that occur within wetlands or floodplains • conduct all required consultations (for example, SHPO, THPO, American Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, FWS, NMFS) according to 1-EQ • review background research, consultation responses, and proposed project impacts to identify the need for a cultural resource survey • complete the NRCS-CPA-52, Sections P, Q, R, and S after completing all necessary consultations. Note: Only FSA approving officials who have completed environmental compliance training provided by the State Environmental Coordinator may sign the NRCS-CPA-52.

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367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements (Continued)

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Item for Approval	Criteria
Land Application of Animal Waste, Sludge, or Agricultural By-Product	Before COC or CED approves the application of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product, FSA must: • request NRCS or TSP update the conservation plan and NRCS-CPA-52 • complete the NRCS-CPA-52 process and proceed with processing the producer's request • ensure the environmental evaluation documents the source area of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product, and that there are no known contaminants in any soil amendments • include supporting documentation and consultation records as part of the file. Note: See paragraph 635.
Construction of Wind Turbines	Before COC or CED approves the construction of wind turbines on CRP, FSA must: • request NRCS or TSP update the conservation plan and NRCS-CPA-52 • complete the NRCS-CPA-52 process and proceed with processing the producer's request • ensure that turbines comply with FWS land-based wind energy guidelines • include supporting documentation and consultation records as part of the file. Note: See paragraph 639.

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367 Conservation Planning (Continued)**G Other Technical Assistance Sources**

Participants may use conservation planning, practice implementation, and certification services of certified persons other than NRCS, such as:

- private businesses or consultants
- other organizations
- TSP's
- Federal, State, and local government agencies, such as:
 - State wildlife agencies
 - State forestry agencies
 - State water quality agencies.

Note: See 440 Programs Manual, Part 504 Technical Provider Assistance for information regarding third party vendors.

The NRCS designated conservationist may accept conservation plans previously developed by conservation partners or consultants provided the plan meets CRP requirements and NRCS technical requirements.

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)**H Technical Error**

If a technical error is discovered resulting in an incorrect conservation plan, NRCS or TSP will:

- immediately contact the appropriate participant
- revise the plan to meet practice standards.

--368 NRCS Conservation Plan and C/S Agreement--**A Conservation Plan and C/S Agreement**

For CRP, the conservation plan must be developed to meet identified resource conservation needs. The conservation plan may or may not extend across program boundaries.

The C/S agreement is developed to meet specific program needs.

B Use of Existing Plans

Existing conservation plans, if applicable, may be used in preparing the conservation plan for CRP. NRCS, FSA, and the producer must each receive a copy of the conservation plan. All entries will be legible and use NRCS-approved electronic forms. Plans must also include:

- conservation planning map and legend
- applicable job sheets/implementation requirements referred to on an NRCS-approved electronic form.

C Required Signatures for Conservation Plan

For CRP, NRCS-approved electronic forms **must** be signed by all the following:

- CRP producers listed on CRP-1
- designated conservationist.

See paragraph 366 for:

- requirements before COC or CED approves the conservation plan
- signature by the Conservation District representative.

FSA COC or CED must have concurrence with the Contract Support Document for CRP acreage.

369 Assembling and Filing CRP Documents

A Overview

County FSA Offices must:

- maintain the original CRP-1, CRP-1 Appendix, and CRP-2, CRP-2C, and CRP-2G
- provide NRCS with a copy of any documents needed for NRCS CRP case files.

*--CRP documents must be contained in a 6-part folder. The following subparagraphs provide instructions for assembling and filing CRP documents.

Note: Documents for current contracts may continue under previously established filing guidelines.--*

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369 Assembling and Filing CRP Documents (Continued)**B Using a 6-Part Folder**

A 6-part folder must be used for continuity and uniformity. The arrangement of the documents for each cover from front to back is provided below:

First Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the first cover:

- current conservation plan map
- *--NRCS-approved conservation plan forms (CPA-1155 or CPA-1156)--*
- job sheets/implementation requirements referenced in the conservation plan
- tree planting plan, if applicable
- engineering plan, if applicable
- NRCS-CPA-52
- *--NEPA, NHPA, and ESA consultation and supporting documentation, if applicable
- Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, if applicable
- grazing or haying plan, if applicable.--*

Second Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the second cover:

- CRP-1
- CRP-2
- TERRA scenario/enrollment information
- location map
- landlord/tenant statement, if applicable
- 505/517, if applicable
- other supporting documentation and letters
- CRP-1 Appendix.

Third Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the third cover:

- FSA-848A
- FSA-848B
- all C/S receipts
- documentation
- payment information.

369 Assembling and Filing CRP Documents (Continued)**B Using a 6-Part Folder (Continued)****Fourth Cover of 6-Part Folder**

The following is the order for the fourth cover:

- status reviews
- con 6 notes
- FSA spot checks.

Fifth Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the fifth cover:

- Correspondence with producer/running record
- *--CCC-770's and other checklists used by the county office.--*

Sixth Cover of 6-Part Folder

Other miscellaneous documentation as appropriate.

C Payment Records

Payment records are not required to be filed in the 6-Part Folder but may be generated from Common Payment Reports, as needed, and may be filed in the Sixth Cover.

D Assistance Notes

Appropriate documentation will be included in the conservation assistance notes in Conservation Desktop. Do not duplicate this information on CPA-6.

E Disposition of Completed or Terminated CRP-1's

Record the termination or expiration date on each CRP-1. NRCS must follow the Records Management Guide (120 GM, Part 408) for records maintenance and disposal.

370-400 (Reserved)

Part 12 Approving CRP-1's

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's

A Requirements Before Approval

Before approving CRP-1's, County Offices must:

- ensure that a separate CRP-1 is completed for:
 - *--each CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP-2G--*
 - practices with different CRP-1 periods

Note: See paragraphs 211 and 332.

- determine acres to be enrolled by completing a paid-for measurement service

Exceptions: Measurement service is not required for:

- official fields
- any acreage currently enrolled that has been reoffered and accepted, if the specific area accepted was measured before enrollment.

Notes: In early signup periods, offers were accepted by farm. Offers are now required to be by tract. If acreage currently enrolled were required to be reoffered separately because the acreage is located on more than 1 tract, the acreage is required to be measured.

The use of TERRA is considered a measurement service. No measurement service fee is charged for the use of TERRA. If staking and referencing or in office measurement, other than TERRA, is performed, see 2-CP, paragraph 927 for fees.

- adjust the acreage on CRP-1 as appropriate according to the completed measurement service
- ensure that base acres and CRP acres do not exceed effective DCP cropland on the farm, according to subparagraph B
- complete approved farm reconstitutions

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

A Requirements Before Approval (Continued)

- *--review NRCS-CPA-52, Sections G and K, to determine whether the producer is--* required to obtain any permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices, and if FSA needs to complete consultations
- complete a second party review of all eligibility requirements and maximum payment rate calculations
- ensure * * * CCC-526, CCC-931, CCC-933, or CCC-941 as applicable, has been filed for all producers with a share greater than zero, including members of entities and joint operations, and updated in the web-based Subsidiary Eligibility System before CRP-1 approval

Notes: CCC-941 **must** be filed to ensure * * * CRP participants are aware of payment eligibility for new CRP-1's or revised CRP-1's where there is a succession. This does **not** require * * * a prospective CRP participant be eligible for payments, **only** that CCC-941 be filed.

If a zero share producer revises their share, the appropriate AGI form is required. See paragraph 131.

- review the multiple county producer list with other County Offices
- ensure county cropland limit eligibility according to Part 4
- *--ensure CCC-770 is complete, including required DD review, according to paragraph 7, if applicable--*
- ensure * * * NRCS has terminated all applicable WBP agreements

Note: File a copy of the terminated WBP agreement in the producer's CRP folder.

- *--ensure the first five CREP offers per county under a new or revised CREP agreement have been reviewed by STC or STR representative.

Note: The first five CREP reviews are a 1-time requirement and not an annual requirement. STC may implement additional CREP reviews if determined appropriate.--*

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)**A Requirements Before Approval (Continued)**

For general CRP signups, a producer may change CRP practices only if all the following conditions are met:

- original offer was accepted
- CRP-1 has not been approved
- the EBI score of the new practice is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the existing practice.

Important: When determining whether the EBI score of the new practice or practices is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the original practice or practices, COC or CED **must** use the same EBI criteria * * * used for the original offer. See CRP-2 for EBI score.

For continuous CRP signup, a producer may change practices if CRP-1 has not been approved.

B Approving CRP-1's

Approve CRP-1's if:

- offer is included on the list of acceptable offers

Note: This is not applicable to continuous CRP signup CRP-1's.

- for continuous CRP signup CRP-1's, all applicable requirements according to paragraph 181 have been met
- all required signatures have been obtained on all related CRP forms and plans
- a conservation plan is approved for the acreage
- required permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices
 - *--provided by NRCS on the NRCS-CPA-52, Sections G and K, have been obtained by--* the producer and a copy provided to the County Office

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

B Approving CRP-1's (Continued)

- the current CCC-931, CCC-933, or CCC-941 as applicable, has been filed for all producers with a share greater than zero and updated in the web-based Subsidiary Eligibility System
- the conservation plan is consistent with policies in paragraph 366
- base acres and CRP acres do not exceed the DCP cropland on the farm.

If the total base acres, plus CRP acres (excluding any marginal pastureland, such as ~~grassland CRP noncropland acres~~) based on the effective date of CRP-1's, exceeds DCP ~~cropland~~ for the farm, the producer must designate which of the following to reduce:

- CRP acres being offered
- base acres.

Important: Reductions must be completed according to 10-CM. Land transitioned under TIP CRP-1R is not subject to DCP base reduction.

Notes: Reduction of CRP acres offered must be completed before the end of the applicable signup period.

The reduction of applicable acres must be to the extent the total CRP and DCP cropland acreage does not exceed the cropland for the farm.

Acreage enrolled in an approved CRP-1 cannot be reduced.

County Offices must calculate the number of acres on a farm that may be enrolled in CRP without requiring a reduction to DCP base acres at the time the producer submits CRP-2, ~~CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, and CRP-2G, if applicable. See 10-CM.~~

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

B Approving CRP-1's (Continued)

When the producer determines to reduce base acres on a farm because of enrollment into CRP, the producer **must** complete CCC-505 according to 1-ARCPLC at the time the acres are being offered for CRP.

The County Office must:

- reduce base acres and complete CCC-505 according to 1-ARCPLC
- ensure acreage determinations have been made and verified by a measurement service

Exceptions: Measurement service is not required for:

- official fields
- any acreage currently enrolled that has been reoffered and accepted, if the area accepted was measured before enrollment.

Notes: In early signup periods, offers were accepted by farm. Offers are now required to be by tract. If acreage currently enrolled were required to be reoffered separately because the acreage is located on more than 1 tract, the acreage is required to be measured.

The use of TERRA is considered a measurement service. No measurement service fee is charged for the use of TERRA. If staking and referencing or in office measurement, other than TERRA, is performed, see 2-CP, paragraph 927 for fees.

- complete all acreage eligibility determinations
- *--ensure the first five CREP offers per county under a new or revised CREP agreement have been reviewed by STC or STC representative.

Note: The first five CREP reviews are a 1-time requirement and not an annual requirement. STC may implement additional CREP reviews if determined appropriate.--*

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)**C COC Responsibilities**

COC or CED must:

- sign and date each eligible CRP-1 if:
 - listed as an acceptable offer
- requirements in this paragraph have been met
- not approve CRP-1's for persons listed in subparagraph D
- follow conflict of interest provisions in 22-PM, Part 9.

Note: This is not applicable to continuous CRP signup CRP-1's.

D Approval Responsibilities

An STC or DAFP representative must review certain CRP-1's before approval. The following shows required reviews, persons responsible for review, and persons responsible for approval or disapproval.

CRP-1's for...	MUST be reviewed by...	BEFORE approval or disapproval by...
• COC members * * * • FSA County Office employees • other County USDA employees • Conservation District board members	DD	DD.
State Office employees	STC	STC.
STC members	DAFP	SED.
SED's	DAFP	STC.
Other FSA employees	DAFP	STC.

Note: Reviews **must** be completed for any entity for which the employees, who are subject to a required review, have a substantial beneficial interest, according to 1-PL, 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

D Approval Responsibilities (Continued)

Persons making the required reviews must ensure that all:

- eligibility requirements are met
- *--required entries on CRP-1, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, and CRP-2G are completed.--*

SED or STC, as applicable, must not approve CRP-1's unless authorized by DAFP in writing.

E County Office Action

After requirements in subparagraphs A through C have been met, notify producer of approval using CRP-24 (Exhibit 5).

402 CRP-1 Period**A Length of Time**

*--The following table shows the CRP-1 period for each type of enrollment.

Type of Enrollment	CRP-1 Period
General CRP	10 to 15 years
Continuous CRP	10 to 15 years
Continuous CRP CLEAR 30	30 years
Grassland CRP	10 or 15 years

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See Exhibit 32 for CRP-1 effective dates and corresponding expiration dates.

B Example of 10-Year CRP-1

*--CRP-1 period for FY 2022 CRP-1's will end on September 30, 2031.

See Exhibit 20 for signup periods and program years.

C Effective Date

For general CRP signup, the effective date of CRP-1 must be October 1 of the next FY for--* any of the following:

- new land
- land that is currently enrolled in CRP at the time of signup that expires on September 30 *--of the current FY and is re-enrolled.--*

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Notes: Harvest of the prior year's agricultural commodity crop is permitted after October 1 without a payment reduction.

For acreage not enrolled in CRP at the time of signup, grazing is prohibited beginning, the later of, for acreage with a CRP-1 effective date of October 1:

- 10 calendar days after COC or CED approves CRP-1
- October 1 of the first year of CRP-1.

COC must notify producers of this policy.

See paragraph 213 for effective dates and grazing restrictions of CRP-1's approved under continuous CRP signup provisions.

403-425 (Reserved)

Part 13 Establishing and Maintaining Practices

426 Establishing Approved Cover

A Establishing Required Cover on CRP-1

CRP participants must agree to establish and maintain approved practices according to the conservation plan of operations.

Use of hand-collected seed is not authorized for CRP. COC or CED must not approve CRP-1 when hand-collected seed was or will be used to establish the cover.

Exception: If verification of PLS factor, germination, and seed quality is provided, hand-collected seed may be used to establish the CRP cover.

Note: See subparagraph 490 D.

Practices included in the CRP conservation plan **must** cost-effectively achieve a reduction in soil erosion to maintain:

- the productive capacity of the soil
- water quality improvements
- wetland or wildlife protection
- reduced airborne wind particulate matter
- public wellhead protection
- environmental benefit achievements.

NRCS or TSP will encourage the participant to:

- where appropriate, plant perennial seeding and planting mixes that achieve the highest environmental benefits for each CRP practice
- where practical, as determined by NRCS or TSP, use State-certified seed for CRP

Note: However, common seeds, especially for natives, may be used when certified seed is **not** available.

- where appropriate, avoid the use of single, introduced species
- use native legumes, forbs, shrubs, and plant mixes
- ensure that the approved seeding mix does not include weed species, including noxious weed species.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

A Establishing Required Cover on CRP-1 (Continued)

COC or CED, must only agree to conservation plans or approve CRP-1's that do **not** include C/S for:

- hand-collected seed, except when verification of PLS factor, germination, and seed quality is provided
- practices tailored to specifically enhance or change the commercial production

Exception: Haying or grazing of grasses or harvesting forest products from CP3 and CP3A when CRP-1 expires.

- purchasing and establishing species of grasses, legumes, trees, and other vegetative cover that are not adaptable to the area without excessive cost to establish the cover
- providing any plastic mulch or supplemental irrigation water, except where CP5, CP5A, CP16, CP16A, CP17, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, and CP25 will be established in areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less.

NRCS or TSP, within 2 years of certifying completion of the practice, will conduct a *--site visit to determine whether the approved permanent cover is fully established, as--* determined by NRCS or TSP. COC or CED in consultation with NRCS or TSP, may allow participants to spray and mow the acreage under CRP-1 at any time, if this activity is required in the conservation plan to establish the approved cover.

Note: This includes mowing and clipping of a nurse crop that was used to establish the approved cover.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

B When to Start CRP Practice

Producers will be advised * * *:

- approved CRP practices may be started after:
 - submitting the offer to the County Office
 - completing the environmental review as provided in subparagraph 367 F
- *--**Note:** Starting a practice before final approval of CRP-1, and before the completion of an environmental evaluation, is at the producer's own risk.--*
- being notified CRP-1 has been approved
 - where practicable, as determined by NRCS or TSP, State-certified seed must be used for CRP

Note: However, common seeds, especially for natives, may be used when certified seed is not available.

- C/S payments are ineligible if:
 - offer is not accepted
 - designated acres are ineligible
 - practice does not meet specifications
 - practice is not included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: See paragraph 429 for C/S when modifying approved conservation plan.

C Permanent Covers

The approved conservation plan **must** include the establishment of a permanent vegetative cover:

- according to the planting timespan requirement in Exhibit 11
- before the presence of an erosion problem.

The participant is eligible to receive C/S assistance after CRP-1 is approved and the approved cover is seeded, or for approved water cover the required establishment activities, such as earth moving and blocking drains, have been completed.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

C Permanent Covers (Continued)

Approved permanent cover is required to be seeded within 12 months after the CRP-1 effective date, according to Exhibit 11. However, NRCS or TSP, in consultation with COC or CED, may, in developing the conservation plan, permit up to an additional 12 months, not to exceed 24 continuous months, to seed or install the approved permanent cover if any of the following apply:

- the specific site conditions require additional time to seed the approved cover to not adversely impact the natural resources of the site or surrounding areas
- the approved grass seed, grass mixture, trees, or shrubs are not available
- seed costs will create an economic hardship on the participant.

Example: Jane Smith's signup 52 CRP-1 for 100 acres was approved with an effective date of October 1, 2019. The approved permanent cover is required to be seeded by October 1, 2020, according to Exhibit 11. The next normal planting date for the approved permanent cover begins in May 2020 and ends in June 2020. Because of the specific site conditions, planting the entire 100 acres to the approved permanent cover at 1 time would cause severe erosion on the acreage enrolled and cause similar adverse impacts on the surrounding fields. NRCS, in consultation with COC or CED, may, in developing the conservation plan, provide Ms. Smith an additional 12 months (to October 1, 2021) to seed the approved permanent cover on a portion of the field to reduce the adverse environmental impacts to the site. An approved temporary cover, if needed, **must** be seeded on the acreage not planted to the approved permanent cover according to the conservation plan.

Notes: Determinations to permit an additional 12 months to seed the approved permanent cover must be:

- made on a case-by-case basis
- recorded in the conservation plan.

Up to 3 years may be permitted for certain hardwood tree plantings. See Exhibit 11.

*--Components must be completed within the timelines required in the conservation plan, including approved practice extensions, within 36 months from the effective date of the CRP-1. These components include, but are not limited to, fencing, water infrastructure, water crossings, and other essential parts of the conservation plan but are not directly related to establishment of the conservation cover.

Producers not able to complete supporting components within 36 months can request one additional 12-month period from DAFP.--*

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

D Additional Months to Establish Permanent Covers Authorized

After the conservation plan is approved, COC or CED may approve a revised plan, signed pen and ink changes by the participant, to allow up to 2 additional 12-month extensions of time to seed or install the approved permanent cover if COC or CED determines that any of the following applies:

- the approved grass seed, grass mixture, trees, or shrubs are not available
- seed costs will create an adverse economic hardship on the participant
- the producer has been prevented from timely seeding the approved permanent cover because of adverse weather conditions.

***--Important:** Indicating the reason for an additional 12 months is because of “adverse weather” with no documentation is not sufficient. The adverse weather must be thoroughly documented in the COC minutes, including but not limited to, all of the following:

- detailed description of adverse weather
- date and duration of adverse weather
- how it prevented the approved permanent cover from being seeded and why an additional 12 months is needed to seed the approved permanent cover.--*

Note: See paragraph 429 for modifying approved conservation plans.

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* * * In **no** case will COC, CED, or STC approve a revised conservation plan for more than a total of 36 months, original 12-month plan, plus up to 2 additional 12-month extensions, to seed the approved permanent cover. CRP-1's that do not have the approved permanent cover seeded in 36 months of the effective date must be terminated. Terminate according to paragraph 573.

Meritorious requests for authority to continue CRP-1, on which the approved permanent cover has not been seeded within 36 months of the effective date of CRP-1, may only be approved by DAFP. COC and STC may submit requests to DAFP, only if both COC or CED and STC determine the request is justified based on documented and verifiable facts of the individual case. All cases submitted to DAFP must include the following:

- complete explanation of how such a CRP-1 will be able to achieve the environmental benefits for which it was scored on EBI and accepted for enrollment in CRP
- submit a complete case file according to subparagraph 5 C.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

D Additional Months to Establish Permanent Covers Authorized (Continued)

COC must document extensions of time to seed or install the approved permanent cover in the COC minutes and, at a minimum, include the following:

- participant name
- farm number
- agreement number from FSA-848
- practice
- detailed description of reason for extension.

The County Office will record all COC- or CED-approved extensions in CSS within 5 workdays of approval of the extension of time to seed or install the approved permanent cover.

COC or CED will notify the participant in writing within 5 workdays of COC or CED determination. If an extension is authorized, COC or CED will also notify the participant of the extended deadline.

E Temporary Covers

If the approved cover cannot be seeded within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1, a suitable temporary cover must be seeded according to the conservation plan. C/S for temporary cover, if needed, is authorized when COC or CED determines, based on ~~the~~ recommendation of NRCS or TSP that the seeding of the approved permanent cover must ~~be~~ be delayed.

Note: Temporary cover must be established at the participant's own expense if C/S was declined by the participant when the offer was submitted.

Viable native or introduced grass species that are currently adequately controlling erosion may be adequate temporary cover.

Note: Weeds, crop residue (unless adequate for erosion control), etc. are not acceptable as a temporary cover under any circumstance.

427 Maintaining Approved Cover

A Practice Maintenance

Cover maintenance is the participant's responsibility after NRCS or TSP completes a *--site visit to determine that the approved permanent cover is fully established. Participants--* must maintain practices, according to the conservation plan and this paragraph, without additional C/S assistance. The maximum payment rate calculation considers the cost of certain maintenance, if applicable, for the participant throughout the CRP-1 period.

NRCS or TSP must work with participants to plan appropriate maintenance practices, such as mowing, spraying, or prescribed burning in a logical and practical manner. All practices necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the approved permanent cover must be included in the conservation plan and agreed to by the participant. Maintenance practices must meet CRP and participant objectives. NRCS or TSP, in consultation with COC or CED, must determine when maintenance practices can be rescheduled. For CRP-1's where maintenance was not scheduled, the conservation plan will be modified to include appropriate maintenance.

Except as provided in paragraph 491, participants **must** ensure:

- that adequate approved vegetative cover is maintained to control erosion for the CRP-1 period
 - compliance with State noxious weed laws, if applicable, as determined by the State or local noxious weed commission
- *--Note:** Neither STC, COC, or CED has the authority to determine whether a CRP--* participant has failed to comply with State noxious weed laws. Upon a finding of failure to comply with State noxious weed laws, by the appropriate authority, STC and COC must assess appropriate payment reductions or terminate CRP-1, as applicable, according to paragraph 571.
- control of other weeds that are not considered noxious, as determined by COC or CED, for CRP-1's entered into after November 28, 1990
 - that undesirable vegetation, weeds (including noxious weeds), insects, rodents, etc., that pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area are controlled

427 Maintaining Approved Cover (Continued)

A Practice Maintenance (Continued)

- after NRCS or TSP conduct a site visit to determine that the approved permanent cover is fully established, all CRP maintenance activity, such as mowing, burning, and spraying, is conducted outside PNS for wildlife and according to the conservation plan, except that spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during PNS if **all** of the following are met:
 - if untreated, the weeds, insects, or undesirable species would adversely impact the approved cover
 - COC or CED, in consultation with NRCS or TSP, determines such activity is needed to maintain the approved cover

Note: CRP participants must receive COC or CED approval before beginning spot treatment of acreage.

- the spot treatment is limited to the affected areas of the field.

***--Note:** The maintenance period begins when NRCS or TSP determines the permanent cover is fully established and continues through the end of the contract.--*

When spot treatment is determined necessary, COC or CED must approve a method that results in the least damage to the nesting wildlife and habitat.

Note: Spot treatment includes spot spraying and spot mowing, and is limited to the immediate area of infestation.

Periodic mowing and mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited at all times, even if this activity is included in the conservation plan.

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control is prohibited.

Note: Outside of PNS, occasional mowing for control of weeds, insects, or pests is permissible if included in the conservation plan.

427 Maintaining Approved Cover (Continued)**A Practice Maintenance (Continued)**

Participants are responsible for fire management on CRP acreage. Where appropriate, firebreaks must be:

- included in the conservation plan support document
- installed according to NRCS Firebreak Standard 394.

Barren firebreaks will only be allowed in high risk areas, such as transportation corridors, rural communities, and adjacent farmsteads. The designated conservationist must document in the contract support document that there will not be an erosion hazard from the barren firebreak. If erosion becomes a problem, remedial action must be taken.

B Conservation Practices

Except for Christmas trees and ornamentals, CRP participants may establish other non-CRP conservation practices, including alternative perennials, without C/S. The establishment of these practices will be:

- within existing policy to comply with conservation compliance provisions
- at the participant's own expense
- included in the approved conservation plan
- approved by the Conservation District
- subject to COC or CED approval.

428 Managing Approved Cover

A Required Management

All CRP participants with CRP-1's effective beginning June 3, 2019, are required to perform at least 1 required management activity, if determined necessary in the approved conservation plan. This management activity must be designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. Management activities are site specific and are used to enhance the wildlife benefits for the site. Management activities **must** be completed before the end of year 6 for CRP-1's with a 10-year CRP-1 period, or before the end of year 9 for CRP-1's with a 15-year CRP-1 period. When required, the management activity **must** be listed on the approved conservation plan and clearly identify the specific year in which the activity **must** take place. Conservation plans that do not list a management activity, when one is required for the practice, are not acceptable.

Exceptions: A management activity is not required in the case where a natural disaster or adverse weather event occurs that has the same effect of the planned management activity.

Management activities are not required for CP88.

In no case will the 1 required management activity occur during the last 3 years of the CRP-1 period. However, additional management activities may occur up to year:

- 8 for 10-year CRP-1's
- 13 for 15-year CRP-1's.

--Thinning is a customary forestry practice and may be completed in any year provided no-- C/S is paid.

Grazing may be used as a management activity on all CRP conservation practices outside the primary nesting season as long as the grazing will not cause any long-term damage to the conservation cover. Grazing, if selected by the CRP participant, must be included in the conservation plan and designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits without damaging the cover. C/S is not authorized for grazing as a management activity. Modified conservation plans are required to add grazing as a management activity.

Grazing as a management activity:

- must follow the NRCS/TSP conservation plan and occur for up to 90 consecutive days or a total of 90 days before and after the end of PNS in a single FY
- can only be used once during a 10-year contract and twice during a 15-year contract

428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

A Required Management (Continued)

- is not subject to the nonemergency grazing frequency restrictions, however, it does restart the waiting period for nonemergency grazing

Example: CRP participant Dana used nonemergency grazing in 2020. Dana could schedule grazing as a management activity in 2021 but would have to wait until 2023 to use nonemergency grazing again. Grazing as a management activity resets the clock for nonemergency haying and grazing.

- is not subject to a payment reduction
- is only available outside the PNS
- *--is available for all CRP-1's in all States and counties, excluding those contracts for land enrolled through grassland CRP, Soil Health and Income Protection Program, or--*SAFE, unless SAFE agreements specifically authorize grazing.

Note: See applicable CREP agreement for allowed haying and grazing.

If a CRP participant has a management activity scheduled and the county becomes eligible for emergency grazing, the participant can use emergency grazing outside of the primary nesting season to fulfill the management activity requirement provided the participant obtains a modified conservation plan.

Failure to perform planned management activities can result in CRP-1 violation. See paragraph 603 for noncompliance.

NRCS or TSP will work with participants to plan appropriate management activities, such as, light disking, inter-seeding, tree thinning, haying/grazing, or other components applicable to the practice that will create plant diversity for the benefit of wildlife and enhancement of the *--permanent cover. The management activity must be listed on the conservation plan with the year that the activity will be completed in identified.

Note: Listing a range of years to complete the management activity on the conservation plan is not acceptable.--*

For CRP-1's approved before June 3, 2019, the participant may receive up to 50 percent C/S for the management practices not to exceed:

- \$100 per acre for the life of CRP-1 for a 10-year CRP-1
- \$125 per acre for the life of CRP-1 for CRP-1 in excess of 10 years.

Beginning with signup 52, C/S will not be authorized for management practices.

428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

B Voluntary Management

For all CRP-1's approved before June 3, 2019, modified to include tree thinning and associated forest management activities, management activities can be voluntarily performed, without C/S and/or incentives, if participants voluntarily request to revise the conservation plan to include management activities with the same terms and conditions as established for the required management activities.

C Determining Required Management Activities

SED will provide a list of existing practices with enrollment within their State to the State Conservationist by March 1 each year. The State Conservationist must review the list to determine whether a management activity is needed. The State Conservationist may ask for recommendations from the State Technical Committee. The State Conservationist must provide these recommendations to SED by May 31 each year.

Note: If an offer is received with a new practice within the State, SED will request a recommendation from the State Conservationist and forward the recommendation with SED's concurrence/nonconcurrence to DAFP.

D SED Approval

SED will concur or not concur with the State Conservationist's recommendations for **all** CRP practices identified as needing a management activity. SED's must send their concurrence or *--non-concurrence to DAFP by June 30 for revisions and requests for new activities.--*

DAFP will notify State Offices which conservation practices have been determined to need required management activities within their State.

Note: If requested, conservation plans for CRP-1's approved before December 9, 2019, may be modified to remove management activities determined to be no longer needed according to this subparagraph.

E Development of Management Activities for New Practices

If DAFP determines the practice requires a management activity, FSA must establish a management activity development team to develop State-specific management requirements for needed management activities, to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits, while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. The development team must include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- NRCS
- FWS
- State fish and game agencies
- State foresters
- other appropriate agencies.

428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

E Development of Management Activities (Continued)

The team **must** develop a list of management activities for **any** practices which have been determined to need an approved management activity as shown in Exhibit 11. Needed management activities will be selected by the CRP participant, in consultation with NRCS or TSP, for the management and enhancement of plant diversity and wildlife benefits. The specifications **must** include the following for each management activity:

- frequency of management implementation
- time period for management action
- specifications for the management actions
- eligible practices.

Note: Management activities, with the exception of customary forest management activities,
*--must **not** be performed during PNS.--*

Recommendations must be presented to the State Technical Committee for review. The State Technical Committee recommendations **must** be provided to STC for recommendation to DAFP. STC must forward final activities to DAFP for approval.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan**A Allowed Modifications**

A modification to an approved conservation plan **must** be in the best interest of CRP. Acceptable modifications are:

- adding or modifying a CRP practice
- changing CRP practices

Notes: CRP practices with contract period of 15 years may not be changed to a practice with a contract period of less than 15 years.

General CRP practices may be changed only when the EBI score for the new practice is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the existing practice. See paragraph 401.

Important: When determining whether the EBI score of the new practice or practices is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the original practice or practices, COC or CED **must** use the same EBI criteria that was used for the original offer.

CP3 and CP3A cannot be changed to CP1 or CP2.

Changing continuous CRP signup practices must meet needed and feasible and address the resource concern.

--The practice must be authorized in the contract's signup.--

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

A Allowed Modifications (Continued)

- *--removing land from CRP-1, according to paragraph 571--*
- re-establishment of the practice because of a failed practice at no fault of the participant--*
- reflecting change in ownership
- for authorizing haying and grazing
- implementing other non-C/S conservation measures, if producer agrees to install according to the approved conservation plan on CRP land already seeded to an acceptable cover.

Note: Participants may establish, at their own expense, additional practices that enhance:

- erosion control
- water quality
- wildlife
- other types of cover.

Exception: Participants may be eligible for C/S to establish a permanent water source for wildlife on CP1, CP2, and CP4D.

B Approving Conservation Plan Modifications

The designated conservationist must consult with the participant and COC or CED before preparing any modification to the conservation plan. COC or CED has final approval of all conservation plan modifications.

COC or CED must review and approve conservation plan modifications to ensure that the revised plan meets the requirements outlined in subparagraph 367 B.

COC or CED must reject the revised plan if these requirements have not been satisfied.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

B Approving Conservation Plan Modifications (Continued)

NRCS or TSP must revise conservation plans using any of the NRCS-approved planning forms, or when appropriate, by making pen and ink changes to:

- add, modify, or delete items
- substitute 1 practice for another to solve conservation problems
- delete land
- schedule seeding or installing of a practice
- extend CRP-1 period
- change ownership of the land
- change in the extent of performance.

Revisions to the contract support document are not needed when:

- changes take place in estimated costs
- practice installation is accomplished ahead of schedule or is delayed.

Note: Dates must be included in the conservation plan and approved NRCS forms.

NRCS or TSP will notify FSA of these changes. If practice is delayed, COC or CED approval for an extension of time is required.

C C/S for Changing Practices

COC or CED must **not** approve C/S to change or add practices unless **all** * * * the following are met:

- C/S was not previously paid for the establishment of a permanent cover
- the participants have **not** started the revised practice **before** approval of the change
- the new practice is otherwise eligible for C/S according to Exhibit 11
- the change is an acceptable modification according to subparagraph A
- *--the conservation plan is modified to indicate the new practice or practices(s)
- for continuous CRP only, NRCS or TSP must complete a new CRP Suitability and Feasibility worksheet documenting the new practice(s) is needed, suitable, and feasible to address a resource concern.--*

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)**C C/S for Changing Practices (Continued)**

Exception: COC or CED may approve C/S up to 50 percent of the eligible cost to change
*--CP1 or CP2, to CP25 only if **all** of the following requirements are met:--*

- the change of practices is requested, in writing, within 3 years of CRP-1 effective date
- the participants have **not** started the practice **before** approval of the change
- the practice and approved cover type, such as grasses, legumes, forbs, trees, other vegetative cover, and water:
 - are adaptable and suitable for the site and purpose of the practice
 - will **not** result in an excessive cost to establish, such as using nursery stock or exotic species
- the conservation plan is modified to indicate the new practice.

Important: The change in practices must not change the CRP-1 period.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

D C/S Not Allowed

COC or CED will **not** approve C/S for:

- plastic mulch or supplemental irrigation water, except where CP5, CP5A, CP16, CP16A, CP17, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, and CP25 (only if devoted to trees) will be established in areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less
- practices tailored to specifically enhance or change the commercial production of the land
- purchasing or establishing species of grasses, legumes, forbs, trees, or other vegetative cover that are not adaptable to the area.

430 Liability to Federal Government

A Personal Liability

As determined by CCC, the person with whom costs are shared is responsible to the Federal Government for any losses the Federal Government sustains because of either of the following:

- the person infringes on the rights of others
- the person does not comply with applicable laws or regulations.

431 (Withdrawn--Amend. 7)

432 (Withdrawn--Amend. 7)

433-460 (Reserved)

Part 14 CRP Funds**461 Maximum Annual Payment Limitations****A Payment Limitation Attributed to Year Earned**

The maximum annual payment limitation that an eligible person or entity can receive under CRP is \$50,000 per FY based on the FY the payment is **earned**.

4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, and 7-PL rules defining a person or legal entity apply to CRP-1's approved on or after October 1, 2008. 1-PL rules defining a "person" apply to CRP-1's approved before October 1, 2008.

This limitation does not apply to annual rental payments made to a rural water district or *--association for land enrolled in CRP for the purpose of protecting a wellhead. See 3-PL for guidance on entering payment limitation adjustments in Web-Based Payment Limitation System.--*

The Finality Rule does not apply to CRP annual rental or incentive payments. See paragraph 465.

B Calculating Maximum Annual Payment Limitations

The maximum annual payment a person or entity may receive is equal to the lesser of:

- (annual rental payments) + (all incentive payments, except PIP and FMI payments)
- \$50,000.

When the sum of the (annual rental payments) + (all incentive payments, except PIP and FMI payments) exceeds \$50,000, the:

- payment must be reduced to \$50,000
- amount exceeding \$50,000 must never be paid.

461 Maximum Annual Payment Limitation (Continued)

C Attribution of Payments to Year Earned

Payments are attributed based on the year the payment is **earned**.

For payment limitation purposes, a payment is attributed for:

- the annual rental payment in the FY program performance occurs
- SIP in the FY COC or CED approves CRP-1.

Example 1: A producer's CRP-1 No. 1001, entered into under a continuous CRP signup, for 8.00 acres at \$60 per acre is approved by COC on October 2, 2020. CRP-1 No. 1001 becomes effective on November 1, 2020. The first annual rental payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 of \$440 is due October 2021. The SIP payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 of \$156 is paid in October 2020. The producer also has CRP-1 No. 960, entered into under a general CRP signup number 16 (2016), with an annual rental payment of \$49,500.

For payment limitation purposes, a payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 is attributed for:

- the annual rental paid in FY 2022 (performance occurs in FY 2021)
- SIP paid in FY 2021 (the FY CRP-1 is approved).

For payment limitation purposes, SIP is attributed to FY 2021, and the first annual rental payment is attributed to FY 2021.

Event	Date	Fiscal Year		Pay Limit Year	
		Issued	Earned	2021	2022
CRP-1 No. 1001 Approved	October 2, 2020				
SIP Payment Issued for CRP-1 No. 1001	October 22, 2020	2021	2021	\$156	
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 Paid	October 4, 2021	2022	2021	\$440	
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 Paid	October 3, 2022	2023	2022		\$480
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 960	October 4, 2021	2022	2021	\$49,500	
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 960	October 3, 2022	2023	2022		\$49,500
Total Paid				\$50,000	\$49,980
Total Reductions due to Payment Limitation				\$96 on Annual Rental Payment	\$0

461 Maximum Annual Payment Limitation (Continued)**D Successor-in-Interest CRP-1's**

Following are ways payment limitation provisions apply when CRP-1 is revised because of successor-in-interest.

- The revised CRP-1 amount cannot exceed the initial CRP-1 amount.
- The annual payment on CRP-1 must be reduced for the successor on the revised CRP-1 if the maximum payment limitation will be exceeded.

***--Note:** CRP payments may continue to heirs of owners according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable. See paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest provisions.--*

462 Making CRP Payments**A CRP Payments**

--All CRP payments will be rounded and paid to the nearest whole dollar amount.--

B Annual Rental Payments

Provided the participant is in compliance with the terms and conditions of CRP-1, disburse annual rental payments as designated on CRP-1.

CRP annual rental payments must be made, when authorized:

- after:
 - acreage reporting requirements are met
 - certification of compliance with adjusted gross income limitation has been received according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - all eligibility determinations have been made according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable
 - October 1, for each effective year
 - receiving notice from DAFP authorizing payments to be made
- according to 1-FI.

Note: See paragraph 465 for finality rule.

462 Making CRP Payments (Continued)**C SIP**

SIP is a 1-time incentive payment made to eligible participants that enroll land devoted to an eligible continuous CRP signup practice. See subparagraph 197 A.

Provided the participant is in compliance with the terms and conditions of CRP-1, disburse SIP's according to the shares on approved CRP-1.

SIP's will be:

- made after:
 - CRP-1 is approved
 - certification of compliance with adjusted gross income limitation has been received
*--according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - all eligibility determinations have been made according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
- subject to the prompt payment provisions, see subparagraph E
- divided among participants according to the shares on CRP-1, see paragraph 463
- subject to the CRP \$50,000 FY payment limitation, see paragraph 461
- issued according to 1-FI
- refunded if CRP-1 is terminated, see paragraph 571
- offset, if applicable, see paragraph 465
- assigned, if applicable, see paragraph 465.

Note: See paragraph 465 for finality rule.

462 Making CRP Payments (Continued)

D PIP

PIP:

- is an incentive payment made to an eligible participant to whom CCC has made a C/S payment for installing a major component or practice that is an eligible continuous CRP signup practice

Note: Only the participant(s) to whom CCC has made a C/S payment is eligible for a PIP, and only after the eligible continuous CRP signup practice or major component has been installed in compliance with the conservation plan.

- will be paid

Important: CRP-1's approved on or after June 14, 2021, through September 30, 2025, were paid in 2 phases (40 percent at practice certification and 10 percent after NRCS review date entered). Beginning October 1, 2025, all remaining two phase PIP obligations will be paid in full at the time NRCS or TSP completes certification of practice completion.--*

Note: See subparagraph 197 B.

- is considered a C/S payment.

Note: PIP, CCC C/S payments, and any C/S payments from other sources cannot exceed 100 percent of the cost of the practice.

Important: PIP is not authorized for costs incurred for the re-establishment of failed practices according paragraph 492.

--See subparagraph 66 D for the PIP amount for each applicable practice.--

462 Making CRP Payments (Continued)**D PIP (Continued)**

PIP's will be:

- made after:
 - CRP-1 is approved
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - participant signs FSA-848B and reports completion of practice or major component
 - *--NRCS or TSP certifies performance on FSA-848B--*
 - all necessary documents to calculate total C/S amount are obtained
 - certification of compliance with adjusted gross income limitation has been received according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable
 - all eligibility determinations have been made according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable
- subject to the prompt payment provisions, see subparagraph E
- refunded if CRP-1 is terminated, see paragraph 571
- offset, if applicable, see paragraph 465
- assigned, if applicable, see paragraph 465
- issued according to 1-FI.

Note: See paragraph 465 for finality rule.

E Prompt Payment

CRP participants who are issued CRP payments more than 30 calendar days after payments are authorized will receive interest under the Prompt Payment Act according to 61-FI. See 50-FI for prompt payment interest rates.

463 Dividing Payments Among Participants for Successor-in-Interest CRP-1's**A CRP Rental Payments**

Earned CRP annual rental payments **must** be paid according to the division of shares agreed to by the participants on CRP-1.

B Dividing CRP Payments Among Predecessor and Successor Participants

Annual rental payments must be divided between predecessors and eligible successors as agreed to among the participants if both of the following are met:

- COC determines there is no scheme and device to defeat or circumvent the purpose of any program provision, including payment limitation and permitted entity provisions
- eligible successors-in-interest sign a revised CRP-1 within 60 calendar days of notification by COC or CED.

If there is no agreement among predecessors and eligible successors, annual rental payments will be divided based on the earlier of the date the:

- deed is recorded on the land records
- successor acquired right of occupancy, through foreclosure proceedings, of the land under CRP-1.

Note: This provision only applies to land acquired through foreclosure proceedings. See paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest provisions.

CRP participants will be responsible for refunding any payments that may become due if CRP-1 is not assumed.

County Office must provide successor-in-interest the version of CRP-1 Appendix in effect when the initial CRP-1 was approved.

If acreage under CRP-1 is sold to a successor and the successor sells the acreage before the County Office becomes aware of the initial sale, the newest owner may be allowed to succeed to CRP-1.

Note: If the original owner received payments earned after the sale of the land, refunds of that amount, plus interest, must be collected from the original owner. Issue applicable payments to new owner(s) if CRP-1 is assumed.

463 Dividing Payments Among Participants for Successor-in-Interest CRP-1's (Continued)**B Dividing CRP Payments Among Predecessor and Successor Participants (Continued)**

If a successor terminates CRP-1 and the predecessor has earned part of the annual rental payment, the successor is responsible for refunds, including the amount earned by the predecessor.

Note: Ensure that the payment is issued to the predecessor even though CRP-1 is terminated. No interest will be paid.

When dividing CRP annual rental payments between previous owners and new owners, see 5-CRP for CRP-1 effective date and division of payment agreement.

464 Effects of CRP Payments on Earned Income**A Not Advising About Earned Income**

--County Offices must not advise CRP participants on whether CRP payments are considered "earned income" for IRS and Social Security purposes.--

B Referring Participants to Tax Consultant or SSA

County Offices will refer CRP participants to their tax consultant or SSA for determinations about CRP payments as earned income.

465 Refunds, Offsets, and Assignments**A Preparing Payments**

Use the following handbooks and procedures to process refunds, offsets, assignments, and joint payments:

- for refunds, see 64-FI
- for offsets, see 1-FI and 63-FI
- for receivables, see 64-FI
- for claims, see 58-FI and 64-FI
- for assignments:
 - prepare CCC-36 according to 63-FI
 - assign only cash payments
- for joint payments, prepare CCC-37 according to 63-FI.

B Finality Rule

The Finality Rule does **not** apply to any CRP payment.

C Assigning CRP Cash Payments

CRP cash payments may be assigned to secure or pay pre-existing debts.

Prepare CCC-36 and determine priority for honoring assignments according to 63-FI.

466 Nonresident Alien Income Tax**A Withholding Nonresident Alien Income Tax**

If nonresident alien income tax is to be withheld:

- see 62-FI
- prepare and distribute IRS-1042 and IRS-1042S.

467 Debts and Collections**A CCC Receivables**

Debts arising under CRP become CCC receivables and receipts.

B Late Payment Interest

CRP debts are subject to late payment interest charges. See 58-FI.

468 Paying Amounts Due Persons Who Are Deceased, Missing, or Incompetent**A Preparing FSA-325**

If a participant has earned a CRP payment, including a C/S payment, but is deceased, missing, or incompetent, County Office must prepare FSA-325, according to 1-FI and 1-CM when it is requested that the payment earned by the deceased, missing, or incompetent participant be issued in a name other than that of the deceased, disappeared, or incompetent participant.

Payments will be issued to the respective qualified claimant using the deceased, missing, or incompetent participant's tax identification number. See 1-CM.

When CRP-1 is terminated, the deceased, missing, or incompetent participant will earn payment through the date of death, loss, or declaration of incompetency.

B Who Succeeds to CRP-1

For CRP purposes, the administrator of an estate or heirs of the deceased have the following choices:

- agree to become successor-in-interest to CRP-1
- refuse to become successor-in-interest.

Important: COC must terminate CRP-1 according to paragraph 571 if the administrator of an estate or heirs of the deceased refuse to succeed to CRP-1.

Note: Operator may only be replaced if the operator or tenant voluntarily relinquishes his or her rights, in writing, or is no longer considered an eligible participant. See paragraph 546.

469 Charging Interest

A Interest on Refunds

Use the rate of interest CCC is required to pay for borrowing from the Department of the Treasury on the date payment was issued. See 50-FI.

B Date Interest Accrues

Interest accrues from the date of disbursement to the earlier of the following:

- date of repayment
- date of first demand letter.

Note: See 58-FI for an example of a demand letter.

C Establishing Receivables

Establish a receivable according to 58-FI and 64-FI.

470-489 (Reserved)

Part 15 C/S Policies

490 General C/S Policy

A Participants Eligible for C/S Payments

CRP C/S must be paid only to participants who:

- are a signatory to CRP-1
- established the conservation practice.

See paragraph 519.

Note: Authorized payments may be assigned by the participants.

B C/S Level

Participants who elect to receive other Federal C/S assistance are obligated to refund CRP C/S payments, plus interest.

C/S assistance must not exceed 50 percent of the eligible costs of establishing the approved practice. Participants may receive C/S assistance from non-Federal sources; however, under ~~no~~ circumstances may the total C/S amount received exceed 100 percent of the out-of-pocket expense to install the practice.--*

C/S assistance to establish permanent vegetative cover on CRP land for the sum of the acres for CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP18B, and CP18C divided by the acres in CRP-1, **must not exceed** 50 percent of the price per acre at which the land placed in CRP could be sold for use as farmland at the time at which CRP-1 is signed by the producer.

Use the most recent NASS survey.

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

C C/S Funds Authorized on CRP Acres

Acreage on which CRP C/S has been paid is not eligible for other Federal C/S during the term of the CRP-1 unless approved by DAFP. This does not apply to Federal funding that is not Federal C/S funding. Requests must be submitted to DAFP on a case-by-case basis for only the most highly meritorious cases as determined by STC.

Example: A participant with an approved contract receives assistance other than cash, such as providing the equipment for seeding the cover, from FWS Partners for Wildlife program. For the purpose of determining the participant's C/S, these services are not considered C/S assistance. FWS provides the participant documentation indicating the value of their service is \$2,500. The participant also receives C/S equaling \$1,500 from a private conservation organization. The participant has other expenses related to the practice that are eligible for C/S, according to Exhibit 11, and equal to \$6,000. Since the participant did not receive C/S from FWS, the participant may receive CRP C/S assistance.

* * * See subparagraph 197 B for the calculation of PIP.

Note: Participants who receive ECP payments during the term of the CRP-1 on the same land for which they received CRP C/S payments are ineligible to retain CRP C/S unless approved by DAFP on a case-by-case basis. Approval of ECP funds by DAFP does not automatically waive this requirement. Restoration of re-enrolled CRP acreage or components where no C/S was paid under the existing contract will be *--eligible for C/S under CRP.--*

CRP participants may receive C/S funding from non-Federal sources to install conservation practices on CRP acreage. See paragraph 517.

Note: Practices must only be approved if they are according to an approved conservation plan on CRP acreage.

D C/S Not Authorized

C/S is not authorized for:

- hand-collected seed, except when producer provides verification of PLS factor, germination, quality of seed, amount planted, and types and varieties of seed and seed mixtures
- acreage not under CRP-1

*--**Exception:** Components authorized for C/S on acreage not under grassland CRP-1.--*

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

D C/S Not Authorized (Continued)

- streambank stabilization
- CP12
- splitting practices on the same land for C/S purposes between different Federal programs
- establishing required practice on CRP if any other Federal C/S has been, or is being, made to establish that practice
- drilling wells

***--Exception:** C/S may be authorized for establishing drilled wells on filter strips, riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, marginal *--pastureland wetland buffer, and grassland CRP-1's (including components located on acres not enrolled in a CRP contract when associated with grassland CRP-1's), if needed as determined by NRCS or TSP and is--* the most cost-effective alternative.

- developing water facilities

Exceptions: C/S may be authorized for establishing:

- *--livestock water facilities associated with grassland CRP, filter--* strips, riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, and marginal pastureland wetland buffer, if needed as determined by NRCS or TSP and is the most cost-effective alternative

Note: See paragraph 511.

- a permanent water source for wildlife, when developed on certain acreage enrolled in CRP and according to a conservation plan. See Exhibit 11.
- installing irrigation systems
- improving or reorganizing existing irrigation systems
- purchasing and planting vegetative cover for certain practices exceeding 50 percent of the agricultural market value of the land

Note: See subparagraph B.

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

D C/S Not Authorized (Continued)

- fencing CRP land

Exception: C/S may be authorized for internal fencing on grassland CRP, and fencing around filter strips, riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, and wetland buffers on marginal pastureland.

- re-establishing practice because of damage from emergency haying or grazing
- establishing practices for unacceptable offers
- *--practice not meeting specifications when the participant did not follow their approved conservation plan and all supporting documents to plant, establish, and maintain the approved cover--*
- practices not included in the approved conservation plan
- *--plastic mulch or supplemental irrigation water, except where CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, and CP25 (only if devoted to trees) will be established in areas--* where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less
- tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except in areas designated by STC for use only on CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, *--CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP30, CP31, CP39, CP40, or CP41
- animal control devices for non-tree practices, except in areas designated by STC for use only on CP21B and CP21S--*

Notes: C/S is not approved for such devices for other practices.

See paragraph 31 and Exhibit 11.

- *--re-enrolled practices when participant has not followed their approved conservation plan and all supporting documents to plant, establish, and maintain the approved cover.

Note: C/S is authorized if additional work/activity is required for the practice to meet current practice standards according to Exhibit 11.--*

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490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

D C/S Not Authorized (Continued)

Example: Expiring CRP-1 with practice CP8A is re-offered as practice CP8A. A site visit reveals CRP-1 is in compliance according to contractual requirements. NRCS or TSP noted that normal degradation has occurred that requires grading and shaping and subsequent re-seeding to meet current CP8A standards with a total estimated cost of \$2,000. For CP8A only, COC or--* CED may approve CRP-1 and 50 percent eligible C/S of approximately \$1,000 according to procedure.

Example: Producer re-offers expiring acreage as a continuous signup practice. The practice is in compliance and is determined as meeting current practice standards. The producer requests to revise the conservation plan and add a 5 species seeding mix as an interseeding or re-seeding to provide enhanced wildlife habitat benefits. COC or CED may approve CRP-1 and conservation plan; however, since the existing practice and vegetative cover meets procedural standards, COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1 that includes C/S.

491 C/S for Post-Emergence Weed and Insect Control

A Authorizing C/S

C/S may be authorized for 1 weed and/or insect control application if:

- NRCS or TSP determines it is necessary for successful establishment of the cover and it is included as part of the approved conservation plan

Note: It is applied within the first 12 months after planting or seeding the approved permanent cover or additional time is necessary for determining successful establishment.

Exception: See subparagraph B.

- it will not disturb the cover during PNS.

Note: This is in addition to any application that may have been applied when the cover was initially installed.

491 C/S for Post-Emergence Weed and Insect Control (Continued)

B Exceptions to Establishment Period for CRP-1's

Participants who plant CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP31, CP36 devoted to tree plantings, on--* acres offered may receive C/S:

- for 1 weed and/or insect control application
- within 24 months after the planting
- if:
 - NRCS or TSP determines it is necessary for successful establishment of the cover
 - it was included as part of the approved conservation plan
 - it will not disturb the cover during PNS.

Example 1: Producer planted 10 acres of CP3, Tree Planting. The conservation plan required a chemical site preparation, pre-application herbicide, and a post-emergence weed control to be applied within 12 months of planting. C/S for the post-emergence weed control is eligible.

Example 2: Producer planted 10 acres of CP3, Tree Planting. The conservation plan required a chemical site preparation, pre-application herbicide, and a post-emergence weed control to be applied within 12 months of planting. C/S for the post-emergence weed control is eligible. Eighteen months after planting, NRCS or TSP recommended an additional post-emergence weed control be performed. The additional weed control measures are not eligible for C/S since the producer has received C/S for a post-emergence weed control. The additional weed control measure is considered maintenance.

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice

A When to Start CRP Practice

--Producers will be advised that:--

- approved CRP practices may be started:
 - after submitting the offer to the County Office
 - when notified that CRP-1 has been approved
 - *--upon written notification from FSA that the environmental evaluation is complete when designs, specifications, and implementation requirements have been received and explained by NRCS or TSP--*
- starting a practice before environmental review and final approval of CRP-1 is at the producer's own risk
- where practical State-certified seed must be used for CRP

Note: However, common seeds, especially for natives, may be used when certified seed is **not** available.

- C/S payments are ineligible if:
 - offer is not accepted
 - designated acres are ineligible
 - practice does not meet specifications
 - practice is not included in the approved conservation plan
 - ground disturbance below previously disturbed depths occurs before environmental review is completed.

Note: See paragraph 429 for C/S when modifying approved conservation plan.

B C/S for Practice Re-Establishment

The practice failed because of a natural disaster or through no fault of the participant. C/S assistance for restoring CRP practices include component restoration and re-establishing the CRP cover. If the practice failed because of a natural disaster or through no fault of the participants, COC must evaluate the site to determine both of the following if:

- the purpose of the practice is being met

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice (Continued)**B C/S for Practice Re-Establishment (Continued)**

- remaining cover provides the same environmental benefits as the original cover, which includes:
- water quality benefits
- wildlife habitat benefits
- erosion control.

If both criteria are met, COC must not authorize C/S for re-establishment.

If both the criteria are not being met, COC must determine whether the cost of restoring the approved cover outweighs the benefits that would be received from the restoration. COC's must, at a minimum, consider all * * * the following:

- cost of restoring cover
- length of time needed to restore the cover
- benefits received from restored cover
- years remaining before CRP-1 expires
- type of cover to be restored.

If the cost of restoring the approved cover outweighs the benefits * * * received from the restoration, COC must terminate CRP-1. See paragraph 571.

If the benefits * * * received from the restoration outweighs the cost of restoring the approved cover, COC must authorize eligible C/S for:

- re-establishing the approved cover
- temporary cover, if needed
- dead litter crop, if needed.

C C/S for Restoration of CRP Practice Components on the Conservation Plan

C/S is authorized for restoring CRP practice components on the original conservation plan *--when damaged by a natural disaster and at no fault of the participant. Restoration C/S is authorized using the current approved C/S component codes and rates, not the rates applicable to the original contract approval.--*

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492 C/S for Establishing the Practice (Continued)

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D C/S for Dry Litter Crops

CRP participants may receive C/S for dry litter crops needed to establish vegetative cover if the crops are:

- **not** grazed or harvested
- included in practice specifications developed by NRCS or TSP
- included in the approved conservation plan.

E Modifying Conservation Plans

Participants must request a modified conservation plan for restoring the CRP practice components or re-establishing the CRP cover.

493 Establishing C/S Rates**A Eligible Items**

Items eligible to establish C/S rates include the cost of any direct and significant factors necessary to perform the practice, such as:

- equipment
- new or used materials
- services
- labor
- sales tax.

B Estimated Costs

Estimated costs of eligible items may be based on:

- STC, COC, or CED, as applicable, knowledge and judgment of anticipated costs
- current cost data from:
 - application for payment
 - vendor and dealer cost quotations or advertised prices
 - estimates from COC, NRCS, FS, and other agencies

Note: Keep copy of estimates.

- other available sources.

493 Establishing C/S Rates (Continued)**C Ineligible Items**

The cost of the following items are ineligible for establishing C/S rates:

- engineering charges, consultant fees, permit fees, or archeological surveys
- * * *
- providing land
- other C/S payments
- right to use water
- incentives
- power sources, including but not limited to electrical and obtaining utility service generator

Exception: Solar fence charger included as part of or attached to the fence.

- portable equipment
- donated material
- meeting supplemental requirements, such as abstaining from harvesting
- loss of or reduction in revenue from the land
- cost of pumps and pumping accessories, except for permanently installed pumps that are needed as an integral part of the practice.

Note: One or more of these items may be required to make the practice serve its purpose, but these items may not be used to establish C/S rates.

D Arbitrary Hold-Downs

STC, COC, and CED must ensure that arbitrary hold-downs are not used when establishing C/S rates and limitations.

494 National Component Codes**A Denitrifying Bioreactors**

The National Office established the component code DENBIO for C/S for denitrifying bioreactors on existing or re-enrolled CP21's and CP22's. This code is not authorized on practices other than CP21 and CP22.

B Saturated Buffers

Use component code SATBUF for C/S for saturated buffers on existing or re-enrolled CP21's and CP22's.

C No C/S Management Activities

National component codes for management activities with no C/S have been created in *--Program Provisioning. The National component codes may be broader than the exact description approved by DAFP. County Offices will compare the management activity on the conservation plan and select the National component code that best fits the planned activity. Program Provisioning will not allow changes at the State or county level.

County Offices are required to copy the following uniform component codes to their county database in Program Provisioning.

Category 21 – No C/S – Required Management--*			
Sub-Category		Description	Component Code
Mechanical	disking	MCM No Cost Share – Disking	MCMNOCSDSK
	mowing	MCM No Cost Share – Mowing	MCMNOCSMOW
	tree thinning/pruning	MCM No Cost Share – Thinning or pruning	MCMNOCSTREE
Chemical	chemical treatment	MCM No Cost Share – Chemical	MCMNOCSCHM
Burning	prescribed burning	MCM No Cost Share – Burning	MCMNOCSBRN
Inter-seeding	inter-seeding	MCM No Cost Share – Seeding	MCMNOCSEED
Haying and Grazing	haying	MCM No Cost Share – Haying	MCMNOCSHAYNG
	grazing	MCM No Cost Share – Grazing	MCMNOCSGRZNG
Any Other Method or Combination of Methods	any other method	MCM No Cost Share – Other	MCMNOCSOTH

495 State C/S Policy

A Overview

STC's are authorized to develop a State program and C/S policy based on guidelines established in this handbook, in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

B Establishing Rates for State CRP

STC's that establish C/S rates for the State must establish rates within the National C/S levels, expressed as a percent of cost, not to exceed \$___ per unit of measure.

Note: Do not use arbitrary holddowns.

C/S paid for seed will not exceed 50 percent of the actual seed costs and will not be combined with other components of the cover establishment.

C Reviewing and Approving County C/S Rates

STC's that do not establish C/S rates for the State may authorize COC's to establish C/S rates for the county.

STC must establish State guidelines for COC's to follow when establishing county C/S rates.

STC, or representative, must review and approve all C/S rates established by COC to ensure that:

- C/S rates are consistent across county boundaries
- C/S rates are consistent across district and State boundaries

Important: State Office must **not** delegate this responsibility.

- C/S rates established are within the National and State C/S levels, if applicable
- C/S rates are set at the minimum incentive needed to encourage producer participation and implement the approved practice.

If discrepancies exist across county boundaries or between county practice specifications and State and National guidelines, STC's must not approve COC's C/S rates until the problem is resolved.

STC, or representative, must notify COC in writing when C/S rates are approved. COC must document approval in COC minutes.

496 Establishing State-Developed Standardized Components**A State-Developed Components**

State Offices must establish and maintain a list of standardized components applicable for practices under CRP to be used within the State components must represent different items that are required as part of a practice.

Examples: Materials, seed types, seed mixtures, tree types, labor, etc.

Seed will be a separate component to ensure that C/S paid for seed does not exceed 50 percent of the actual seed cost

***--Note:** Components must be established in the automated system according to 6-CRP.--*

497 County C/S Policy**A Establishing Rates**

COC's are authorized to establish county C/S rates:

- if authorized by STC
- according to State and National guidelines
- with NRCS concurrence.

COC's that establish C/S rates for the county must establish rates within the State and National C/S levels, expressed as percent of cost, not to exceed \$___ per unit of measure.

C/S paid for seed will not exceed 50 percent of the seed costs and will not be combined with other components of the cover establishment.

B STC Approval

STC, or designee, must ensure that the requirements, specifications, and C/S rates established by COC are consistent across county boundaries before approval.

STC must ensure that **all** C/S rates established by COC are consistent across district and State boundaries.

Important: STC must **not** delegate this responsibility.

497 County C/S Policy (Continued)

C Percentage-of-Cost Not to Exceed C/S Rates

COC will use percentage-of-cost not to exceed \$_____ per unit of measure C/S rates.

Express percentage-of-cost C/S rates as “_____ percent of cost, not to exceed \$_____ per unit of measure”. Base the limitation on the average cost of performing the unit of measure.

File the cost data used to establish percent-of-cost not to exceed \$_____ per unit of measure rates with the County eligibility status list.

COC or CED must inform the producer that supporting evidence and proof of payment for completed practices paid on a percent of cost not to exceed method **must** be:

- maintained for 1 year after the end of FY in which the practice is completed
- presented within 30 calendar days to the County Office if selected for spot check.

D Acceptable Evidence

COC or CED will obtain evidence to determine proper payment to eligible participants. This may include, but is not limited to:

- invoices
- canceled checks
- receipts
- analysis tags
- other acceptable evidence to determine payment.

See paragraph:

- 519 for making C/S payments
- 513 for supporting evidence.

--498 Amending County CRP C/S Rates--**A Effective Date of C/S Rates**

A CRP amendment that changes C/S rates or specifications must specify the effective date, which must not be retroactive.

Exception: When the average cost of performance changes substantially for reasons beyond the producer's control, COC or CED may compute C/S based on the average cost of carrying out the practice using the rates in effect when the practice is performed. These exceptions must be documented in COC minutes.

Rates and specifications in effect before an amendment's effective date must remain in effect for C/S approvals issued before that date.

Use the revised rates and specifications for all approvals issued on or after the amendment's effective date.

499 Issuing and Processing FSA-848's**A Approval**

When CRP-1 is approved, the practices scheduled on the approved conservation plan are automatically approved. By approving CRP-1, COC or CED is committing funds for completing the practices.

FSA-848 is not required for CRP **unless** the 1155 does not reflect the county or State approved C/S payment rate. Information from CRP-1 and the conservation plan must be ***--used to complete the C/S application according to 6-CRP.--***

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B**A FSA-848A, C/S Agreement**

***--Process and approve initial FSA-848A for all practices, C/S, and management activities within 20 calendar days after approving CRP-1 according to guidance in 6-CRP and this paragraph.**

All establishment activities will be on the same FSA-848A and FSA-848B. A separate--* FSA-848A and FSA-848B is required for each management activity receiving C/S payments associated with CRP-1. If required management activities will not receive C/S payment, all management activities will be on one FSA-848A and FSA-848B.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)**A FSA-848A, C/S Agreement (Continued)**

The following CRP-1's require FSA-848A:

- general CRP and continuous CRP-1's with conservation plans that include either of the following:
 - C/S for the establishment of the practice
 - a required management activity
- grassland CRP-1's with conservation plans that include C/S for installation of interior fencing, water systems, animal trails, and walkways
- SHIPP CRP-1S's with conservation plans that include C/S or zero C/S for the establishment of the practice
- CLEAR30 CRP-1's with conservation plans that include a practice maintenance activity.

The following CRP-1's **do not** require FSA-848A:

- general CRP and continuous CRP-1's with conservation plans for re-enrolled acreage that *--do not include:
 - C/S for establishment of a practice
 - a required management activity (see subparagraph 428 C)--*
- grassland CRP-1's with conservation plans that do not include C/S
- practice CP12.

FSA-848A and FSA-848B must serve as a:

- reminder of approval
- report of performance
- claim for payment.

County Offices may request the producer's signature on FSA-848A; however, the producer's signature is not required unless the 1155 does not reflect the county or State approved C/S payment rate.

Participants must sign all revised FSA-848A's.

COC or CED must still sign and approve FSA-848A.

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501 (Withdrawn—Amend. 10)

502 Extending Time to Complete Practices

A Extension of Time

COC or CED may extend the time to complete a practice, not to exceed 12 months after the completion date in the approved conservation plan, if the extension is requested by the participant in writing before the practice approval expires. COC or CED must determine whether the additional time, not to exceed 12 months, is sufficient to approve the request.

Example: The initial conservation plan requires the practice to be installed within 8 months. Before the end of the 8 months, the participant requests an additional 4 months to install the approved cover because of difficulty in preparing an adequate seed bed. COC or CED may approve the extension of time not to exceed 12 months of the effective start date of CRP-1.

Extension of time that exceeds 12 months from the effective start date of CRP-1 is not authorized, unless the criteria in subparagraph 426 D are met.

B Expiration Notice

The County Office must prepare a report of FSA-848's expiring within 59 calendar days at the first of each month by running the Practices Nearing Expiration report in CSS to keep track of approvals that need to be completed within a 59-calendar-day period.

COC will mail all participants on the list the "Practices Nearing Expiration" letter.

The County Office must monitor all CRP C/S FSA-848A obligations according to paragraph 522.

See CSS Main Menu for reports access.

C Documenting Extensions in COC Minutes

Document extensions of time individually in COC minutes and, at a minimum, include the following:

- participant name
- farm number
- agreement number from FSA-848
- practice
- detailed description of reason for extension.

502 Extending Time to Complete Practices (Continued)**D Record Extension in CSS**

County Office will record all COC- or CED-approved extensions in CSS within 5 workdays
--of extension approval.--

E Notification of Extension

COC or CED will notify the participant in writing within 5 workdays of COC or CED determination. If an extension is authorized, COC or CED will also notify the participant of the extended deadline.

--503 Terminating Approvals*A Terminating Approved FSA-848A**

Terminate an approved FSA-848A when the performance report is not filed for all practices by the expiration date. When FSA-848A is terminated, COC or CED will:--*

- notify NRCS or TSP
- document the action taken on FSA-848A
- notify the participant, in writing, within 5 workdays of the action taken, including possible termination of CRP-1

Note: Failure to complete the practice must result in termination of CRP-1.

- document the cancellation in the COC minutes.

***--B Suspending Termination**

If a performance report on FSA-848B is not filed timely, termination may be suspended if--* the County Office is aware that the practice was performed in a timely manner.

- Certification of performance on FSA-848B and personal knowledge of a committee member or County Office employee are acceptable reasons for suspending
*--terminations.
- County Office must take immediate action to notify the participant of the requirement to file a performance report and document in the COC minutes.

Note: If the performance report from the producer is not obtained within 30 calendar days, terminate the approval.--*

***--504 Reinstating Terminated Approvals**

A Conditions to Reinstate Terminated Approvals

COC or CED may reinstate a terminated FSA-848A practice approval when **all** these--* conditions apply:

- the participant requests reinstatement
- *--the practice was started before termination--*
- the practice was or will be completed within a time prescribed by COC or CED.

Important: FSA-848A or FSA-848B may be reinstated through CSS C/S software according
--to 6-CRP.--

505 Filing Performance Reports

A Who May File

Any eligible “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable, who paid a part of the cost of a completed practice and is signatory on CRP-1, may sign and date the performance report. See 1-CM for provisions applying to minors and dead, missing, or incompetent persons.

B Performance Reports

To be eligible for C/S payments, “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable, who perform approved practices **must** report performance on FSA-848B, and provide any required supporting data by the practice expiration date.

If the practice or component is not completed, the producer must not sign FSA-848B. County Offices must date stamp reports when received.

Note: See paragraph 490 for persons eligible for C/S.

506 Reporting Dates for Performance**A Final Date to Report Performance**

Performance **must** be reported on or before the expiration date or by the authorized extension date granted by COC or CED. See paragraph 502.

B Filing in Timely Manner

FSA-848B is filed in a timely manner when it is delivered to the County Office or is postmarked on or before the expiration date.

C Not Filing in Timely Manner

*--For reports not filed in a timely manner document and initial either of the following on FSA-848B:

- date received
- postmarked date.

Terminate FSA-848A and notify the participant with appeal rights.

Note: FSA-848A or FSA-848B may be reinstated through CSS according to 6-CRP--* because the performance report was not filed in a timely manner, if provisions in paragraph 503 are satisfied.

507 Reporting Practice Completion**A Reporting Completion**

On FSA-848B, participants will:

- *--report completion of practice by entering “Yes” in “Practice Complete?” in CSS
- complete items included under “Instructions to Participant”, item 10.

Note: See 6-CRP for FSA-848B instructions.--*

County Offices must not process FSA-848B until all information is submitted.

NRCS, FS, or TSP will certify on FSA-848B that all practices (CP1, CP2, etc.)

--establishments on CRP-1 were installed according to NRCS standards and specifications.--
FSA-848B, items 12, 13, 14, and 15 must be completed in full. See subparagraph 513 C for required supporting documentation.

B Multiple Contributors

If multiple persons shared in the cost of the practice, the participant must include a list of names of all persons who shared in the cost of the practice and the extent of their contributions. The list must include all C/S from all sources.

A “person” who is fully compensated or reimbursed for materials, equipment, services, or labor is not a contributor.

COC or CED may consider all available information to determine the eligibility of other contributors.

If more than 1 person contributed to a practice, determine whether:

- all contributors qualify as separate “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable, or are considered 1 “person” according to 1-PL or a person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable
- each eligible contributor is eligible to receive C/S if included on CRP-1 as a participant.

508 Certification on FSA-848B by Technical Agency**A Technical Agency Certification**

The technical agency's certification of practice completion on all FSA-848B's is required.

Example: The participant has CRP-1 for CP21, Filter Strip. The conservation plan includes a seeding, fencing, pipeline, and water facility. The producer certified final practice completion on FSA-848B. NRCS or TSP conducts a site visit to determine whether the practice or practices were installed according to NRCS *--standards and specifications. NRCS or TSP determines the pipeline was not installed correctly. NRCS or TSP will complete items 12, 13, 14, and 15 on FSA-848B in full to document and certify all installed technical practices (for example: Fence – 382) and extents meet NRCS standards and specifications. NRCS or TSP will also provide NRCS-LTP-13 and additional documentation to explain why the pipeline does not meet NRCS standards and specifications and certify the practice CP21 does not meet NRCS standards and specifications.--*

B Items To Be Reported by Technical Agency

The technical agency must report the following on FSA-848B:

- a certification showing items and extent that meet specifications
- any conservation practices that do not meet specifications and explain the reasons for the failure.

***--Important:** COC will determine if failure to meet NRCS Standards and Specifications warrants no cost share or contract termination, see paragraphs 571 and 603.

C Certification of Management Activities

STC, in consultation with the State Technical Committee, will determine which approved management activities participants can certify as complete. Participants must complete and sign FSA-848B, item 15, to certify completion of the approved management activity. If the approved management activity requires certification by the technical agency, the technical agency will complete and sign FSA-848B, item 15.--*

509 Adjusting Extent or C/S After Practice Performance**A Increase in Extent or C/S Before Payment**

COC may increase the extent or C/S originally approved after performance is completed, but before payment is made on a case-by-case basis, if the extent approved was based on an estimate that proved to be in error and the producer could not reasonably have known in advance the extent needed to complete the practice.

509 Adjusting Extent or C/S After Practice Performance (Continued)**A Increase in Extent or C/S Before Payment (Continued)**

All adjustments must be in compliance with the approved conservation plan. The conservation plan must be modified to reflect any changes in the extent of performance before COC may approve the change.

Notes: A new FSA-848A is not required when increasing the extent or C/S after performance. However, FSA-848A must be modified and approved before
--performance is recorded according to 6-CRP.--

Changes in the number of acres on CRP-1 is not authorized.

B Decrease After Performance and Before Payment

COC may decrease the extent and C/S originally approved after performance and before payment if the technical agency approves the lesser extent for practice completion.

All adjustments must be in compliance with the approved conservation plan. The conservation plan must be modified to reflect any changes in the extent of performance before COC may approve the change.

Note: Changes in the number of acres on CRP-1 is not authorized.

C Participant Notification

Notify the producer by letter and enclose a copy of the revised FSA-848B and modified conservation plan.

D Increase Extent or C/S After Payment

COC may increase the extent or C/S originally approved after payment has been issued if 1 of the following situations occurred:

- County Office made an error on original extent or payment computation
- technical agency made an error on original extent reported
- producer failed to initially bring in a receipt or invoice
- other similar situation that resulted in a lesser extent or C/S payment.

E Documenting Increase After Payment

Documentation of extent or C/S increase must be recorded through CSS on FSA-848A. The person making changes must initial and date the changes.

- *--Enter the total C/S and extent approved on FSA-848A. See 6-CRP.--*
- Issue payment to the producer for the additional C/S.

510 Eligible Items for Computing C/S**A Eligible Costs**

Review all applicable costs for labor, material, equipment used, sales tax, and value of used material to determine the total eligible cost of the practice.

Expenses for personal labor and personal equipment must be less than that charged by contractors who are entitled to make a profit for their efforts.

B Ineligible Costs

Ineligible costs for computing C/S earned include:

- pumps and pumping accessories

Exception: Permanently installed pumps that are required as an integral part of water
*--facilities constructed outside of a CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B,
CP22S, CP29, CP30, CP87, CP87A, or CP88.--*

- dry wells
- engineering charges or permit fees
- consultant's fees
- providing land or the right to use land or water
- meeting supplemental requirements, such as abstaining from harvesting
- loss or reduction in revenue from the land
- rent or other costs of using land
- shipping (mobilization or moving of equipment and fuel surcharges)
- fence chargers

Exception: Solar fence charger included as part of or attached to the fence.

- seed and/or materials in excess of the NRCS or TSP recommended, and COC or CED approved amounts
- personal mileage
- items or activity not required to meet the minimum practice standards.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities**A C/S Approval Authority**

*--Exhibit 11 provides certain components for practices CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, CP30, and CP88 are eligible for C/S. C/S is authorized for grassland CRP signup 200 and grassland CRP signup 201 for certain CP87 and CP88A components.

Approvals for the following components for practices CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, and CP30 must be as follows:--*

- Water developments
- Water Facilities
- Pipelines
- Livestock Crossings.

IF C/S amount per contract, per component is...	THEN approval authority is...
\$4,000 or less	COC.
\$4,001 to \$7,500	STC.
more than \$7,500	DAFP.

Example 1:

NRCS planned 3 water tanks, including applicable gravel apron and fencing. Each tank, including gravel apron, and fencing is estimated to cost \$2,200 each. The total cost of this component for this CRP-1 contract is \$6,600 or \$3,300 C/S. Since the C/S for this component on this contract is less than \$4,000, the C/S request may be approved by COC.

Example 2:

NRCS or TSP determines, based on the site conditions, 2 water developments are needed because a steep pasture is bisected by a stream. The steep topography and rocky site condition prohibit the crossing of the stream by a pipeline. Each water development will cost \$5,100.

The total cost of this component for this CRP-1 contract is \$10,200 or \$5,100 C/S. Since the C/S for this component on this contract is over \$4,000 and does not exceed \$7,500, then the

*--C/S request must be reviewed by COC and recommended to STC for approval. See subparagraph J.

Certain components for practice CP88 (Permanent Grasses and Legumes) are eligible for C/S.--*

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

A C/S Approval Authority (Continued)

*--The following table provides approval authority for the following components:

- Water developments
- Water Facilities
- Pipelines
- Livestock Crossings.

IF C/S amount per contract, per component is...	THEN approval authority is...
\$8,000 or less	COC.
\$8,001 to \$15,000	STC.
More than \$15,000	DAFP.

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B Water Developments

Water developments are any of the following:

- spring
- dug, bored, or drilled well
- *--associated permanently installed pump
- pond.

Producers may receive C/S if all the following are met:

- technical authority (NRCS or TSP) determines, based on the specific site conditions,--* that a water development is needed to provide water for livestock
- livestock currently graze or normally graze (crop residue) the marginal pastureland or cropland acreage located adjacent to the acreage enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer
- water development is installed according to the NRCS FOTG standard and this handbook

Note: More than 1 water development per contract may be allowed, if needed, to provide the water for livestock, and no other technically feasible and economically viable alternatives for water are available.

- water development is the lowest cost option that provides a dependable water source.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

B Water Developments (Continued)

Examples: NRCS or TSP determines, based on the site conditions, that the producer could construct a \$4,000 spring or a \$3,100 drilled well. Both options would provide dependable water and would address the resource concerns. The \$3,100 drilled well **must** be selected.

A steep pasture is bisected by a stream. The steep topography and rocky site condition prohibit the crossing of the stream by a pipeline. Two spring developments may be permitted because it is the lowest cost option to provide a dependable water source.

NRCS determines the most efficient location to install a well would require a pumping station. These 2 technical practices are needed to address resource concerns.

C Water Development Distance From Filter Strip or Riparian Buffer

Water developments may be approved for C/S for CRP if the water development distance from the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer contract acres are either of the following:

- up to 750 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on COC or CED approval
- up to 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on STC approval.

Note: Water developments in excess of 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer **must** be submitted to CD for approval. See subparagraph J.

D Water Facilities

Water facilities are any of the following:

- trough
- tank
- fencing, included around the tank or trough
- hydrants and other necessary piping, excluding pipeline to convey water to the watering facility.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

D Water Facilities (Continued)

Producers may receive C/S for water facilities if all of the following are met:

- technical authority (NRCS, FS, TSP) determines, based on the specific site conditions, that water facilities are needed to provide water for livestock
- livestock currently graze or normally graze (crop residue) the marginal pastureland or cropland acreage located adjacent to the acreage enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, riparian *--buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland--* buffer
- water facilities are installed according to the NRCS FOTG standard and this handbook.

Note: More than 1 water facility per contract may be allowed, if needed, to address the resource concern, and no other technically feasible and economically viable alternatives for water are available.

Important: C/S is available to provide the lowest cost option that provides a dependable water facility needed to address the resource concerns.

Example: A producer could choose to install 3 water tanks, gravel aprons, and fencing. Each tank, gravel apron, and fencing costs \$1,500 each. The total eligible costs are \$4,500.

E Water Facility Distance From Filter Strip or Riparian Buffer

Water facilities may be approved for C/S for CRP if the water facility distance from the filter *--strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer contract acres are either of the following:

- less than 750 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on COC or CED approval
- less than 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on STC approval.

Note: Water facilities in excess of 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer **must** be submitted to CD for approval. See subparagraph J.--*

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

F Pipelines

Installing pipelines to convey water to water facilities is eligible for C/S if all of the following are met:

- livestock currently graze or normally graze (crop residue) the marginal pastureland or cropland where the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer is located
- pipeline is installed according to the NRCS FOTG standard and this handbook
- COC's or CED's may approve contracts with pipelines less than 750 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer
- STC may approve pipelines less than 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer.

G Fencing

C/S is available for installing fencing if the following are met:

- fencing is necessary to prohibit livestock access to the CRP acres devoted to filter strips, riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer
- fencing is installed parallel and adjacent to the CRP acreage

Note: For extraordinary cases, if the existing size and width requirements for filter strips, riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer in Exhibit 11 do not allow for installing the fence parallel and adjacent to the buffer, these cases may be submitted to CD through *--STC for review. See subparagraph J.--*

- C/S does not exceed the STC- or COC-established cost for a 4-strand barbed wire fence.

Note: Producers may install fencing other than a 4-strand barbed wire fence. However, C/S is limited to the cost of the 4-strand barbed wire fence.

Important: C/S is available only for the lowest cost option that provides adequate fencing needed to address the resource concerns.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

H Cost

COC or CED and STC must review all cost data for water facilities, water developments, water gaps, and livestock crossings. COC's or CED's and STC's must take steps necessary to ensure that components of the practice are essential for the practice and the minimum needed for completing the practice.

I Livestock Crossing

Livestock crossing is only permitted if it is determined by COC or CED, based on the technical authority finding, that a livestock crossing is essential for implementing the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer.

***--J C/S Requests on Acres Not Enrolled in CRP Contract**

C/S for livestock water developments, water facilities, and pipeline may be considered on acres not enrolled in a CRP contract to address an identified resource concern on CP88 acreage. This policy applies to new and existing CRP contracts with CP88 acreage.

COC's and STC's will consider the following elements when reviewing and approving projects requesting C/S for components located on acres not enrolled in a CRP contract:

- both the CRP contract acreage and acres not enrolled in the CRP contract(s) must be owned by the same individual or entity as the CRP-1 participant(s)

Note: Easements, water rights, or other legal access documents can be provided to the approval authority to establish access on the non-CRP acreage.

- watering infrastructure planned on acres not enrolled in the CRP contract that are located on:
 - the **same FSA tract** as the CRP-1 acreage may be approved by COC

Note: When possible, the watering infrastructure must be established on the same tract.

- a **different FSA tract** than the CRP-1 acreage must be submitted to STC through COC for approval
- a **different FSA farm** than the CRP-1 acreage must be submitted to DAFP through STC for approval--*

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

***--J C/S Requests on Acres Not Enrolled in CRP Contract (Continued)**

- land with a planned watering facility must be available to the livestock grazing the CP88
- documentation provided by NRCS or TSP:
 - conservation planning that supports the need for specific water developments and water facilities designed to address identified resource concern(s) related to the grazing operation
 - a conservation plan and engineering designs for any practices requiring engineering designs
 - a conservation plan covering the entire project if the water development spans multiple tracts, CRP contracts, or both.

Modifications to existing water infrastructure located on acreage not enrolled in a CRP contract during the CRP-1 period must be included in the conservation plan and approved by DAFP. Such modifications include, but are not limited to:

- adding additional hydrants and faucets for field access or livestock watering
- adding pipelines to watering infrastructure
- other agriculture and non-agricultural uses of the watering infrastructure.

The watering infrastructure on acreage not enrolled in a CRP contract is subject to the same terms, conditions, and compliance requirements as conservation practices and land under the CRP-1 contract.

FSA's environmental review must occur across the entire area of potential effect, whether the practice takes place on or off CRP contract land. The acres not enrolled in the CRP contract acreage and planned conservation practices must also be included in any consultation review since it is part of the overall federal undertaking.

Note: Agreements made by owners and operators to make changes to the infrastructure during the CRP contract will be reviewed for NEPA/Section 106 compliance, regardless of C/S being requested.

Newly approved contracts have three years from CRP-1 approval to complete requested C/S activities. Existing contracts must have scheduled activities completed as soon as possible after the conservation plan modification is completed.--*

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)***--K STC or CD Approval Request--***

Requests for STC or CD, according to subparagraphs A, C, E, and G, forwarded to STC or CD will include a minimum of the following:

- digital imagery/map of the site
- location of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer
- location of current or proposed water facilities
- location of current or proposed pipelines
- *--size of pasture impacted and approximate number of livestock using the pasture--*
- options considered
- option selected and the rationale for selecting the option
- estimated costs
- technical contact person for the plan
- *--environmental evaluation
- letters of concurrence from the NRCS State Conservationist and STC--*
- any other pertinent documentation to support the request.

512 C/S Policy for Management Activities**A C/S Authorized Before June 3, 2019**

Paragraph 428 and Exhibit 11 provide that certain management activities are required for all practices on CRP-1's approved before June 3, 2019. These management activities are eligible for C/S. C/S is limited to 50 percent of eligible cost not to exceed:

- \$100 per acre for the life of the contract for a 10-year contract
- \$125 per acre for the life of the contract for a contract in excess of 10 years.

B C/S Not Authorized Beginning on June 3, 2019

Paragraph 428 and Exhibit 11 provide that all participants with CRP-1's approved beginning June 3, 2019, are required to perform at least 1 management activity if determined needed by the State Technical Committee according to their approved conservation plan. C/S is not authorized for these management activities.

513 Supporting Data**A Obtaining Evidence**

COC's or CED's must obtain evidence to determine proper payment. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- invoices
- canceled checks
- paid receipts
- analysis tags
- other evidence to determine proper payment.

Evidence **must** be obtained from participants to ensure that C/S received does not exceed 100 percent of the cost of the practice. Participants **must** provide acceptable evidence to determine actual cost to determine the C/S payment.

COC's or CED's must obtain acceptable evidence of practice completion regardless of whether the participant will receive C/S. COC's or CED's **must** ensure that the practice was completed according to the standards and specifications in the conservation plan.

B Retaining Documentation

Review, date stamp, copy, and return to participant the supporting evidence required by COC or CED that the producer submits to receive C/S payments.

513 Supporting Data (Continued)

C Invoices and Documentation for Percent of Cost

Process data for C/S payments based on percent of cost according to the following.

Step	COC Action
1	Applicant must provide satisfactory evidence to determine proper payment according to subparagraph A.
2	Record the cost of performing the components of the practice on FSA-848B *--according to 6-CRP.--*
3	If a discount was applied, use the sale price minus the discount to compute C/S.
4	Consider C/S reported paid by all outside sources. Note: See paragraph 516 for an example.
5	If used materials are involved, COC must determine and document the value of these materials based on current commercial rates.
6	If the producer performed the practice with the producer's own labor, equipment, or materials, the producer must submit signed, itemized statements. Statements must include: • dates of work performed • cost per hour charged for labor • type of equipment used • charge for equipment • type and cost of materials used • other applicable information. Costs for personal labor and personal equipment must be less than that charged by contractors who are entitled to make a profit for their efforts.

514 Computing C/S**A When to Compute C/S**

Compute C/S earned only after **all** these actions have been taken:

- participant has certified completion of the practice on FSA-848B
- NRCS or TSP has certified installation of the practice on FSA-848B
- all required information has been obtained
- approved adjustments have been made in:
 - C/S
 - extent
 - materials
 - practice components.

B Computing C/S Earned

--Determine eligible costs for C/S earned by practice and components and enter in CSS according to 6-CRP. Payments will not be rounded.--

The C/S payments to the owner or operator, when combined with the sum of payments from all other funding sources for measures and practices, must not exceed 100 percent of the total actual cost of establishing those measures and practices.

Further, CRP regulation 1410.40 (d)(2) provides that “the amount of C/S payments, including practice incentive payments, may not be an amount that, when added to such assistance from other sources, exceeds 100 percent of the cost of establishing the practice.”

515 Cost Data When Ineligible “Persons” According to 1-PL or Person or Legal Entity According to 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL Contributed

A Ineligible Contributor

Any contributor that is not a signatory to the contract is:

- an ineligible contributor
- not eligible to receive C/S.

Examples of contributions from an ineligible contributor include materials, services, or cash provided to an eligible “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL,- as applicable.

B Reporting Payments From All Other Sources Including Ineligible Contributors

Report the payments from other sources, including ineligible contributors, according to subparagraph 507 B.

Include the following information:

- name of all payment sources
- total cost of performing the practice
- dollar value of the payment from all other sources
- describe the ineligible contribution.

516 Computing C/S if Ineligible Persons Have Contributed

A CRP C/S

--Ineligible contributions must be included in the total actual cost calculation when the practice is complete but must not be included as part of the participant’s eligible cost used to calculate the C/S payment.--

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517 Computing C/S if Special Interest Groups (Outside Source) Contributed

A Special Interest Groups

Special interest groups, such as Ducks Unlimited or Pheasants Forever, are only eligible to receive

*--C/S payments when they are participants on the CRP-1.

Non-C/S services (land preparation, use of equipment, etc.) are permitted from special interest groups, such as Ducks Unlimited or Pheasants Forever, and are included in the calculation of total establishment costs when the practice is complete.

Note: Special interest groups **may** not be eligible to receive annual rental payments.--*

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518 Dividing C/S Based on Contributions**A All Costs Paid by 1 Eligible “Person” or Person or Legal Entity**

An eligible person who performs the obligation of establishing the practice may earn the C/S payment.

Note: See paragraph 490 for eligible persons.

B Costs Paid in Equal Proportions by Eligible “Persons” or Person or Legal Entity

If 2 or more eligible “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, equally contribute to the cost of performing the practice,--* divide C/S equally.

C Costs Paid in Unequal Proportions by Eligible “Persons” or Person or Legal Entity

If 2 or more eligible “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, contribute to the cost of performing a practice and COC determines that each “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, contributions are not in equal proportions, COC or CED--* must:

- prorate the C/S payments based on the individual’s contributions
- document how each “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to *--4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, percent of contribution was determined.--*

D All Costs Paid by Ineligible “Person”

Make no C/S payments to any person for a practice for which all costs are paid by ineligible “persons”.

519 Making CRP C/S Payments

A C/S Payments

CRP C/S payments must:

- be made when authorized according to 1-FI
- be computed based on the rates and specifications in effect when C/S is approved on FSA-848A

Note: See paragraph 498 for an exception.

- be paid as soon as possible after all the following have been completed:
 - COC or CED approves CRP-1
 - producer signs FSA-848B and reports completion of the practice
 - NRCS or TSP certifies performance
 - *--payment approval is recorded on FSA-848B.

Note: When the payment is requested in CSS, the common payment process will validate the following:

- AD-1026 has been completed and signed
- CCC-902, as applicable, has been completed and signed
- compliance with 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable.--*

See 61-FI for prompt payment provisions.

- not exceed:
 - 50 percent of actual costs
 - 50 percent of land value for certain practices

Exceptions: See paragraph 490.

- 100 percent of participant's out-of-pocket cost when added to payments from other sources and PIP, as applicable
- be exempt from maximum payment limitation provisions and offset for debts to FLP
- only be paid to signatories to approved CRP-1
- not be authorized for splitting practices on the same land for C/S purposes between different Federal programs

519 Making CRP C/S Payments (Continued)**A C/S Payments (Continued)**

- not be issued to Federal entities
- be recorded on FSA-848B
- *--be spot-checked.

Notes: See paragraph 513 for supporting data to review.

Make partial payments according to 6-CRP and paragraph 520. Record partial and final performance according to 6-CRP.--*

B Approval Responsibilities for C/S Payments

STC or DAFP representative must review certain FSA-848B's before approval. The following shows required reviews, persons responsible for review, and persons responsible for approval or disapproval.

FSA-848B for...	MUST be reviewed by...	BEFORE approval or disapproval by...
• COC members • FSA County Office employees • other County USDA employees • Conservation District board members	DD	DD.
State Office employees	STC	STC.
STC members	DAFP	SED.
SED's	DAFP	STC.
other FSA employees	DAFP	STC.

Note: Reviews **must** be completed for any entity for which the employees, who are subject to a required review, have a substantial beneficial interest, according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, 6-PL, or 7-PL, as applicable.

Persons making the required reviews must ensure that all:

- eligibility requirements are met
- required entries on FSA-848B are completed.

SED or STC, as applicable, must not approve FSA-848B unless authorized by DAFP in writing.

520 Partial Payments

A Authority for Partial Payment

Partial payment for a practice may be paid if the participant will complete **all** * * * the practice within the time prescribed by COC or CED.

If the practice is not completed within the time prescribed, the participant **must** refund the payment.

B Making Partial Payments

Make partial payments only when **all** * * * the following conditions are satisfied:

- a request for payment is made on FSA-848B
- NRCS or TSP determine that the completed components are a reasonable attainment toward completing the practice
- participant certifies that a major component is complete.

Example 1: The participant enrolled 20 acres of CP-1. The participant purchased the seed, applied herbicides, and disked the field; however, the planting was not completed. The participant is requesting a partial payment for the completed activities. Since a major component of the practice (seeding) was not completed, a partial payment must not be issued.

Example 2: The participant enrolls 5 acres of CP-21 with fencing to exclude cattle from the seasonal stream. The participant has installed the fence but has not planted the filter strip. The participant is requesting a partial payment for the installed fence. The partial payment may be issued because the participant has completed a major component by installing the fence.

521 Adjustments Because of Overpayment or Underpayment

A Adjustments

*--County Offices must adjust FSA-848B according to 6-CRP:

- overpayment is caused by an error in data or computations, which includes refunds
- underpayment is caused by an error in data or computations, which includes refunds.--*

Note: The participant **must** sign the corrected FSA-848B.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations

A CSS Reports and Purposes

Reports available in CSS.

The following reports are available in CSS for State and County Offices to use as tools for monitoring C/S requests and payments.

Applicability	Report Title	Report Description
FSA-848's	All FSA-848, Pending Approval	Displays all FSA-848's. Also displays revisions to previously approved FSA-848A's where the revisions are in process, but not yet approved. Note: CRP FSA-848A's in revision status will have an alpha suffix in the control number.
FSA-848A's	FSA-848A, Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report	Displays all FSA-848A's (CRP only) with practices that expire within a user-defined window beginning with the current date and ending on the date designated by the user.
	FSA-848A, Practices Nearing Expiration Report	Displays all FSA-848A's * * * with practices that expire within a 59-calendar-day window from the date of the report request.
	FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded	Displays all FSA-848A's with an unpaid practice that has passed its expiration date. If FSA-848A contains multiple practices, only the practices that have passed the expiration date will be shown.
FSA-848's and FSA-848A's	Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements	Displays agreements and practices according to criteria selected by the user. Searching for practices with statuses of “Approved”, “Pending Certification”, “Partially Earned”, and “Payment Failed” can display all agreements with practice expiration dates that occur in the near future.

Note: The following CSS reports must be used by County Offices, DD's, State Office Specialists, and SED's for monitoring CRP C/S obligations.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**B All FSA-848, Pending Approval Report**

The All FSA-848, Pending Approval Report identifies FSA-848's where editing, revision, or termination actions have been conducted but those actions have not yet been approved by COC. County Office will focus on FSA-848's that have an alpha suffix as those FSA-848's are in a revision status and require action.

The report lists all unapproved FSA-848's that contain at least 1 practice. FSA-848's that
*--have been started but do not yet have a practice added do not display on this report. See
6-CRP.--*

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C Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report and Letters

The Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report allows users to set the date range for expiring practices to be included in the report to something greater than what is available in
--the Practices Nearing Expiration Report. This report facilitates a proactive approach to--
notifying CRP producers of practices approaching expiration.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**C Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report and Letters (Continued)**

Additionally, a practice expiration letter specific to CRP is available. This letter advises the producer that:

- the C/S will be cancelled if performance is not reported or an extension of the practice expiration date is not requested by the practice expiration date
- failure to complete the practice may result in termination of the associated CRP-1.

The Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report is available to both State and County users.

The report is generated based upon the timeframe and county selected by the user.

- *--Report Begin Date is defaulted to the current date and can be changed to a future date, but not a prior date--*
- Report End Date is selected by the user and can be entered manually in MM/DD/YYYY format or can be selected from the calendar help tool.

D CRP * * * Practice Expiration Reminder Letters

Expiration reminder letters are only available to County users.

Expiration reminder letters are generated based upon the timeframe and county selected by the user.

- *--Report Begin Date is defaulted to the current date and can be changed to a future date, but not a prior date.--*

Report End Date is selected by the user and can be entered manually in MM/DD/YYYY format or can be selected from the calendar help tool.

- *--6-CRP contains instructions for generating expiration reminder letters.--*

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)***--E FSA-848A, Practices Nearing Expiration Report**

Use FSA-848A, Practices Nearing Expiration Report, to identify producers who need to be sent letters warning of practices expiring in 59 calendar days.

The report displays all practices with a “Practice Completion Date” that falls within the next 59 calendar days. FSA-848A’s with multiple practices will have multiple rows displayed in the report if more than 1 practice associated with FSA-848A will expire in the next 59 calendar days. Practice statuses in this report include “Approved”, and practices with--* performance reported (“Partially Earned” or “Pending Certification”).

F FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded Report

Use FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded Report, to identify FSA-848A’s needing action because the completion date for the practices on FSA-848A has passed.

This report contains all practices with expected practice completion dates that have passed and that have not yet had the “Practice complete?” question that appears in the Producer Certification process answered with a “Yes”.

Practice statuses included in the report include:

- “Approved” (no performance reported)
- “Partially Earned” (partial performance reported with a payment issued)
- “Pending Approval” (approval data entered but no COC/CED approval date for FSA-848A)
- “Pending Certification” (TSP and producer certification of performance, but no County Office signature date entered for the payment)
- “Payment Failed” (payment attempted but not successful).

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**G Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements**

Use the Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements to identify:

- practices not designated as “practice complete” with expiration dates:
 - that have already passed, or
 - that are in the immediate future
- “Paid” status agreements with practices that have a status other than paid.

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H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities

Use this table to monitor CRP obligation reporting action responsibilities.

Report	Employee	Required Action
All FSA-848, Pending Approval	Program *--Analyst--*	• On the first of each month, prepare a report of all *--FSA-848's, pending approval to ensure timely action is taken. FSA-848A's in revision status that require action will have an alpha suffix in the control number and require action. • Approve, revise, or inactivate the pending FSA-848's, as applicable. • Provide a copy of the monthly report to the DD with action taken documented on the list no later than the 15th of each month.--*

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
All FSA-848, Pending Approval (Continued)	DD	- Review the monthly report provided by each County Office. - Contact the County Offices that do not provide a *--report no later than the 15th of each month. - Provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office no later than the 20th of each month. - Work with County Offices to implement and complete SED's Corrective Action Plan.--*
	State Office	- Review the monthly reports provided by DD'. *--Provide summary report for the State to SED no later than the 25th of each month.
	SED	Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's no later than the end of the month.--*
FSA-848A, Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report	Program *--Analyst--*	- Generate the report in October of each FY to identify all CRP C/S practices expiring in that FY. - Generate and mail expiration reminder letters using "CRP * * * Practice Expiration Reminder" option in CSS Reports Menu. - On the first of each month, rerun the report to monitor progress of practice completion for the current date through the end of the FY. - Provide a monthly update of practice completion *--progress to DD no later than the 15th of the month.--*
	DD	- Review the monthly report provided by each County Office. - Contact the County Offices that do not provide a *--report no later than the 15th of each month. - Provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office no later than the 20th of each month. - Work with County Offices to implement and complete SED's Corrective Action Plan.--*

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)**

Report	Employee	Required Action
FSA-848A, Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report (Continued)	State Office	• Review the monthly reports provided by DD's. • Provide summary report for the State to SED *--no later than the 25th of the month.
	SED	• Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's no later than the end of the month. • Ensure County Offices, DD's, and specialists resolve the C/S agreements on the report each month.--*

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
FSA-848A, Practices Nearing Expiration	Program *--Analyst--*	- On the first of each month, prepare a report of FSA-848's expiring within 59 calendar days to track performance that needs to be completed within 59 calendar days according to subparagraph 502 B. - Mail all participants on the list the "Practice Nearing Expiration" letter. - Provide a copy of the monthly report to DD with *--action taken documented on the list no later than the 15th of each month.--*
	DD	- Review the monthly report provided by each County Office according to paragraph 33. - Contact the County Offices that do not provide a *--report no later than the 15th of each month. - Provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office no later than the 20th of each month. - Work with County Offices to implement and complete SED's Corrective Action Plan.--*
	State Office	- Review the monthly reports provided by DD's. - Provide summary report for the State to SED no later than the 25th of the month.
	SED	- Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's no later than the end of the month. - Ensure County Offices, DD's, and specialists resolve the C/S agreements on the report each month.--*

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded	Program *--Analyst--*	- At the beginning of each month, filter the SharePoint site for your State and county to process all C/S agreements with FSA-848's with Practice Expiration Date Exceeded. *--Note: The PEDE report in CSS provides participant contact information and current agreement status. - Contact all participants who have not submitted receipts, certified completion of practices, or requested an extension with instructions for practice performance certification or extension, as applicable.--* - Export a progress report from SharePoint and review with COC. - Process applicable payments for participants who * * * submitted receipts and certified completion of the practice. *--When all practices have not been completed or an extension was not timely requested and approved according to paragraphs 502 through 504, either: - terminate FSA-848A when no practice instances have been paid (this will create receivables if prior payments were issued) - zero-certify unpaid FSA-848A practice instances (this will mark the practice complete in CSS) - Record C/S agreement action taken and agreement-specific explanations providing dates of proactive actions to resolve agreements requiring follow-up as--* required, on the SharePoint.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded (Continued)	DD	• Filter and review SharePoint C/S agreements for your district no later than the 15th of each month. •*--Review County Office progress on report no later than the 15th of each month with CED. • Provide a summation of actions taken to resolve agreements to the State Office no later than the 20th of each month. • Work with County Offices to implement and complete SED's Corrective Action Plan.--*
	State Office	• Provide County Offices updated instructions to resolve agreements on the Practice Expiration Date Exceeded SharePoint site upon receipt of the monthly updated information from the National Office. •*--Monitor County Office progress and work with state-level TSP leadership to timely expedite required determinations for participants.--* • Review the monthly report provided by DD. •*--Provide summary report for the State to SED no later than the 25th of the month.--*
	SED	• Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's no later than the end of the month. •*--Ensure County Offices, District Directors, and Specialists resolve the C/S agreements on the report each month.--*
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523 National Office Monitoring**A C/S Reports**

The National Office established 2 monthly CRP C/S reports:

- CRP-1's that are not matched ("Unmatched") with a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS
- current and aged FSA-848A's, recorded in CSS with unpaid balances after the practice expiration date.

B Monthly Unmatched Report

The Unmatched Report provides a list of CRP-1's that are not matched with a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS.

The National Office provides the monthly report to the State Office of CRP-1's that do not have a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS. The purpose of the report is to assist the County Office in identifying CRP-1's that require a corresponding FSA-848A to be recorded in CSS.

C County Office Action Required

County Offices must use the monthly Unmatched Report to identify CRP-1's that do not have a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS, and record the required C/S requests in *--CSS according to 6-CRP.--*

If CRP-1 meets 1 of the criteria listed in subparagraph 500 A, the County Office must notify their State Office that the specific CRP-1 does not require FSA-848A.

The State Office must then provide the list to FMD to remove CRP-1 from the Unmatched Report.

The following items must be provided for each CRP-1 to be removed from the list:

- State
- county
- CRP-1 number with suffix, if applicable
- program year.

523 National Office Monitoring (Continued)**D National Office Quarterly Certification**

On a quarterly schedule, the National Office will provide the list of unmatched CRP-1's to the State Office with a required certification of action taken by the County Office. The State Office will send the report to the applicable County Offices. This quarterly report will have specific fields to be completed by the County Office. County Offices will complete the requested fields for each CRP-1 on the report and return to the State Office for submitting to the National Office according to instructions provided with each report.

The following table provides the quarterly schedule for certification.

Date of Report	Date Report Will Be Emailed to State Office	Date State Office Will Return Certification to National Office
January 31st	February 4th	March 1st
April 30th	May 5th	June 1st
July 31st	August 5th	September 1st
October 31st	November 5th	December 1st

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524-545 (Reserved)

Part 16 CRP-1 Modifications

Section 1 CRP-1 Revisions

546 Revisions to CRP-1's

A When to Revise CRP-1's

CRP-1's must be revised for the following reasons:

- *--change in tract number after a reconstitution

Note: Farm number was removed from the CRP-1 effective December 9, 2019. For older CRP-1's that have a farm number listed, if the farm number changes, the County Office must complete a pen and ink change on the hard copy of the CRP-1 to strike through the farm number. Do not add a new farm number to the CRP-1. The County Office employee making the change and the CRP--* participant both must initial and date the strike through. If the farm number changes again, no action is required.

- change of participants
- change in participant's shares
- part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated by the participant according to subparagraph 571 B
- part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated because of a violation
- land under CRP-1 is withdrawn from cropland status
- land under CRP-1 is sold to another producer
- loss of control of land, including death, sale, inheritance, incompetency, foreclosure, or eminent domain
- acreage changes because of new digital imagery
- change in CLU number
- removal of CRP because of natural conditions.

*--Notes: This is applicable to all CRP-1 signups.

All contract revisions resulting in a reduction of acreage must be completed in CCMS as a contract division followed by a partial termination to retain accurate historical representation of the contract and acreage. See 5-CRP for CCMS instructions.--*

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

B Revising Erroneous Acre Determinations

Revise erroneous acre determinations according to the following.

Note: This subparagraph only applies to cases where there was **no** measurement service completed.

IF, after CRP-1 is approved, it is determined that CRP-1 includes...	THEN...
more eligible acres than originally approved	• revise CRP-1 to include the additional eligible acres • do not make retroactive payments on the additional acres.
less eligible acres than originally approved	• revise CRP-1 to correct the error • do not collect overpayments if it is an FSA, NRCS, or TSP error.

C Notification of Revisions

COC or CED **must** notify all CRP participants in writing that the conservation plan and CRP-1 **must** be revised to reflect the change to CRP-1. Participants **must** consult with NRCS or TSP to revise the conservation plan. Notify all participants, in writing, upon COC or CED receipt of the revised conservation plan, that the participants have 60 calendar days from the date of notification to sign the revised CRP-1.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

D Required Forms and Signatures

The following provides required forms and signatures.

Form	Signature Required
• CRP-1 (Exhibit 21) • CRP-1 Appendix • NRCS-CPA-1155 • Certification Statement (subparagraph 130 E) • Conservation Plan and Contract Support Documents	• Operator. • Operator's spouse, if spouse is another producer. • Each owner whose name is on the deed. Note: CRP-1 signatures are required 60 calendar days after COC notification. No signature is required on CRP-1 Appendix.

Note: An operator is not required to sign a revised CRP-1 if the operator provides a written statement voluntarily relinquishing rights to CRP.

E Requirement Exceptions

The requirements for signatures apply unless:

- a trustee of BIA representing native Americans owning the land signs on their behalf

Note: All CRP-1's signed by BIA representative on behalf of native Americans owning the land must be reviewed by RA. COC or CED must not approve CRP-1 until RA determines that the required signatures have been obtained.

- a native American has a restrictive 5-year BIA farm lease that has been extended according to BIA provisions.

F Other Signatures

COC or CED must:

- ensure that operators and tenants receive fair and equitable treatment
- verify that this provision is being followed before making C/S or annual rental payments.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

G Revising CRP-1's

Revise CRP-1 **only** according to the following.

Step	Action
1	Initiate the CRP-1 revision or division in CCMS, according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Sections 2 and 5.
2	Make necessary adjustments in CCMS to update CRP-1 according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Sections 1 and 2.
3	*--Print revised CRP-1 from CCMS according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 1.--*
4	Write "VOID" on original CRP-1.
5	Provide copy of revised CRP-1 to all participants for signature, and CRP-1 Appendix, if applicable. Note: Do not provide a different CRP-1 Appendix if the participant on the revised CRP-1 is the same participant signing the original CRP-1. See subparagraph I.
6	Once signatures are obtained on revised CRP-1 and conservation plan, COC/CED will approve.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

H Revising CRP-1 if Plan Is Modified

If CRP-1 is revised for reasons other than modifying the plan, consult with NRCS or TSP about the need for modifying the approved conservation plan.

- Do **not** revise CRP-1 for only changes to the approved conservation plan. NRCS or TSP will use NRCS-CPA-1156.

Note: Changes in practices will require a revision to CRP-1.

- NRCS or TSP, in consultation with the participant, is responsible for changing the approved conservation plan.
- COC or CED will consider recommendations for changes in CRP practices.
--See paragraph 429.--
- Final approval for changes in C/S obligations is the responsibility of COC.
- Obtain a signed, modified conservation plan from NRCS or TSP.
- An approved conservation plan **must** be modified to reflect signatures of new owners if CRP-1 is revised because of succession-in-interest.

I Policy for Using Correct CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix

Successors-in-interest electing to succeed to an existing CRP-1 must:

- *--sign the current version of CRP-1 generated from CCMS--*
- receive the same CRP-1 Appendix that was agreed to by the predecessor.

Note: Do **not** provide a different CRP-1 Appendix if the participant on the revised CRP-1 is the **same** participant signing the original CRP-1.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

J Applicability of CRP-1 Appendix for CRP Offers

The following provides the dates of each CRP-1 Appendix used for CRP offers.

IF CRP acreage was offered during...	THEN CRP-1 is effective for program year...	AND the date of the applicable CRP-1 Appendix is...
signups 1 through 4	1986, 1987, and 1988	February 25, 1986.
signup 5	1987 and 1988	July 17, 1987.
signups 6 and 7	1988 and 1989	January 22, 1988.
signups 8 and 9	1989 and 1990	February 2, 1989.
signup 10	1991	February 28, 1991.
signup 11	1992	June 25, 1991.
signup 12	1993	June 9, 1992.
signup 13	1996 and 1997	September 6, 1995.
continuous signup 14	1997 and 1998	September 3, 1996.
signup 15	1998 and 1999	February 12, 1997.
signup 16		
continuous signup 17		
signup 18		
continuous signup 19	1999 and 2000	
signup 20	2001	November 29, 1999.
continuous signup 21	2000 and 2001	either of the following: - February 12, 1997, for CRP-1's approved before January 1, 2000 - November 29, 1999, for CRP-1's approved on or after January 1, 2000.
continuous signup 22	2000 and 2001	November 29, 1999.
continuous signup 23	2001 and 2002	
continuous signup 24	2002 and 2003	
continuous signup 25	2003 and 2004	
signup 26	2004 and 2005	May 1, 2003.
continuous signup 27		
continuous signup 28		
signup 29	2006 and 2007	
continuous signup 30	2005 and 2006	
continuous signup 31	2006 and 2007	
REX signup 32	2008 through 2011	
general signup 33	2007	

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

J Applicability of CRP-1 Appendix for CRP Offers (Continued)

IF CRP acreage was offered during...	THEN CRP-1 is effective for program year...	AND the date of the applicable CRP-1 Appendix is...
continuous signup 35	2007 and 2008	May 1, 2003.
continuous signup 36	2008 and 2009	
continuous signup 37	2009 and 2010	
continuous signup 38	2010 and 2011	
general signup 39	2011	
continuous signup 40	2011 and 2012	
general signup 41	2012	
continuous signup 42	2012 and 2013	
general signup 43	2013	
continuous signup 44	2013 and 2014	May 7, 2013.
general signup 45	2014	
continuous signup 46	2014 and 2015	
continuous signup 47	2015 and 2016	one of the following:
continuous signup 48	2016 and 2017	
general signup 49	2017	
grassland signup 200	2017 and subsequent	
		• October 22, 2015, for CRP-1's approved before August 30, 2016 • August 30, 2016, for CRP-1's approved on or after August 30, 2016 • October 14, 2016, for CRP-1's approved on or after October 14, 2016.
continuous signup 50	2017 and 2018	either of the following: • August 30, 2016 • October 14, 2016, for CRP-1's approved on or after October 14, 2016.
continuous signup 51	2018 and 2019	October 14, 2016.
grassland signup 201	2018	
continuous signup 52	2019 and 2020	
continuous signup 53	2020 and 2021	December 9, 2019.
general signup 54	2021	
grassland signup 202	2021	

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

J Applicability of CRP-1 Appendix for CRP Offers (Continued)

IF CRP acreage was offered during...	THEN CRP-1 is effective for program year...	AND the date of the applicable CRP-1 Appendix is...
continuous signup 55	2021 and 2022	either of the following: - December 9, 2019 - June 14, 2021, for CRP-1's approved on or after June 14, 2021.
general signup 56	2022	
grassland signup 203	2022	
continuous signup 57	2022 and 2023	June 14, 2021.
general signup 58	2023	
grassland CRP signup 204	2023	
continuous signup 59	2023 and 2024	
general signup 60	2024	
grassland signup 205	2024	
*--continuous signup 61	2024 and 2025	
general signup 62	2025	
grassland signup 206	2025	
continuous signup 63	2026	
general signup 64	2026	
grassland signup 207	2026	
continuous signup 65	2027	
general signup 66	2027	
grassland signup 208	2027--*	

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K CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report

The county level CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report provides a list of CRP contracts that have an "Invalid" indicator.

The CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report identifies CRP contracts, by State, county, and CRP contract number, with an invalid status. The report also provides the reason for the invalid status, including but not limited to missing participant, invalid participant, and deceased participant. See 5-CRP, subparagraph 100 B, for CRP contract validity status indicators and the associated corrective action. See 5-CRP, subparagraph 140 B, to run the Pending Invalid Contract Report.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

K CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report (Continued)

County Offices must use the CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report to identify CRP contracts with an invalid status and determine the corrective action needed, review Farm Records data, and Business Partner data to ensure that the CRP contracts are accurate, and to make needed corrections.

On the first business day of each month, County Office must:

- run the county level Pending Invalid Contract Report
- review all CRP contracts listed on the report
- take corrective action to address the invalid reason according to 5-CRP, subparagraph 100 B.

Note: If the CRP contract is expired and the invalid reason is a producer is not found in Farm Records or CCMS is missing an owner listed in farm records, the contract does not need to be corrected. The focus is to ensure that current CRP contracts data is accurate.

On a quarterly schedule, the National Office will provide a list of invalid CRP contracts to the State Office for certification of action taken by the County Office. The report will be run according to the following table. The State Office will send out the report to County Offices. This quarterly report will have specific fields to be completed by the County Office. County Offices will complete the requested fields for each contract on the report and return to the State Office for submission to the National Office.

The following table provides the quarterly schedule for certification.

Date of Report	Date Report will be emailed to State Office	Date State Office will return certification to National Office
January 31st	February 5th	March 1st
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547 Revising CRP-1 Because of Loss of Control of Land**A General Policies**

CRP-1 **may** need to be revised because of loss of control of land under CRP-1.

If loss of control occurs because of death, sale, inheritance, incompetency, foreclosure, or exercise of eminent domain, follow:

- paragraph 630 for conservation easements placed on CRP land
- paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest
- subparagraphs 550 B and C for other revisions
- paragraph 551 for land acquired by a Federal agency
- paragraph 571 for:
 - land acquired by eminent domain
 - terminations
 - terminations because of foreclosure.

B If Owner Loses Control of CRP Land

Follow this table if owner loses control of CRP land.

IF loss of control occurs...	THEN...
on a tract of land on which all CRP-1 acres are located	revise CRP-1 and the approved conservation plan according to paragraph 546.
on part of CRP-1 acreage	• continue CRP-1 on the remaining acreage still under control of participant • follow paragraph 571 for partial terminations • ~~*--offer person acquiring control successor-in-interest--*~~ rights.
and CRP-1 is not continued on any part of acreage	terminate CRP-1 according to paragraph 571.

548 Revising CRP-1 Because of Loss of Interest by Operator or Tenant**A Voluntary Withdrawal by Operator or Tenant From CRP-1**

CRP-1 acreage on which an operator or tenant voluntarily relinquishes the right to CRP-1 benefits may be continued by the owner or other eligible participant becoming a successor-in-interest.

The participant acquiring an interest in CRP-1:

- may share in payments made according to division of shares on CRP-1
- will be responsible for complying with CRP-1 provisions
- will be liable for payment reductions for noncompliance after becoming a party to CRP-1.

B COC Action

An operator **must** submit a request, in writing, to COC to be removed from CRP-1 when the operator no longer has an interest in CRP acreage.

COC must:

- document basis for removal, in both COC minutes and in CRP folder
- verify that a signed statement was received from operator leaving voluntarily
- give owner the option of continuing to operate the land or obtaining a new operator if previous operator:
 - voluntarily relinquishes rights to CRP benefits
 - files for bankruptcy
 - dies and the estate fails to succeed within 60 calendar days of COC notification.

549 Revision Because Participant Gains Control of Land Under CRP-1**A Gaining Control of Land Under CRP-1**

Follow this table when the participant of an existing CRP-1 gains control of other land already under CRP-1.

WHEN...	THEN...
participant chooses to assume CRP-1 on newly acquired land	• do not combine CRP-1's • revise CRP-1 on new land. Note: See paragraph 554 for successor-in-interest.
participant chooses to continue both CRP-1's	• advise participant of maximum payment limitation
either CRP-1 will not be continued	terminate applicable CRP-1 according to paragraph 571.

550 Other Revisions**A Revision Because of New Aerial Imagery**

If new aerial imagery * * * (certified CLU's or GIS measurement) results in a change in the approved CRP acreage or official cropland for the farm, follow 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 for revisions to the acreage.

B Revision to Substitute Fields

Fields designated under CRP-1 cannot be substituted because the original field is under a long-term contract.

C Removal of CRP Acreage Because of Natural Conditions

Apply this subparagraph to CRP-1 when CRP acreage no longer exists because of natural conditions.

Example: The original CRP-1 contained 50 acres along a river. The river eroded 3 acres of land downstream; therefore, only 47 acres remain in the field.

Do not apply this subparagraph to CRP acreage that is underwater or that has been severely damaged.

County Offices must take the following action.

Step	Action
1	Revise CRP-1 to remove acreage that has been physically removed from the property after COC determines that the acreage is no longer eligible for CRP because it does not exist.
2	See 10-CM for procedure on adjusting farm and cropland acreage.
3	Do not require refunds on the acreage that has been physically removed.

D Revision Authorized by DAFP

Revisions, other than in this section, require DAFP approval.

551 Gain of Control of CRP Land by a Federal Agency

A Federal Agency Gains Control of CRP Land

Federal agencies that acquire property that contains CRP acreage are **ineligible** to succeed to or earn payments under CRP or offer acreage for enrollment in CRP. However, CRP-1 may be continued on land acquired by a Federal agency if:

- CRP acres are maintained according to CRP-1 terms and conditions
- the operator on CRP-1 at the time the Federal agency gains control continues to be the operator of the property.

Note: The Federal agency **must** provide evidence of control to the operator for the remainder of CRP-1 period. Other eligible tenants, including the previous owner, may continue to earn CRP payments, as “other producers”. If the operator relinquishes rights to CRP, CRP-1 must be terminated.

If CRP-1 will be continued with eligible CRP participants, do the following:

- use CRP-20 to notify participants of the conditions for continuing CRP-1

Note: Send a copy of CRP-20 to the Federal agency.

- have CRP participants and an authorized representative of the Federal agency sign CRP-1E Addendum within 60 calendar days of COC notification
- file a copy of CRP-20 and CRP-1E Addendum in the participant’s folder.

If a Federal agency acquires property that contains CRP land and chooses **not to continue** CRP-1:

- terminate CRP-1 on the affected acres
- **do not** require refund of previous CRP payments if Federal agency agrees to maintain the acreage according to the CRP-1 terms and conditions.

Note: CRP participants may earn their prorated share of eligible CRP payments according to paragraph 463.

551 Gain of Control of CRP Land by a Federal Agency (Continued)**A Federal Agency Gains Control of CRP Land (Continued)**

When a Federal agency maintains the CRP acreage and the land is subsequently sold to a new owner, if CRP-1 will:

- be continued, see paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest
- **not** be continued, see paragraph 571 for terminations.

B Exception When FLP Gains Control of CRP Land

The provision that an eligible successor **must** control CRP acreage for the remainder of CRP-1 period does **not** apply if during the period FLP holds title to property that contains CRP acreage and an eligible FLP borrower exercised the right to repurchase the property under FLP's "lease back/buy back" provisions.

Note: See Exhibit 6.

CRP payments may be continued if:

- participants have received CRP-20
- FLP continues to hold title to the property and the FLP borrower **has signed**:
 - a lease to repurchase the property that includes CRP acreage
 - CRP-1E Addendum within 60 calendar days of notification.

CRP payments must be prorated to eligible participants, based on the date the lease was approved by FLP.

Note: No payment will be made under CRP-1 until FLP and the eligible FLP borrower **have entered** into a lease to repurchase the property under "lease back/buy back" provisions.

County Offices must:

- review the FLP lease to ensure that the FLP lease **does not** otherwise violate CRP provisions
- file a copy of the FLP lease, CRP-20, and CRP-1E Addendum in the participant's folder.

551 Gain of Control of CRP Land by a Federal Agency (Continued)**C Continuing CRP-1 With FLP Borrower**

CRP-1 will be revised **only if** the land is sold to an eligible participant who agrees to continue CRP-1.

During the period the eligible borrower is attempting to repurchase the property under FLP's "lease back/buy back" provisions, the FLP borrower **must**:

- be considered as an "other producer" under CRP-1
- forfeit **all** rights to future payments and refund, subject to previous payments made under CRP-1, if the property is:
 - not repurchased by the FLP borrower within 5 years
 - sold to an eligible participant who does **not** continue CRP-1.

If the FLP borrower:

- **does not** repurchase the land under CRP-1, see paragraph 571 for terminations
- repurchases the land under CRP-1, see paragraph 547 for revisions.

D Reoffering CRP Acreage Under FLP Control

CRP acreage under FLP control may be reoffered if:

- the person offering the acreage has signed a purchase agreement with FLP before the end of sign-up
- the person offering the acreage meets the eligibility requirements in paragraph 126
- the acreage being reoffered meets all other eligibility requirements.

COC or CED will not approve CRP-1 until proof of ownership is provided.

E Policy Regarding Operators

The exceptions provided in this paragraph do **not** relieve COC's of the responsibility to ensure that the rights of operators or tenants are protected.

Eligible operators or tenants, who are signatories on **original** CRP-1, will:

- continue to earn their share of CRP payments
- **not** be arbitrarily removed or replaced as eligible participants on CRP-1.

552 Revising CRP-1 Because of Inheritance

A Policy

A producer who becomes the owner of land enrolled in CRP because of inheritance, and succeeds to CRP-1, may receive payments for that CRP-1 without regard to the amount of payments received under any other CRP-1 executed before the inheritance. The participant must provide adequate documentation, as defined by COC, to prove that acreage was inherited.

B When the Recipient Already Has an Interest in the Inherited CRP-1

When a CRP participant inherits CRP acreage and the recipient already has a share of the inherited CRP-1, use the following table for guidance.

Note: Each example assumes the son inherits the father's share of CRP-1.

IF the recipient's revised payment total for all CRP-1's is...	THEN...
less than \$50,000 Example: Father and son share CRP-1, each receives 50 percent of the \$20,000 annual rental payment.	- revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant and increase the shares of the recipient to 100 percent according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 - process payments in the normal manner according to 5-CRP, Part 5, Section 2.
greater than \$50,000 Example: Father and son share CRP-1, each receives 50 percent of the \$60,000 annual rental payment.	- revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant and increase the shares of the recipient to 100 percent according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 - update the Subsidiary software using the inheritance adjustment. See 3-PL (Rev. 2), paragraph 142 and the inheritance policy in 5-PL, *--or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

552 Revising CRP-1 Because of Inheritance (Continued)**C When the Recipient Has No Prior Interest in CRP-1**

When a CRP participant inherits CRP acreage, and the recipient had no share in CRP-1 before inheritance, use the following table for guidance.

IF the recipient's revised payment total for all CRP-1's is...	THEN...
less than \$50,000	• revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant and add the recipient • payments will be processed in the normal manner according 5-CRP, Part 5, Section 2.
greater than \$50,000	• revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant, and add the recipient according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 • revise through pay limit system using the inheritance adjustment. See 3-PL (Rev. 2), paragraph 142 and the inheritance policy in 5-PL, *--or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

553 Transferring Land From CRP to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement

A Transferring Existing CRP-1's

Land that is subject to an existing CRP-1 may be accepted into ACEP-ALE, ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement at the discretion of NRCS.

Important: The same land may be enrolled in CRP, including CREP, and ACEP-ALE at the same time.

When issuing CRP annual rental payments, the amount must be prorated from October 1 to the filing date of the easement for ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement.

Notes: Do not cancel CRP-1 until all ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement documents are approved and filed. See 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 to terminate CRP-1.

--Refund of annual rental, C/S, and PIP payments will not be required when terminating CRP to enroll in WRP, ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain-- Easement. Refund of CRP-SIP is required.

No CRP refunds are due on land enrolled in ACEP-ALE provided the participants continue to comply with CRP-1.

Land terminated from CRP is no longer included in the 25 percent cropland limitation or 10 percent easement limitation.

B Transferring Portion of CRP Acreage

If only a portion of the land subject to CRP-1 is accepted into ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement, terminate only that portion of CRP-1 that is affected by enrollment into ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement as follows.

Step	Action
1	Divide CRP-1 into separate CRP-1's according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 5.
2	After revising CRP-1, terminate CRP-1 for the acres transferring to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2.

554 Successor-in-Interest**A Eligible Person Acquiring Interest in CRP Land**

An eligible person may become successor-in-interest to CRP-1 if:

- land has been sold
- there has been a change in owner or operator
- a foreclosure or involuntary loss of land occurs.

Follow this table if an eligible person acquires an interest in CRP lands.

IF eligible person elects...	THEN...
not to continue CRP-1	terminate CRP-1 according to paragraph 571.
to continue CRP-1	revise CRP-1 according to subparagraph 546 G.

B Eligible Succession

--Before approving CRP-1 revisions, COC or CED must ensure that the successor-in-interest:--

- understands that any outstanding adjustments because of violations by the previous participant will be the successor's responsibility
- has 1 of the following:
 - a valid deed to the land under CRP-1
 - a contract-for-deed with the seller that has been properly filed under applicable State law

Note: Contact RA for further guidance.

- a final journal entry of a probate court showing change of ownership, if RA concurs
- acquired right of occupancy, through foreclosure proceedings, to the land under CRP-1.

Note: This provision applies only to right of occupancy acquired as a result of foreclosure proceedings.

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)

C Full or Partial Succession

The following shows the difference between full succession-in-interest and partial succession-in-interest.

IF...	AND...	THEN consider succession...
the owner is the only signatory to CRP-1	no longer has control of CRP land	to be full succession-in-interest.
the operator is also signatory to CRP-1	the operator voluntarily relinquished right to CRP-1 and is not replaced	
	the operator will remain on CRP-1	to be a partial succession-in-interest. Note: The shares on revised CRP-1 must be agreed to by successor and operator, and approved by COC or CED.
	the operator voluntarily relinquished right to CRP-1 and is replaced	
CRP-1 will be continued on only a portion of the CRP acres		to be a partial succession-in-interest.

D Responsibilities of Eligible Successors

--An eligible person who acquires an interest in land under CRP-1 and becomes a successor-in-interest by signing CRP-1, regardless of the division of shares, is:--

- entering into a binding agreement with CCC for the remainder of the CRP-1 period
- jointly and severally liable for complying with terms and conditions of CRP-1

Exception: Participants that sign CRP-1 with zero percent interest in the annual rental payment will **not** be held responsible for contract compliance.

- responsible for:
 - refunding all payments made since the effective date of CRP-1, including payments earned by previous participant, if CRP-1 is subsequently terminated
 - complying with payment limitation provisions
 - complying with landlord and tenant provisions.

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)

D Responsibilities of Eligible Successors (Continued)

COC or CED must notify previous CRP-1 signers, when a successor-in-interest CRP-1 is approved, that they are no longer responsible for complying with CRP-1 for the acreage in which they no longer have an interest.

An operator or tenant, or his or her estate cannot be replaced **unless** the operator, tenant, or his or her estate agrees, in writing, to voluntarily withdraw from CRP-1 and is determined by COC or CED to no longer be an eligible participant.

COC or CED must notify, in writing:

- new landowners and authorized estate representatives that they have an opportunity to succeed to CRP-1

Notes: If a revised CRP-1 is not signed within 60 calendar days from the date of
--notification by COC or CED, CRP-1 must be terminated. No successor-in---
interest will be allowed.

FSA must not force landowners to agree to accept an estate representative as an operator. If a landowner refuses to sign a revised CRP-1, CRP-1 must be terminated without requiring refunds. See paragraph 571.

When the County Office knows or becomes aware of the death of a participant, and the County Office does not know of an heir or estate to contact, the County Office must send a letter to the last known address of the deceased participant within 10 workdays of finding out the participant is deceased. See subparagraph F.

- the bankruptcy trustee that CRP-1 must be affirmed. See paragraph 580.

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)**D Responsibilities of Eligible Successors (Continued)**

Within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of the participant, regardless of whether the deceased participant is still listed as an owner on the deed, purchase contract, or other acceptable document that affirms ownership, County Offices must initiate a revision to the CRP-1 to remove deceased participants.--*

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If MIDAS Business Partner is the method of notification, the 10 workdays are from the date the County Office confirms the producer's death through the Date of Death Workflow process according to 11-CM, paragraph 151. The participant will only receive prorated payment from October 1 to the date of death.

E Policy for Using Correct CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix

Successors-in-interest electing to succeed to an existing CRP-1 must:

- *--sign the current version of CRP-1 generated from CCMS--*
- receive the same CRP-1 Appendix that was agreed to by the predecessor.

Note: Do not provide a different CRP-1 Appendix if the participant on the revised CRP-1 is the same participant signing the original CRP-1.

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)**F Policy When Heir or Estate of Deceased is Unknown**

If the County Office knows or becomes aware of the passing of a participant, and the County Office does not know of an heir or estate of the deceased to contact, the County Office must mail CRP-30 (Exhibit 7) to the last known address of the deceased participant within 10 workdays of finding out the participant is deceased.

Note: County Offices must mail a copy of CRP-30 to all participants on CRP-1. See Exhibit 7.

--If the County Office becomes aware of the deceased through MIDAS Business Partner--
Date of Death notification, the 10 workdays start from the date the County Office confirms the producer's death via the Date of Death Workflow process, according to 11-CM, paragraph 151.

If a successor is not identified within 90 calendar days of the date of CRP-30, COC must terminate CRP-1.

The purpose of CRP-30 is to:

- identify point of contact for the deceased
- provide the County Office contact information so the potential successor can contact the County Office and provide information or ask questions
- provide notification that CRP-1 will be terminated if a potential successor is not identified within 90 calendar days of the letter.

County Office will **not** include a copy of CRP-1 with CRP-30. CRP-30 is **not** the notification to successor giving her/him 60 calendar days to sign a revised CRP-1.

***--G Succeeded Contract Start Date and Payment to Deceased Producers**

When a CRP is succeeded to as a result of a deceased participant the contract start date will be the day after the date of death. The deceased participant earned the payment up to the date of death. The payment earned by the deceased participant will be paid under the deceased participant tax ID and will be issued through an FSA-325.

H Deceased CRP Participant Reports

The Conservation Division provides State Offices a weekly report that identifies CRP contracts for which one of the participants has been identified as deceased. State Office will provide this report to County Offices.--*

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)***--H Deceased CRP Participant Reports (Continued)**

This CRP Deceased Participant Report identifies CRP contracts, by State, county, and CRP contract number, for which one of the participants is recorded in Business Partner as deceased. This report identifies only those CRP contracts that are in an approved status. The report also provides additional information, such as the name of the deceased participant(s), date of death recorded in Business Partner, and the number of days since the date of death.

County Offices will use these reports to identify CRP contracts that need to be reviewed because of a deceased participant, including participants with a zero share.

Upon receipt of the weekly CRP Deceased Participant Report from State Office, County Offices must:

- review all CRP contract listed on the report
- take corrective action to address the deceased participant on the CRP contract according to 2-CRP and 5-CRP.

County Offices will also use the CCMS Pending Invalid Report to ensure that CRP contracts in a revised status with a deceased participant are addressed.

On a quarterly schedule, the National Office will require State Office certification of action taken by the County Office to address the CRP contracts listed with a deceased participant. This quarterly report will have specific fields to be completed by the County Office. County Offices will complete the requested fields for each contract on the report and return to the State Office for submission to the National Office.

The following table provides the quarterly schedule for certification.

Date of Report	Date Report will be emailed to State Office	Date State Office will return certification to National Office
January 31st	February 5th	March 1st
April 30th	May 5th	June 1st
July 31st	August 5th	September 1st
October 31st	November 5th	December 1st

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555 Revisions Authorized by DAFP**A DAFP Authorized Revisions**

Revisions, other than in this section, require DAFP approval.

556-570 (Reserved)

Section 2 Terminations, Foreclosures, Receiverships, and Bankruptcies

571 Terminations

A Policy for Terminating All Land Under CRP-1

COC must terminate **all** land under CRP-1 before its expiration date, if any of the following are met:

- participant loses control of or transfers **all** of the land under CRP-1 and there is no successor-in-interest
- **all** signatories voluntarily request, in writing, to terminate **all** land under CRP-1
- participants' request for termination of part of the land under CRP-1 was disapproved and participants proceed to violate the terms and conditions of CRP-1 on that land

Example: Participant has 100 acres enrolled in CRP. Participant requests to terminate part of the acres under CRP-1 to return to crop production. The request is not approved. Producer plants part of the acres under CRP-1 to corn. COC must terminate all land (100 acres) under CRP-1.

Note: See subparagraph 603 E.

- **all** land under CRP-1 is transferred to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement according to paragraph 553

Note: The same land **may** be enrolled in CRP, including CREP, and ACEP-ALE at the same time.

- CRP practice or practices failed on **all** land under CRP-1 according to subparagraph 492 B and COC determines the cost of restoring the cover outweighs the benefits received from the restoration
- land under CRP-1 is under lease for gas, oil, earth, or mineral rights and the owner of these rights exercises the option to extract the gas, oil, earth, or minerals on **all** of the land under CRP-1 according to paragraph 154
- CRP-1 was approved based on erroneous eligibility determinations according to paragraph 638

571 Terminations (Continued)

A Policy for Terminating All Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)

- NRCS determines continuous signup practice cannot function on its own when a partial termination is requested
- participant is out of compliance with CRP-1 terms and conditions on all the land under CRP-1, and COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply according to paragraph 603.

Note: See paragraph 573 for terminating CRP-1's.

B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1

COC must terminate **part** of the land under CRP-1 before its expiration date, if any of the following are met:

- participant loses control of or transfers **part** of the land under CRP-1 and there is no successor-in-interest
- participant is out of compliance with CRP-1 terms and conditions on part of the land under CRP-1, and COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply according to paragraph 603
- **part** of the land under CRP-1 is transferred to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement according to paragraph 553

Note: The same land **may** be enrolled in CRP, including CREP, and ACEP-ALE at the same time.

- CRP practice or practices failed on **part** of the land under CRP-1 according to subparagraph 492 B and COC determines the cost of restoring the cover outweighs the benefits received from the restoration
- land under CRP-1 is under lease for gas, oil, earth, or mineral rights and the owner of these rights exercises the option to extract the gas, oil, earth, or minerals on **part** of the land under CRP-1 according to paragraph 154
- part of the land under CRP-1 was approved based on erroneous eligibility determinations according to paragraph 638.

571 Terminations (Continued)

B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)

*--COC **may** terminate part of the land under CRP-1 before its expiration date, if **both** of the following conditions are met:--*

- **all** signatories to CRP-1 request, in writing, to terminate part of the acreage under an approved CRP-1
- the later of the following:
 - *--the approved cover is established on the acreage--*
 - CRP-1 has been effective for at least 2 years

Exception: CRP-1's that have been re-enrolled do not have to be in effect for at least 2 years.

Example: CRP-1 number 926 was enrolled in 2011 and was scheduled to expire September 30, 2021, but was re-enrolled to CRP-1 number 10025 with an effective date of October 1, 2021. CRP-1 number 10025 does **not** have to be in effect for 2 years to request a partial termination.

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*--**Important:** For continuous signup practices only, in addition to meeting the criteria in this paragraph, NRCS **must** determine that the remaining practice will continue to function after part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated. If NRCS determines that the remaining continuous practice cannot function on its own after the land under CRP-1 is partially terminated, follow subparagraph 571 A and terminate all land under CRP-1.--*

Notes: A paid-for measurement service must be completed to determine the acreage terminated. The producer must refund annual rental payments plus interest and liquidated damages for the acreage terminated. Any cover destroyed on the acreage not terminated must be re-established at the producer's expense.

SRR's for remaining acreage under CRP-1 must not be recalculated.

Requests for termination of part of the land under CRP-1 that do not meet these requirements may only be approved by DAFP.

571 Terminations (Continued)**B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)**

*--Requests for DAFP approval of termination of part of the land under CRP-1 **must**, at a minimum, include the following documentation:--*

- written request, signed by all signatories to CRP-1, to terminate part of the acreage under an approved CRP-1 that includes the reason for termination and what the land will be used for after termination
- *--NRCS practice status review of CRP cover required to be established with the first 2 years of a new enrollment or change of practice upon re-enrollment--*
- COC and STC recommendations
- map of acreage to be terminated
- copy of original CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP2G * * *.

Note: See paragraph 573 for terminating CRP-1's.

572 Terminations Because of Foreclosures and Eminent Domain**A CRP-1 Terminated Because of Foreclosure**

CRP participants will not be required to refund payments received when CRP-1 is terminated because of foreclosure, regardless of the foreclosure date.

Note: Sufficient documentation **must** be provided to COC or CED verifying the CRP acreage was foreclosed upon.

If the participant regains control of the land under CRP-1, then CRP-1 will be in effect on the date the foreclosure will apply.

Note: See paragraph 580.

572 Terminations Because of Foreclosures and Eminent Domain (Continued)**B Land Acquired Under Eminent Domain**

CRP land acquired under threat of condemnation or by eminent domain for public use is considered an involuntary loss of land by the participant.

COC must:

- terminate the CRP acres acquired through condemnation or eminent domain

Exception: CRP acreage may be continued under CRP-1 if there is minimal impact on the affected acreage and the vegetative cover is maintained.

- waive the refund of annual rental payments and C/S payments
- not assess liquidated damages.

Note: CRP payments must be prorated to eligible participants based on the date the land was acquired by eminent domain.

573 Terminating CRP-1**A How to Terminate CRP-1**

COC must do the following when terminating all or part of the land under CRP-1:

- clearly document the facts in the COC minutes
- on CRP-1, write, “Terminated for (reason), REF COC minutes of (date of COC meeting)”

Note: Person making entries must initial and date.

- cancel automated CRP-1 according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2

Important: Terminated CRP-1’s may only be reinstated by DAFP. COC’s, CED’s, or STC’s do not have authority to reinstate a terminated CRP-1.

573 Terminating CRP-1 (Continued)**A How to Terminate CRP-1 (Continued)**

- notify each CRP-1 participant of all of the following:
 - reason for termination
 - they are no longer required to comply with terms of CRP-1 for which they no longer have an interest
 - they are ineligible to receive future CRP payments for acreage terminated
 - conservation compliance provisions apply
 - when part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated, they have 60 calendar days from the date of notification to obtain all signatures on revised CRP-1

Note: If all signatures are not obtained within 60 calendar days of notification by COC, CRP-1 must be terminated.

- amount that **must** be refunded. See paragraph 574.

Note: Standard payment reductions do not apply to terminated CRP-1's.

574 Required Refunds**A Refunds**

For terminations, COC must request refund of all of the following:

- all annual rental payments plus interest
- all C/S payments, plus interest
- CRP-SIP, plus interest
- PIP, plus interest
- liquidated damages, if applicable, according to paragraph 577.

574 Required Refunds (Continued)**A Refunds (Continued)**

Notes: Liquidated damages are not included when calculating the total amount of refund for requests for waivers of refunds. Liquidated damages may be waived according to paragraph 578.

If a participant was assessed a payment reduction during the CRP-1 period, required refunds must not include the amount of the reduction.

C/S payments may be prorated after the permanent cover has been established for 5 years if COC determines, after consulting with the Conservation District and NRCS, that the established conservation practices have achieved the desired conservation benefits.

A second party review must be conducted on all refund calculations.

--Refunds must be requested when there is no successor-in-interest, regardless of-- whether the sales contract for the land requires the purchaser to succeed to CRP-1.

See paragraph 576 for waiver of refunds.

575 Refunds Not Required**A No Refunds Required**

Refunds of CRP-1 payments are not required of:

- operators when the administrator or heirs of an owner's estate do not become *--successor-in-interest to CRP-1--*
- the owner's estate if the estate or the heirs do not succeed to CRP-1

Note: If the owner's estate succeeds to CRP-1, and the heirs subsequently do not succeed, refunds are not required from the estate.

- heirs if the deceased has no estate and the heirs do not succeed to CRP-1
- participants when both of the following apply:
 - an operator's estate wants to succeed to CRP-1
 - the landowner refuses to sign a revised CRP-1

575 Refunds Not Required (Continued)**A No Refunds Required (Continued)**

- *--participants when CRP-1 is being terminated to enroll the acreage in a State easement conservation program, WRP, ACEP-WRE, EWP Floodplain Easement, or HFRP--*

Exception: Refunds of SIP are required.

- participants when CRP-1 was approved based on an erroneous ownership or operatorship determination as provided in paragraph 638, and CRP-1 is terminated because of the erroneous determination
- participants when CRP-1 was approved based on an erroneous land eligibility determination according to paragraph 638, and CRP-1 is terminated because of the erroneous determination
- participants when COC determines that CRP-1 must be terminated, based on provisions in subparagraph 492 B.

Note: COC or CED must clearly document in COC minutes that the costs of restoring the cover outweigh the benefits received from the restoration.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds**A Policy for Waivers of Refunds**

COC and STC are authorized to provide relief to the extent determined to be equitable to waive refunds when the following apply:

- a request to waive refunds is received from participants, in writing

Note: It is the participants responsibility to request a waiver of refunds. It is the County Office's responsibility to notify the participant of the amount due.

- the total amount of refunds for any 1 CRP-1, calculated according to paragraph 574 does not exceed:
 - \$5,000, for COC authority to waive refunds
 - \$25,000, for STC authority to waive refunds
 - extenuating circumstances exist to warrant a waiver of refunds.

Note: SED's are authorized to waive refunds for equitable relief according to subparagraph E.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

B COC Waivers of Refunds

COC must:

- determine whether criteria exist to warrant a waiver of refunds

Note: See subparagraph C.

- thoroughly document requests for waivers, including reasons and justification for decision, in COC minutes
- ensure that COC determination letter includes appeal rights and fully documents reasons for any waiver of refunds, how the waiver was determined, and why it is equitable
- submit requests for waivers in excess of \$5,000 to STC or SED, as applicable
- not submit requests for waivers to STC or SED if COC does not recommend approval
- provide CD a report of waivers of refunds, no later than December 1 for each FY, according to subparagraph F.

Notes: COC may waive liquidated damages according to paragraph 578.

COC may waive TIP liquidated damages according to subparagraph 812 C.

Important: If the CRP participant is requesting a waiver of refunds for more than one CRP-1 and any CRP-1 refund is in excess of the \$5,000 COC authority, no waiver of any CRP-1 may be provided by COC. Waivers for all CRP-1's must be submitted to STC.

Example: The CRP participant has a haying and grazing violation on three CRP-1's, and requests a waiver of refunds on all CRP-1's. Contract 1 calculated refund is \$2,360. Contract 2 calculated refund is \$15,400. Contract 3 calculated refund is \$18,000.

COC has no authority to waive refunds for any CRP-1 even though Contract 1 is within the \$5,000 COC authority. All CRP-1's must be submitted to STC for a determination.

Note: If any of CRP-1's is in excess of the \$25,000 STC authority, all contracts must be submitted to DAFP for authority to waive refunds.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

B COC Waivers of Refunds (Continued)

Important: In no case can either COC or STC provide a partial waiver for a contract in excess of their applicable authority.

Example: The CRP participant has a violation on their CRP-1. The calculated refund is \$7,200. COC **may not** waive any portion of the refund.

C Criteria for Waivers of Refunds

Refunds are requested from CRP participants when either the participant requests to terminate all or a portion of CRP-1 or COC terminates all or a portion of CRP-1. COC termination for a violation of CRP-1 occurs when a determination of “good faith” cannot be made. COC’s are responsible for maintaining program integrity and will not approve a waiver for refunds simply because a participant requests it. COC’s will only approve a waiver of refunds when extenuating circumstances warrant a waiver. COC must document the justification to support the determination. **When determining whether a waiver of**
--refunds will be approved, at a minimum, COC’s must include all the following--
considerations:

- could the waiver be justified to other participants who continue to comply with CRP and to taxpayers
- does approving a waiver treat all similarly situation participants fairly and equitably
- did the participant know or have reason to know that the action they took, or failed to take, could result in a violation of CRP-1 and requirement to refund payments
- were there conditions beyond the participant’s control that contributed to requirement to refund benefits
- will the participant gain a financial benefit from their actions

Example: Returning the land to agricultural production, or harvesting and selling a commodity planted in violation.

- whether the participant provided all required information timely without any misrepresentation, concealment, or intention to evade any program compliance provision

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

C Criteria for Waivers of Refunds (Continued)

- whether the participant brought the failure to FSA's attention or if FSA learned of the program failure or discrepancy by other means
- if the failure was the result of oversight and not an intent of the participant to comply with only some of CRP's requirements
- the actual performance rendered by the participant toward compliance with CRP's requirements
- whether the termination was a result of repeated violations.

Example: The CRP participant hayed the CRP acreage without authorization 3 times in the last 5 years.

Important: Financial hardship must not be the sole factor in COC's determination to approve the CRP participant's request for a waiver of refunds.

D STC Waivers of Refunds

STC must:

- thoroughly document requests for waivers, including reasons and justification for decision, in STC minutes
- ensure that the STC determination letter includes appeal rights and fully documents reasons for any waiver of refunds, how the waiver amount was determined, and why it is equitable
- provide CD a report of waivers of refunds for the previous FY, no later than December 1 each year, according to subparagraph F.

Notes: STC may waive liquidated damages according to paragraph 578.

STC may waive TIP liquidated damages according to subparagraph 812 C.

Important: If the CRP participant is requesting a waiver of refunds for more than one CRP-1 and any CRP-1 is in excess of the \$25,000 STC authority, no waiver of any CRP-1 may be provided by STC. Waivers for all CRP-1 must be submitted to DAFP.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

E SED Waivers of Refunds for Equitable Relief

SED's:

- have separate relief authority found in 7-CP
- may approve requests for waivers of refunds because of termination of CRP-1 or CRP-1R when the total amount calculated according to paragraph 574, plus interest is equal to or less than \$20,000

Example: The total refund amount calculated according to paragraph 574 is \$23,000. The participant requested a waiver of \$20,000. Because the total calculated refund amount exceeds \$20,000, SED must submit the request for waiver to DAFP if it recommends approval of the waiver.

Note: Sufficient documentation must be maintained when waivers are approved.

- must thoroughly document requests for waivers, including reasons and justification for decision and include OGC concurrence according to 7-CP in the file
- ensure that the SED determination letter includes appeal rights and fully documents reasons for any waiver of refunds, how the waiver amount was determined, and why it is equitable
- must submit all cases for waivers of refunds to DAFP for relief, when the total refund amount calculated according to subparagraph D exceeds \$20,000

Note: The cases must contain the following:

- copy of participant's written request for relief
- copy of COC and STC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification
- copy of all applicable forms and documents in the case file, including but not *--limited to CRP-1's, CRP-2's, CRP-2C's, CRP-2C30's, or CRP-2G's,--* copy of digital imagery, conservation plans, land deeds, etc.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

E SED Waivers of Refunds for Equitable Relief (Continued)

- all documentation used by COC and STC during review
- narrative of the case in chronological order.

Note: Incomplete case files may delay response.

- must not submit requests for waivers of refunds to DAFP if STC does not recommend approval.

F Report

*--STC's and COC's will report all refunds waived during the previous FY on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint no later than December 1 following the FY in which the waiver was approved.

State Offices will document review of County Office entries to ensure all waivers are included and meet 2-CRP requirements before December 1 of each calendar year.

Negative reports are required.--*

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577 Assessing Liquidated Damages

A Determining Liquidated Damages Amounts

To determine the amount when assessing liquidated damages, multiply the number of acres being terminated times 25 percent times the annual rental rate.

B When to Assess Liquidated Damages

After CRP-1 is approved, COC will assess liquidated damages if an original or revised CRP-1 is terminated.

Note: Assess liquidated damages for TIP CRP-1R according to Part 21.

C When Not to Assess Liquidated Damages

Do not assess liquidated damages if:

- CRP-1 is not approved and the producer withdraws in writing any request for CRP participation
- CRP-1 participant is adversely affected by a person determination or by being determined *--not “actively engaged” according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, and--* withdraws from CRP-1
- CRP land is acquired under threat of condemnation or by eminent domain or acquired by an entity with the right of eminent domain, according to paragraph 572
- CRP land is under an existing lease for earth, oil, gas, or other mineral exploration before submission of CRP, and lessor exercises rights under the lease
- an estate does not succeed to CRP-1
- all signatures are not obtained after the offer is determined acceptable.

Note: If all signatures are not obtained after offer is determined acceptable, the offer is determined ineligible and CRP-1 must not be approved.

578 Waiving Liquidated Damages**A Request for Waiver**

Determinations to waive liquidated damages must be made on a case-by-case basis. CRP-1 termination does not automatically warrant waiving liquidated damages. When considering granting waivers, COC and STC will consider:

- the future use of the terminated CRP acreage
- the circumstances in which CRP-1 was terminated
- the agreement by the participant at time of enrollment to remove the acreage from production for the full term of CRP-1
- whether the acreage will be restored to production
- the effect the termination has on the participant.

COC may waive up to 50 percent of the assessed liquidated damages or recommend waiver of 100 percent to STC.

STC may approve requests to waive all liquidated damages.

Liquidated damages will not be waived when COC or STC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1.

B Submitting Waiver Requests

COC must submit fully documented requests to STC. Include the following when preparing requests:

- participants written request
- COC findings
- specific COC recommendations and basis for recommendation, including determination on whether liquidated damages must be assessed
- copies of all program documents and other County Office records.

579 CRP Land in State or Federal Receivership**A Policy**

CRP-1's on land subsequently placed in State or Federal receivership, **subject to RA's concurrence:**

- do not have to be terminated
- may continue to earn payments if CRP-1 terms and conditions are satisfied.

B Court-Appointed Receiver

A Receiver is appointed by the court to manage the assets of a landowner. However, the Receiver:

- must not be a successor to CRP-1
- is not required to sign CRP-1.

Note: A court-appointed Receiver “stands in the shoes” of the landowner as the CRP participant.

--CRP-1 communications will be made with the Receiver.--

C Continuing CRP-1 on Land in State or Federal Receivership

Do not revise CRP-1 **until** the land is sold to an eligible participant who agrees to continue CRP-1.

If land is subsequently sold and CRP-1:

- will be continued, follow paragraph 546 for revisions
- will **not** be continued, follow paragraph 571 for terminations.

D Issuing CRP Payments for Land in State or Federal Receivership

Payments must, subject to RA concurrence, be:

- made to the eligible CRP participant, using the participant's ID number
- mailed to the State or Federal Receiver.

Note: Do not make payments to the Receiver.

580 CRP-1 in Bankruptcy**A Bankruptcy Policy**

Because of the complexity of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code provisions:

- there are no established **standard procedures** regarding participants who have filed for protection under the bankruptcy law
- STC's and COC's must, **in all cases**, determine program eligibility involving bankruptcy cases based on the **advice** of RA.

If CRP-1 is terminated because of bankruptcy, refunds are not required from any signatories on CRP-1.

B CRP-1 Considered Executory Contract

CRP-1's are considered **executory** contracts.

CRP-1's approved **before** filing a petition for bankruptcy must be **affirmed** by the Trustee or Debtor in Possession:

- upon order of the court
- after notice and hearing as determined by RA.

Note: No payments will be made under CRP-1's, after filing the petition, **until** there is a court order agreed to by RA permitting assumption and an actual assumption.

C Chapter 7

When a CRP participant files a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition, the Trustee **must** obtain approval from the Bankruptcy Court within 60 calendar days of filing the bankruptcy petition to assume CRP-1. Otherwise, CRP-1 must be terminated according to paragraph 571. Refunds, however, are not required.

580 CRP-1 in Bankruptcy (Continued)**D Exception to Chapter 7**

If the Trustee does not affirm CRP-1 within 60 calendar days of filing the bankruptcy petition, CRP-1 may be reaffirmed with the debtor if:

- the parties elect to continue CRP-1 with FSA, waiving any breach deemed to have occurred by the lack of affirmation by the Trustee
- the debtor shows the property has been abandoned by the Trustee, leaving the debtor in a position to continue to comply with the terms and conditions for the full term of CRP-1
- agreeing to the reaffirmation will not compromise FSA's or CCC's interest
- RA agrees to defend the reaffirmation.

Note: A formal court approved reaffirmation will generally not be required.

E Chapters 11 and 13

Participants **must** also affirm or reject CRP-1's under Chapters 11 and 13. However, there is no requirement to assume CRP-1 within 60 calendar days. The reorganization plan must include an affirmation or rejection of CRP-1 when filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

Note: If the reorganization plan has not been filed, request guidance from RA about when CRP-1 would have to be assumed by the Debtor in Possession, his or her estate, or his or her Trustee.

581-600 (Reserved)

Part 17 Compliance and Spot Checks

601 General Provisions

A Participant Responsibilities

All signatories on CRP-1 are jointly and severally responsible for complying with the term and conditions of CRP as stated on:

- CRP-1
- CRP-1 Appendix
- the approved conservation plan
- any other CRP forms.

Exception: Only signatories that receive a share greater than zero are responsible for compliance.

*--B Status Reviews and Certifying Practice Installation

NRCS or TSP will complete a field visit to conduct a status review with the participant for all of the following:

- certifying that all practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) on CRP-1 were installed according to NRCS standards and specifications and document the certification on FSA-848B, according--* to paragraphs 507 and 508
- not later than 2 years after certification that all practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) were installed according to NRCS standards and specifications to determine the approved permanent *--cover is fully established and document the findings on NRCS-LTP-13, or its related electronic form
- management activities, as requested or determined necessary by FSA
- no earlier than 2 years before expiration of the contract to determine the status of the approved permanent cover and document the findings on NRCS-LTP-13, or its related electronic form.--*

Example: CRP-1 is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2024. NRCS will complete a status review at some time between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2024.

FSA will provide a listing of practices to NRCS or TSP for CRP-1's that a status review is *--required.--*

601 General Provisions (Continued)**B Status Reviews and Certifying Practice Installation (Continued)**

The State Forestry Agency will provide NRCS or TSP a report by CRP-1 number and participant's name for each of the following:

- CRP-1's that do not have adequate tree cover established or require replanting
- CRP-1's that have established adequate tree cover and have not been reported as established.

NRCS or TSP will provide a copy of the "Status Review" for these CRP-1's to FSA.

NRCS or TSP must use NRCS-LTP-13, or its related electronic form, for required status reviews.

NRCS or TSP will provide COC signed copies of the status reviews and the following information, if applicable:

- progress of the practice establishment
- the reason why the practices have not been established
- the current health or condition of the vegetation, trees, or cover planted
- why the practice does not meet the design standards and specifications
- what action **must** be taken for the practice to meet the standards and specifications
- the estimated time it will take to meet the standards and specifications.

***--Note:** If the status review indicates a problem or differs from the approved permanent cover, photos must be provided along with the NRCS-LTP-13, or its related electronic form with all signatures.--*

601 General Provisions (Continued)**C FSA County Office Action**

FSA County Offices must:

- file the status review copies in CRP folders
- follow up on noncompliance cases
- conduct annual spot checks * * * **after** NRCS or TSP completes a status review and certifies that the approved permanent cover is fully established
- conduct annual spot checks on at least 10 percent of CRP-1's, including CREP, approved for:
 - spot treatment during PNS according to paragraph 427
 - early land preparation according to paragraph 636.

Note: States may establish policy for additional spot checks, when appropriate.

If NRCS or TSP certifies * * * the approved permanent cover has not been fully established after completing a status review, COC will determine necessary action. Action may include, but is not limited to:

- terminating CRP-1 according to paragraph 571
- participant working with NRCS or TSP to establish an approved permanent cover
- determining that erosion is being controlled adequately with existing cover according to subparagraph 603 D.

602 Certifying CRP Acreage**A Certification of CRP Acreage**

Before CRP annual rental payments are issued, an annual certification of CRP acreage must be filed on either FSA-578 or CRP-817U by 1 of the following:

- owner on CRP-1
- operator on CRP-1
- person authorized by power of attorney.

Notes: See subparagraph B for completing CRP-817U.

Substitute forms are not authorized. State and County Offices must not develop substitute forms for FSA-578 or CRP-817U.

A late-filed FSA-578 or CRP-817U can be accepted after the subsequent ARD if the CRP cover is present.

A **current** AD-1026 and applicable payment limitation forms must be on file for all participants earning CRP benefits before CRP annual rental payments are issued.

B Completing CRP-817U

County Offices must complete CRP-817U according to the following.

Step	Action
1	*--Enter farm and tract number in item 1.--*
2	Enter CRP-1 number in item 2. Note: Use one CRP-817U for each CRP-1.
3	Enter the program year for the certification in item 3. Do not enter the CRP-1 year.
4	Enter applicable CRP practices and the associated number of acres in item 4.
5	Provide a deadline for returning CRP-817U to the County Office.
6	Mail CRP-817U to CRP participant.
7	When the participant returns CRP-817U: • ensure that participant signed and dated CRP-817U in item 5 • update the following: • FSA-578 in CARS according to 2-CP • eligibility flags in web subsidiary according to 3-PL (Rev. 2).

602 Certifying CRP Acreage (Continued)

C Example of CRP-817U

The following is an example of CRP-817U.

CRP-817U (12-02-19)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE FOR CRP	
Producers name and address	County Office Address, City, State, Zip and Telephone number
Dear Producer: Our records indicate that all of the following applied to you in the previous year: 1. That all or a portion of the land of your farm was enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). 2. That you certified compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions and have an approved farm operating plan for payment eligibility review (form CCC-502) or CCC-902 as applicable. If the above statements remain true for the current year, please sign and date the CRP-817U and return it to this office by _____ so your CRP rental payment may be processed. (Return date)	
IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ AND RETURN BY DATE SPECIFIED SHOWN ABOVE	
1. Farm Number	2. CRP Contract No.
3. Program Year of Certification	
4. Practice Identification and Acres	
I hereby certify that: (1) the information shown above is correct; (2) I have and will continue to comply with ALL the terms and conditions of the indicated CRP contract, including the applicable appendix and any addendums; (3) I am in compliance with ALL Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions set forth in 7 CFR Part 12; (4) I have filed an approved farm operating plan for payment eligibility review (form CCC-502 or CCC-902, as applicable), in accordance with 7 CFR Part 1400 and there have been no changes in my farming operation; and (5) USDA representatives are authorized to enter upon and inspect the farm indicated above for the purpose of confirming this certification. Contact this office immediately if any information shown is incorrect or if farming interests identified on the farm operating plan referred to above have changed.	
5A. Producer's Signature (By)	5B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity
5C. Date	
NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq) and 7 CFR Part 1410. The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) through certification of compliance with all terms and conditions indicated on the CRP contract. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3846(b)(1). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE In accordance with Federal Civil Rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parenthood status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-3339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9892. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-1442; or (3) email: program.adams@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.	

603 Noncompliance

A Noncompliance Cases

Notify participant in writing of noncompliance issue.

Noncompliance cases must be handled promptly before CRP payments are made for the year.

COC must determine whether a participant who is in violation of CRP-1 terms and conditions:

- made a good faith effort to comply
- did **not** make a good faith effort to comply.

B Examples of Noncompliance

COC must consider a producer to be out of compliance if:

- the approved permanent cover has been harvested or grazed or other commercial use has been made of the forage

Exception: Managed harvesting, routine grazing, or emergency haying or grazing, as authorized.

- an unauthorized crop, such as an agricultural commodity, has been planted on acreage under CRP-1
- trees have been harvested or sold, or other commercial use has been made of trees, including the shearing or shaping of trees for Christmas trees or removal of pine straw

Exception: Customary forestry activities are authorized.

- producer conducted an activity on CRP acres without authorization, including
--unauthorized treatment, such as mowing, spraying, and burning of CRP during PNS--
- the State or local noxious weed commission determines that the participant is violating noxious weed provisions and notifies COC that the noxious weeds are not controlled on the designated acres
- the approved permanent cover has not been maintained according to the conservation plan
- the producer has not performed required management activities according to the conservation plan

603 Noncompliance (Continued)**B Examples of Noncompliance (Continued)**

- other undesirable weeds, plants, insects, or pests, as determined by COC, are not controlled on the designated acreage
- a satisfactory approved permanent cover or a required practice has not been established or re-established within the time prescribed
- the producer has not complied with landlord and tenant provisions
- there has been a scheme or device that tends to defeat the program
- a false claim has been filed
- a violation of the terms and conditions of CRP-1 has occurred.

C Joint and Several Liability

If the farm is in violation of CRP-1 terms and conditions, all signatories to CRP-1 are jointly and severally liable for any payment reduction or refunds that may become due to CCC because of noncompliance.

CRP participants with zero interest in the annual rental payment are not responsible for contract compliance.

D COC Determinations

The participant must do both of the following before COC can make a determination:

- submit an explanation for the noncompliance issue either in writing or in person
- correct the noncompliance issue as required by COC.

The participant must provide a written explanation or request to meet with COC within 15 calendar days of the noncompliance notification letter.

COC must:

- make a determination of good faith effort or lack thereof
- document the reasons for the determination in COC minutes
- notify the participant in writing of the determination and provide appeal rights according to 1-APP.

603 Noncompliance (Continued)**E Participant's Good Faith Effort**

If COC determines that the participant made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1 and:

- a practice failed because of natural disaster or through no fault of the participant, do not use this subparagraph

Note: See subparagraph 492 B.

- noncompliance has occurred for reasons other than a practice failing because of natural disaster or through no fault of the participant, COC must:
 - assess a standard payment reduction on the affected acres not to exceed the annual rental payments for CRP-1 on which the violation occurred

Note: See paragraph 604.

- advise the participant that subsequent violations may result in terminating CRP-1.

If noncompliance because of practice failure occurs after the fifth year of CRP-1, COC may determine whether CRP-1 must be:

- continued without additional C/S, if an approved permanent cover has failed and adequate cover exists to prevent erosion

Note: Adequate cover to prevent soil erosion does not satisfy tree planting requirements.

- terminated according to paragraph 571.

When determining whether to terminate CRP-1, COC must consider factors, such as the age of CRP-1 and the cost-effectiveness of re-establishing the practice.

Example: COC terminates CRP-1 because, in the eighth year of CRP-1, the producer inadvertently applied a herbicide that killed all ground cover.

603 Noncompliance (Continued)

F Good Faith Effort Not Determined

If COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1 and:

- the participant's request for termination of part of the land under CRP-1 was not approved, COC must terminate **all** land under CRP-1 according to subparagraph 571 A

Example: Participant has 100 acres enrolled in CRP. Participant requests to terminate part of the acres under CRP-1 to return to crop production. The request is not approved. Producer plants part of the acres under CRP-1 to corn. COC must terminate all land (100 acres) under CRP-1.

- there was no request to terminate part of the land under CRP-1, COC must terminate only land in violation according to subparagraph 571 B.

COC **must** determine there is not a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1 if:

- unauthorized grazing is discovered, and producer refuses to remove livestock from CRP acreage
- unauthorized haying is discovered, and producer refuses to destroy or donate the hay

Note: If the unauthorized hay has already been sold or used by the time the violation is discovered, COC may determine the producer made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1. Burning is not an authorized method for destruction of the hay. Donation must be to a third-party.

- unauthorized planting or harvesting of a crop is discovered and producer refuses to destroy the crop

Note: If the unauthorized crop has already been sold or used by the time the violation is discovered, COC may determine the producer made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1.

- *--unauthorized harvesting or other commercial use, including the shearing or shaping of trees for Christmas trees or removal of pine straw, has been made of trees.--*

604 Standard Payment Reductions

A Assessing Payment Reduction

When COC determines a participant made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and *--conditions of the CRP-1, a standard payment reduction will be assessed.

A standard payment reduction is the amount equal to the annual rental payment for the acreage in violation.

Example 1: Participant has 100 acres enrolled in CRP with a \$50 per acre rental rate. After conducting unauthorized haying on 40 acres, the participant submits a request for good faith relief to COC. COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP-1 after reviewing the participant's explanation for noncompliance and confirming donation of hay.

The standard payment reduction is \$2,000:
(40 acres x \$50 per acre rental rate)

Example 2: Participant has 50 acres enrolled in CRP with a \$200 per acre rental rate. After strip-mowing 30 acres during PNS, the participant submits a request for good faith relief to COC. COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP-1 after reviewing the participant's explanation for noncompliance.

The standard payment reduction is \$26,000.
(130 acres x \$200 per acre rental rate)

Example 3: Participant has 20 acres enrolled in CRP with a \$225 per acre rental rate. FSA discovers the participant is storing farm equipment on 1.5 acres. The participant submits a request for good faith relief to COC. COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP-1 after reviewing the participant's explanation for noncompliance and confirming the farm equipment has been moved off the CRP acreage.

The standard payment reduction is \$338.
(1.5 acres x \$225 per acre rental rate)--*

604 Standard Payment Reductions (Continued)

A Assessing Payment Reduction (Continued)

***--Example 4:** Participant has 65 acres enrolled in CRP with a \$75 per acre rental rate. FSA discovers the participant planted radishes on 10 acres. The participant submits a request for good faith relief to COC. COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP-1 after reviewing the participant's explanation for noncompliance and confirming the crop has been destroyed.

The standard payment reduction is \$750.
(10 acres x \$75 per acre rental rate)

All standard payment reductions must be recorded through Conservation Payments in accordance with 5-CRP, Part 5, Section 8.

County Offices must provide participants with applicable appeal rights according to 1-APP.--*

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605 Request for Waiver of Payment Reductions

A Waiver or Reduction of Standard Payment Reduction

*--COC will:

- only review a participant's written request for waiver or reduction of the standard payment reduction

Note: It is the participant's responsibility to request a waiver or reduction of refunds.

- thoroughly document requests for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction in COC minutes--*
- submit requests for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction to STC only if COC determines that the action is justified based on documented and verifiable facts of the individual case.

* * *

*--**Note:** Each case is unique. Determinations must be made on an individual basis using the facts relevant to each particular case.

STC will:--*

- thoroughly review each request for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction
- thoroughly document requests for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction in STC minutes
- provide a report of waivers or reductions of standard payment reduction, no later than December 1 for each FY according to subparagraph B.

*--**Note:** Each case is unique. Determinations must be made on an individual basis using the facts relevant to each particular case.

STC's may waive up to 50 percent of the assessed standard payment reduction. STC will submit waiver requests exceeding 50 percent to DAFP.--*

605 Request for Waiver of Payment Reductions (Continued)

B Reports

*--STC's will report all waivers or reductions of the standard payment reduction during the previous FY on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint no later than December 1 following the FY in which the waiver was approved.

Negative reports are required.--*

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606-625 (Reserved)

Part 18 Permissive and Restrictive Uses of CRP Acres**626 Harvesting and Grazing Restrictions****A CRP-1 Harvesting Restrictions**

No crops of any kind, including pine straw, may be harvested from the designated CRP acreage during the contract period.

Exceptions: Incidental harvest of natural products, such as wild game, fish, native berries, etc., from CRP acreage may be permitted if all of the following are met:

- they do not increase supplies of feed for domestic animals
- the participant receives no economic benefit
- there is no commercial use of the products.

Note: The exceptions do not include harvesting of pine straw.

The conservation plan must **not**:

- include any unauthorized harvesting
- **not** be modified to include any of the exceptions.

627 (Reserved)

628 Using CRP Acreage as Turn Rows**A Using CRP Acreage as Turn Rows or Crossing Areas**

Limited use of field margins and areas within a field enrolled in CRP is authorized during the PNS only if this activity is conducted as part of the planting, cultivating, or harvesting of a crop in an adjoining field. Use of such CRP acreage must be:

- limited to turning or crossing areas
- minimal, as determined by STC.

Note: Areas within a field include, but are not limited to:

- waterways
- contour grass strips
- prairie strips
- terraces.

CRP acreage must not be used as a lane or road under any circumstances.

629 Water as Cover**A Water as Eligible Cover**

CRP-1 may be continued on land that is under water because of natural causes or as a result *--of a flood control structure if the participant agrees to all the following:

- replace the permanent vegetative cover on CRP acreage when the water recedes--*
- not use the impounded water for irrigation water for producing agricultural commodities
- obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS or TSP that includes the eligible uses that can be made of the acreage under water.

* * *

***--Note:** Acreage temporarily under water may be offered for re-enrollment and may be considered basically eligible if NRCS or TSP determines, prior to approval of the CRP-1, the cover meets or will meet the practice standards after the water recedes.

630 Policy When Easement Placed on CRP Acreage**A When Easements Are Placed on CRP Acreage**

Land enrolled in CRP that is not encumbered by a CRP useful life easement and is subsequently encumbered by other conservation easements, except for ACEP-WRE or EWP Floodplain Easements, may continue to earn CRP payments under CRP-1 if the:

- participant continues to comply with CRP-1 terms and conditions
- **entity/organization**/agency providing the conservation easement certifies, in writing, that:
 - it was aware of the existence of CRP-1 at the time the participant agreed to encumber the acreage
 - the participant will be able to comply with all CRP provisions.

Notes: Land encumbered by certain conservation easements, such as those placed by FWS and FLP Debt for Nature, is ineligible for subsequent enrollment in CRP and CRP-1 extensions.

See paragraph 553 for transferring land from CRP to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, and EWP Floodplain Easements.

The same land may be enrolled in CRP, including CREP, and ACEP-ALE at the same time.

631 Guidelines for Public Use of CRP Acreage**A Public Use of CRP Acreage Guidelines**

The following is the procedure for continuing CRP-1 on land temporarily being used by public utilities for installing gas lines, pipes, cable, telephone poles, etc., materials used by an entity of the State for road building, or Federally funded pipeline projects.

CRP-1's may be continued without reduction in payment if:

- the participant provides COC or CED details of proposed temporary use, including length of use
- COC authorizes the use

Note: Use is **not** authorized during the PNS.

- NRCS or TSP certifies, in writing, usage will have minimal effect, such as:
 - erosion is kept to a minimum
 - minimum effect on wildlife and wildlife habitat
 - minimum effect on water and air quality

Important: NRCS or TSP written certification must be filed in CRP folder.

- the participant restores cover, at the participant's expense, to disturbed acreage in timeframe set by COC or CED.

Note: No payment reduction will be made for compensation received by the participant from the public agency.

NRCS or TSP will determine whether the disturbance will have an adverse effect on the land. If NRCS or TSP determines that public use will have an adverse effect on CRP acreage, the affected acreage must be terminated and refunds assessed.

632 Carbon Sequestration Credits**A Selling Carbon Sequestration Credits**

CRP participants may sell carbon sequestration credits associated with acreage enrolled in CRP. Selling carbon sequestration credits is not considered commercial use and is not, therefore, a violation of CRP-1.

--633 Recreational Hunting and Commercial Shooting Operations on CRP Acreage--**A Recreational Hunting**

CRP participants may lease hunting rights, charge fees for access to hunters, or conduct other similar hunting operations on CRP acreage if such activity occurs during the normal hunting season for the pursuit of game that is normal to the area. Hunting **must** be conducted consistent with State laws and bag limits for the appropriate game species.

Important: Barrier fencing or boundary limitations that prohibit wildlife access to or from the CRP acreage is **not** allowed.

***--B Commercial Shooting Operations**

Commercial shooting operations may be operated on CRP acreage if all the following are met:

- the commercial shooting operation is licensed by a State agency, such as the State Fish and Wildlife Agency or State Department of Natural Resources
- the commercial shooting operation is operated in a manner consistent with the--* applicable State agency rules governing commercial shooting preserves
- CRP cover is maintained according to the conservation plan
- no barrier fencing or boundary limitations exist that prohibit wildlife access to or from the CRP acreage

--633 Recreational Hunting and Commercial Shooting Operations on CRP Acreage (Continued)*B Commercial Shooting Operations (Continued)--***

- related CRP cover maintenance, as determined by STC according to FOTG and in consultation with the State Technical Committee, **must**:
 - be performed according to the conservation plan
 - provide benefit and enhancement to all wildlife normal to the area
 - be conducted outside the PNS
 - not adversely impact the CRP cover
 - not degrade wildlife habitat benefits, water quality benefits, or erosion control measures.

Important: STC, in consultation with the State Technical Committee, **must** determine the extent and method of cover maintenance acceptable for all CRP acreage within the State that provides enhancement for all wildlife habitats.

C Mowing of CRP Cover

As provided in paragraph 427, periodic mowing and mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited at all times. Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control is prohibited. Mowing of CRP cover, not to exceed 20 percent of the total CRP acres in a field, is permitted. This activity **must** be:

- included in the conservation plan
- part of a State-approved management plan for habitat maintenance and wildlife and land management
- conducted outside the PNS.

Note: The location of this mowing must be changed from year to year.

***--633 Recreational Hunting and Commercial Shooting Operations on CRP Acreage
(Continued)--***

C Mowing of CRP Cover (Continued)

Until a status review to certify practice establishment has been completed by NRCS, TSP, COC or CED, in consultation with NRCS, may allow participants to spray and mow the acreage under CRP-1 at any time, if such activity is required in the conservation plan to establish the approved cover.

634 Authorized Use

A Authorized Uses of CRP Acreage

COC may determine authorized uses of CRP acreage on a case-by-case basis during the contract period, except during the PNS, if the use is not otherwise prohibited in procedure.

Example: COC may authorize using CRP acreage for a parking lot for a special event or as a camp site on a limited basis. COC has no authority to authorize the harvesting of forage or trees.

Each request must be documented in COC minutes with justification for actions taken. Inspection fees or payment reductions may be assessed as determined by COC.

B Beehives on CRP Acreage

Consistent with the soil, water, and wildlife goals of CRP, beehives may be stored on CRP acreage.

635 Applying Waste Products on CRP Acreage

A Application Requirements for Sludge and Agriculture By-Products

COC's may permit the application of sludge or an agricultural by-product on acreage under CRP-1 if:

- *--NRCS-CPA-052 does not reveal any adverse impacts to the human environment that--* cannot be successfully mitigated
- the participant has sought approval to apply the waste and the waste has been approved, or is not prohibited, by any State or local water quality agency with jurisdiction over the area of application

Note: COC must consult with State or local water quality agencies on an as needed basis to ensure proper application of the materials.

- all requirements and specifications are met as required by EPA and State and local regulatory authorities that provide oversight for air quality and water quality
- a current soil and waste test analysis that is conducted by a State-approved laboratory determines the nutrient level for the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium of the waste and the amount of material to be applied per acre
- the waste will be applied by injection
- the amount of nutrients applied are limited to the level that can be used by the vegetative cover
- the waste is free of toxic elements, or does not contain amounts of toxic elements that could build up over a period of time to a level injurious to animals and humans
- all required State or local permits for applying the waste to agricultural land are obtained by parties responsible for applying the material
- the approved conservation plan is modified to include the entire acreage that will be treated
- the waste will not be applied within 100 feet of property boundaries or water sources, such as wells, streams, rivers, wetlands, or swamps
- the waste will be applied when the wind direction allows minimal odor detection by neighbors and the humidity level is low.

635 Applying Waste Products on CRP Acreage (Continued)

B Application Requirements for Animal Waste

COC's or CED's may permit the application of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product on CRP acreage if NRCS or TSP provides, in writing, that the conservation plan developed meets or exceeds the minimum standards of FOTG. The approved conservation plan must be modified to include the application of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product.

Note: Soil contaminated with petroleum products or hazardous waste will not be allowed for application on CRP acreage.

C Application Restrictions

The amount applied must not exceed the:

- permitted application rate as determined by the soil and waste test analyses for animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-products
- quantity specified in the modified conservation plan as determined by NRCS for animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-products.

The participant **must** agree to re-establish, at the CRP participant's expense, the vegetative cover in the event of failure or damage after application.

--The timing of each application will minimize adverse impacts to:--

- air quality, including odor
- water quality
- wildlife
- environment
- endangered species.

Note: CRP cover must not be disturbed during the PNS.

635 Applying Waste Products on CRP Acreage (Continued)**D Participant Responsibility**

During and after application of the waste at their own expense, CRP participants must:

- ensure that erosion is controlled
- re-establish and maintain the approved cover for the contract period.

E Payment Reduction

If producer receives compensation for the use of CRP acreage, the annual rental payment must be reduced by the amount of compensation the participant receives.

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration**A General Policy for Spring- and Fall-Seeded Crops, Including Arid Areas**

Beginning July 1 of the final year of the contract period, CRP cover may be destroyed or chemicals may be applied on certain acreage before CRP-1 expiration to prepare a seedbed for spring- or fall-seeded crops.

This provision requires that participants:

- obtain an approved conservation plan for the destruction of the cover from NRCS or TSP when the method of destruction could cause adverse environmental affects, as determined by NRCS or TSP
- not destroy the cover during the PNS
- obtain an approved conservation plan for conservation compliance, if applicable
- be assessed a 25 percent payment reduction, if the cover is grazed or mechanically removed for commercial use

Note: The reduction must **not** be applied if the hay is donated to a third party.

- be assessed a payment reduction from the date of destruction through September 30
- submit requests to start this activity according to this paragraph.

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration (Continued)**A General Policy for Spring- and Fall-Seeded Crops, Including Arid Areas (Continued)**

Notes: See subparagraph:

- B for acreage ineligible for early land preparation
- C for participants' responsibilities.

Participants may mow CRP acreage before applying chemicals to prepare CRP acreage for spring-seeded crops, if the mowing is conducted outside the PNS.

B Acreage Ineligible for Early Land Preparation

All CRP cover may be destroyed in the final year of CRP-1 for early land preparation, according to subparagraph A, B, or C, as applicable, except for acreage that is:

- devoted to the following practices:
 - CP5A, CP8A, CP9, CP16A, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP23, CP27, CP28, CP29, and CP30
 - practices on which a useful life easement is filed
- located within an average width 120 feet of a stream having perennial or seasonal/intermittent flow or other permanent water body
- considered a wetland by NRCS
- required to serve as a wetland buffer according to the practice standard in FOTG to protect the functions and values of a wetland
- located within an approved wellhead protection area

Note: See subparagraph 181 B for approved wellhead protection areas.

- subject to frequent flooding, as determined by NRCS or TSP.

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration (Continued)

C Participants' Responsibilities

Determine participants' responsibilities according to the following.

Note: Measurement service is available at the participant's expense for requests to prepare only a portion of the acreage under CRP-1.

WHEN participants, in the final year of CRP-1, intend to destroy CRP cover to...	THEN participants...
prepare for spring- or fall-seeded crops from July 1 through September 30	• must submit requests on CRP-1G Addendum before beginning any activity • are required to meet with NRCS or TSP to obtain an approved conservation plan for: • the destruction of the CRP cover when the method of destruction could cause adverse environmental effects, as determined by TSP • conservation compliance, if applicable • may not hay, graze, or otherwise make commercial use of the CRP acreage during the PNS • may not destroy cover during the PNS • may plant fall-seeded agricultural commodities in areas where planting such crops normally occurs before October 1, as determined by STC • may mechanically remove cover and make commercial use of CRP acreage during the CRP-1 period with a 25 percent reduction of the annual rental payment Note: Participants may mechanically remove cover from CRP acreage without a reduction of the annual rental payment if no commercial use is made of the forage. The *--participant must pay for a site visit by COC or CED to--* verify destruction of the cover. • must receive a reduced annual rental payment for the period indicated on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3. Notes: See subparagraph D for processing requests. All signatories to CRP-1 are required to sign CRP-1G Addendum before COC or CED approval.

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration (Continued)

D Processing Participants' Requests

County Office must process participants' requests for early land preparation according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Accept requests on CRP-1G Addendum. See subparagraph E for example of CRP-1G Addendum. Ensure that all required signatures are obtained.
2	Ensure that participants meet with NRCS or TSP to develop a conservation plan for: - the destruction of the CRP cover when the method of destruction could cause adverse environmental effects, as determined by NRCS or TSP - conservation compliance, if applicable.
3	Remind participants that approval is for land preparation activities only. However, planting fall-seeded agricultural commodities is permitted when fall planting of these crops normally occurs before October 1, as determined by STC. Note: Unauthorized haying and grazing during the contract period are violations of CRP-1.
4	Ensure that participants are aware that no annual rental payment will be earned for the period indicated on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3. Nonpayment period must begin on the day land preparation commences, but: no earlier than July 1 - ends September 30. Note: The nonpayment period may be for a portion of a month. The payment reduction will be based on the number of nonpayment days entered on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3.
5	Attach to CRP-1G Addendum a copy of digital imagery with the acreage on which the cover will be destroyed highlighted.
6	Provide each participant and NRCS or TSP with a: - copy of approved CRP-1G Addendum - a photocopy highlighting the acreage on which the cover will be destroyed.
7	File CRP-1G Addendum and attached digital imagery in the CRP-1 folder.
8	Immediately approve requests received on eligible acreage.
9	During the normal payment cycle, after October 1, prorate the final payment to exclude payment for the nonpayment period identified on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3.

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration (Continued)

E Example of CRP-1G Addendum

The following is an example of CRP-1G Addendum.

This form is available electronically. CRP-1G Addendum (12-02-19) CRP-1 MODIFICATION TO ALLOW EARLY LAND PREPARATION			U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation		1. ST. & CO. Code	2. Contract No.
					3. Period of Nonpayment - Sept. 30, 20 ____	4. Acres
					5. Farm No.	
6. TERMS TO ALLOW EARLY LAND PREPARATION This contract modification is entered into by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the undersigned participant(s) on the Conservation Reserve Program contract number in Item 2, above. By signing this contract modification, the CCC agrees to allow the participant(s) identified below to, in the final year of the contract, prepare for planting the specified CRP acreage in Item 4, above. By signing this contract modification, the participant(s) agrees: • To meet with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) or assigned Technical Service Provider to develop a conservation plan for land preparation. • To not destroy the cover established pursuant to the CRP practices provisions of the contract, during the primary nesting season. • To accept a 25-percent reduction in the annual rental rate if the specified CRP acreage is grazed, or hay is mechanically removed, for commercial use during the CRP-1 period. • To accept a reduced annual rental payment in the final year of the contract from the date of destruction of cover established pursuant to the CRP practices provisions of the contract through September 30th, as specified in Item 3, above.						
7A. Participant's Signature (BY)		7B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in a representative capacity)			7C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
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7A. Participant's Signature (BY)		7B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in a representative capacity)			7C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
8A. Signature of CCC Representative		8B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		9. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including Zip Code)		
10. Telephone Number (Including Area Code):					11. Fax Number (Including Area Code):	
NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1410, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to enable the producer to request modification of an existing CRP contract to allow for the early preparation of CRP acreage for the planting of seeded crops. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for the producer to request modification of an existing CRP contract to allow for the early preparation of CRP acreage for the planting of seeded crops. This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, Title II, Subtitle G, Funding and Administration). RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.						

637 Conservation or Land Improvements During the Last Year of Contract Period**A General Policy for Conservation and Land Improvement**

Beginning on October 1 of the last FY of the contract period, the owner or operator may make conservation or land improvements for economic use that facilitate maintaining protection of enrolled land after expiration of CRP-1. These activities may only be approved by CED or COC if the owner or operator:

- files a written request for the activity
- agrees the land will be maintained in the existing perennial cover after CRP-1 expiration
- carrying out the activities develops and implements or modifies an existing conservation plan.

B Activities Authorized

The following conservation and land use activities are authorized to be completed during the last FY of the contract period:

- installing fencing, pens, and paddocks
- installing ponds, wells, and other water facilities
- livestock water development facilities, such as pipes, pipelines, troughs, and tanks
- wildlife enhancements.

Notes: Land improvements in the last FY of the contract period will **not** be permitted during the PNS.

Conservation and land improvements in the last FY of the contract period do not include planting a crop.

CRP C/S assistance is **not** authorized for activities implemented under this paragraph.

See subparagraph 367 F and 1-EQ for environmental compliance requirements.

637 Conservation or Land Improvements During the Last Year of Contract Period (Continued)**C Prohibition on Re-Enrollment**

All land under CRP-1 where the participants complete conservation and land improvement according to this paragraph is not eligible to be re-enrolled in CRP for 5 years after the expiration date of CRP-1.

D Payment Reduction

A payment reduction for conservation and land improvements in the last FY of the contract period is required. The payment reduction is 8.3 percent per month for each month or portion of a month for acreage on which a conservation and land improvement activity, according to subparagraph B, occurs before the scheduled CRP-1 expiration.

Note: The reduction must not exceed the CRP annual rental payment for the FY.

Example: A CRP participant has 40.00 acres enrolled in CRP. The rental rate is \$40 per acre. The annual rental payment is \$1,600. During the last FY of the contract period, the participant requests and COC approves the installation of fencing and water facilities according to a modified conservation plan. The CRP participant completes the activity on May 16, 2020. A total of 9.00 acres are affected. A reduction of 8.3 percent applies to the 9.00 acres for 5 months (May through September). The annual rental payment will be reduced by 8.3 for each of the 5 months. $\$40$ (rental rate) times $.083$ (percent) times 5 (months) times 9.00 (acres) equals $\$149.40$. The rental payment of $\$1,600$ will be reduced by $\$149.40$.

638 Erroneous Eligibility Determinations**A Erroneous Land Eligibility**

--Land enrolled that is ineligible must be terminated according to paragraph 571. Refunds-- are not required.

B Erroneous Ownership Determination

If it is determined that CRP-1 was approved based on an erroneous ownership or operatorship determination, COC must:

- not assess liquidated damages
- not require refund of C/S if participant agrees to maintain the practice for the contract period
- not require refund of annual rental payments earned
- allow producers adversely affected to earn the current year's annual rental payment
- terminate affected acres of CRP-1.

Note: If the eligible ownership or operatorship requirement was not met at the time CRP-1 was approved, but is currently met, COC must not terminate CRP-1.

639 Wind Turbines

A Policy

In exchange for a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment, windmills, wind turbines, wind-monitoring towers, or other wind-powered generation equipment and associated access to such equipment may be installed on CRP acreage provided all of the following are met:

- total acreage devoted to such equipment, including transformers and other ancillary equipment, and associated access and firebreak acreage does not exceed 5.00 acres per CRP-1
- installation does not occur during the PNS
- environmental impacts have been considered according to subparagraph 367 F.

Provided all requirements are met, COC will approve requests to install windmills, wind turbines, wind-monitoring towers, or other wind-powered generation equipment and associated access to such equipment.

COC approvals must be thoroughly documented in the COC minutes and the CRP folder. A copy of the completed NRCS-CPA-52 must be maintained in the CRP folder.

See subparagraph B for determining the annual payment reduction.

Requests that exceed 5.00 acres must be submitted to DAFP, through the State FSA Office. Requests submitted to DAFP must include:

- completed NRCS-CPA-52
- map of the acreage with the proposed location of the windmills, wind turbines, wind-monitoring towers, or other wind-powered generation equipment and associated access clearly identified
- copy of request from participant
- total acres requested to be devoted to such equipment including transformers and other ancillary equipment, and associated access and firebreak acreage.

Note: More restrictive requirements may apply within the lesser prairie chicken action area.

639 Wind Turbines (Continued)**B Payment Reductions**

A 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment will be applied to the acreage devoted to windmills, wind turbines, wind-monitoring towers, or other wind-powered generation equipment and associated access, including acreage devoted to transformers and other ancillary equipment, associated access roads, and firebreaks.

640 Enrollment in EQIP or CSP During the Last Year of Contract Period**A Policy**

Beginning on October 1 of the last FY of the contract period, the owner or operator may enroll the land under an EQIP or CSP contract and begin the establishment of a practice under the EQIP or CSP contract, as applicable. Neither the enrollment of the land into EQIP or CSP or the establishment of a practice in the last FY of the contract period will be a violation of CRP-1.

B Payment Reduction

No payment reduction will be applied for enrollment of the land into EQIP or CSP or the establishment of a practice under the EQIP or CSP contract, as applicable, in the last FY of the contract period.

641 Organic Certification Process During the Last Three FY's of Contract Period**A Policy**

During the last three FY's of the contract period, the owner or operator may begin the certification process under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. Such actions will not be a violation of CRP-1.

B Payment Reduction

No payment reduction will be applied for beginning the certification process under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, provided such actions are performed in the last three FY's of the contract period.

642-662 (Reserved)

***--Part 19 Haying and Grazing of CRP Acres**

Section 1 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions

663 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Eligibility

A Types of Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing

The following are types of non-emergency haying and grazing:

- non-emergency grazing **outside PNS**
- non-emergency grazing **during PNS**
- grazing to control invasive species **outside PNS**
- non-emergency haying including harvesting for biomass **outside PNS**
- beginning farmer grazing **outside PNS**
- incidental grazing **outside PNS**
- gleaning grazing.

B Practices Eligible for Non-Emergency Haying or Grazing (Excluding Incidental Grazing)

Acreage eligible for non-emergency haying and grazing includes acreage devoted to all practices except for CP12 and the following tree practices: CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38 (unless authorized by the SAFE agreement), and CP38C.

Acreage will become eligible 12 months after the cover is fully established. Non-emergency haying or grazing is not allowed on CREP unless the CREP agreement specifically permits such activity.

Exception: CREP agreements in effect on December 20, 2018, see paragraph 668 for non-emergency incidental grazing practices.

C Ineligible Acreage

Acreage ineligible for non-emergency haying and grazing includes acreage devoted to:

- useful life easements if the easement prohibits haying or grazing
- grazing land within 20 feet of a perennial or seasonal/intermittent stream or other permanent waterbody.--*

--663 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Eligibility (Continued)*D Frequency and Payment Reduction**

The following table lists the frequency and applicable payment reduction for each type of permitted activity.

Non-Emergency		
Permitted Activity	Frequency	Payment Reduction
Non-emergency grazing outside PNS	Not more than every other year.	25 percent
Non-emergency grazing during PNS	Not more than every other year with a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity.	
Grazing to control invasive species outside PNS	Frequency determined by conservation plan to control Kudzu and other invasive species.	
Non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass outside PNS	Not more than once every 3 years with 25 percent of the acreage unharvested.	
Beginning farmer grazing outside PNS	May be conducted annually by a beginning farmer or rancher with a contract share greater than zero.	None
Incidental grazing outside PNS	May be conducted annually. The intermittent and seasonal use of CLEAR practices that is incidental to the agricultural production on the land adjacent to the buffer conducted after the participant harvests crops from within the surrounding field.	
Gleaning grazing	May be conducted once in the fall of the first year of CRP-1 before the cover is established.	

Under no circumstances may non-emergency haying or grazing be permitted if such activity would cause long-term damage to the vegetative cover on the land, determined on a contract-by-contract basis.--*

664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements

A CRP Participant Requirements

CRP participants:

- must request and receive approval in writing from FSA before grazing
- must specify the number and location of acres to be grazed on digital imagery/map
- must record the intended use to graze on CRP-117 (Exhibit 47)
- must sign the request before the grazing begins (Exhibit 48)
- must obtain a modified conservation plan to include grazing, unless grazing had been included when CRP-1 was approved
- *--during the PNS, participants may request a modified conservation plan, up to 4 weeks prior to the end of PNS, to allow time for NRCS or TSP to prepare documentation for the grazing activity--*
- must not hay and graze the same acreage in the program year
- must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of grazing
- may be subject to the noncompliance provisions in subparagraph 670 B if the conservation plan is not followed.
- *--may sell or lease the grazing privilege--*
- must be assessed a payment reduction, if applicable, based on the number of acres grazed times the CRP annual rental rate times 25 percent
- not graze **during the PNS** without a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity
- remove livestock no later than the end of the grazing period as stipulated in the conservation plan.

B Conservation Plan Requirements

The conservation plan:

- must require that the vegetative cover is maintained, soil erosion is minimized, and water quality and wildlife habitat are protected
- must require that no long-term damage to the vegetative cover occurs

664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements (Continued)

B Conservation Plan Requirements (Continued)

- must be site-specific and reflect the local resource concerns
- must utilize NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Prescribed Grazing (Code 528)
- must require fencing livestock at least 20 feet from adjacent water bodies without C/S
- must not allow supplemental feeding of hay, grain, silage, etc.
- may allow use of mineral supplements
- must not allow any haying, grazing, or other activity that would adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice
- must require management of heavy use locations, such as watering facilities and loafing areas, to minimize bare ground conditions and trails
- must require minimum grazing heights and plant regrowth height following grazing before the dormant season
- must not allow grazing of wildlife food plots (CP12) or tree practices, according to subparagraph 663 B.

C Commencement and Duration of Grazing

Non-emergency grazing:

- *--must not exceed 120 calendar days, during the period beginning March 1 and ending November 1--*
- may begin by the date specified in the conservation plan, but not before March 1
- must end by the date specified in the conservation plan, but not later than November 1
- may begin **before the PNS** and continue **after the PNS** (but not during the PNS), without *--a reduction in the carrying capacity specified in the conservation plan--*
- may occur for 1 or more days **during the PNS** as specified in the conservation plan, with a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity **during the PNS**.

664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements (Continued)

Example 1: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. A CRP participant may obtain a modified
 *--conservation plan to allow grazing from March 1, 2023, to April 14, 2023, and
 to graze again beginning July 16, 2023, not to exceed a total of 120 calendar
 days, as determined by NRCS in the modified conservation plan. Based on
 the start date, the participant can use non-emergency grazing again any time
 after March 1, 2024, subject to an approved conservation plan. The payment
 reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023)--*
 based on the start date of the grazing on the acres actually grazed.

Example 2: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. The participant's modified conservation plan
 --allows grazing to start July 16, 2023, not to exceed 120 calendar days as--
 determined by NRCS in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start
 date, the participant would not be allowed to use non-emergency grazing for 2
 years. The participant would be able to use non-emergency grazing
 *--beginning July 16, 2025, subject to the conservation plan. The payment
 reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on--*
 the start date of the grazing on the acres actually grazed.

*--**Example 3:** The participant has 100 acres of CRP. The participant requests to non-
 emergency hay after the PNS in 2022. The participant can hay 75 of the 100
 acres with a 25 percent reduction in annual rental payment on the 75 acres. The
 participant asks the County Office if they can graze the 25 acres left
 unharvested next year. The County Office tells the participant they may not hay
 or graze the 25 acres next year. The 25 percent left unharvested cannot be
 included as a separate instance.

Example 4: The participant hayed 75 acres in 2022. In the spring of 2023, the county
 triggers for emergency haying and grazing. The participant contacts the County
 Office and wants to know if they can hay the 25 acres that were left unharvested
 in 2022. Because emergency haying and grazing resets the clock the participant
 can hay the entire 100 acres, subject a modified conservation plan and no long-
 term damage to the grass stand. If the participant hays the entire acreage in
 2023 (under emergency) they must wait until 2026 before they can non-
 emergency hay the same acres.

Note: In all examples, under no circumstance may non-emergency or emergency haying or
 grazing be permitted if such activity would cause long-term damage to the vegetative
 cover on the land. NRCS or TSP will review each case to determine if the activity
 will cause long term damage.--*

665 Non-Emergency Haying or Harvesting for Biomass Requirements

A CRP Participant Requirements

CRP participants:

- must request and receive approval in writing from FSA before haying or harvesting for biomass
- must specify the number and location of acres to be hayed or harvested for biomass on digital imagery/map
- must record the intended use to either hay or harvesting for biomass on CRP-117 (Exhibit 47)
- must sign the request before the haying or harvesting for biomass begins (Exhibit 48)
- must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying or harvesting for biomass, unless it was already part of the conservation plan had been included when CRP-1 was approved
- during the PNS, participants may request a modified conservation plan, up to 4 weeks prior to the end of the PNS for NRCS or TSP to prepare documentation for the haying activity
- must not hay or harvest for biomass and graze the same acreage during the program year
- must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or harvesting for biomass
- may be subject to the noncompliance provisions in subparagraph 670 B, if the conservation plan is not followed.
- must be assessed a payment reduction, if applicable, based on the number of acres hayed or harvested for biomass times the CRP annual rental rate times 25 percent
- may sell or lease the haying or harvesting for biomass privilege
- may sell the harvested hay
- limit haying or harvesting for biomass to 1 cutting per program year
- must not hay or harvest for biomass **during the PNS**

665 Non-Emergency Haying or Harvesting for Biomass Requirements (Continued)**A CRP Participant Requirements (Continued)**

- must not use land enrolled in CRP for the storage of hay bales
- **--Note:** Remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 calendar days of baling.--*
- leave 25 percent of the contract acres as unharvested.
- ***--Note:** In situations where the acreage is hayed multiple times during the 3-year (in thirds or another approved rotation), the 25 percent unharvested acres **do not** need to be same acres each year.--*

B Conservation Plan Requirements

The conservation plan:

- must require that the vegetative cover is maintained, soil erosion is minimized, and water quality and wildlife habitat are protected
- must require that no long-term damage to the vegetative cover occurs
- must be site-specific and reflect the local resource concerns
- must utilize NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Forage Harvest Management (Code 511)
- must not allow any haying, or harvesting for biomass activity that would adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice
- must not allow haying or harvesting for biomass of wildlife food plots (CP12) or tree practices, according to subparagraph 663 B.

665 Non-Emergency Haying or Harvesting for Biomass Requirements (Continued)**C Commencement and Duration of Haying**

Non-emergency haying:

- may begin by the date specified in the conservation plan, but not before March 1
- must end by the date specified in the conservation plan, but not later than August 31.

Example 1: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. A CRP participant may obtain a modified conservation plan to allow haying or harvesting for biomass from March 1, 2023, to April 14, 2023, and to allow haying or harvesting for biomass again beginning July 16, 2023, for up to 15 days, not to exceed a total of 60 (one cutting) calendar days, as determined by NRCS in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start date, the participant can use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass again any time after March 1, 2026, subject to an approved conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on the start date of the haying or harvesting for biomass on the acres actually hayed or harvested for biomass.

Example 2: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. The participant's modified conservation plan allows haying or harvesting for biomass to start July 16, 2023, not to exceed 60 calendar days as determined by NRCS and approved by FSA in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start date, the participant would not be allowed to use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass for 3 years. The participant would be able to use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass beginning July 16, 2026, subject to the conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on the start date of the haying or harvesting for biomass on the acres actually hayed or harvested for biomass.

--666 Non-Emergency Invasive Species Grazing*A General Provisions**

Non-emergency grazing to control invasive species on all practices as listed in subparagraph 663 B is authorized **outside the PNS** where Kudzu or other invasive species have infested CRP acreage.

Participants must request a modified conservation plan which includes NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315) and receive approval from FSA before conducting any grazing to control invasive species. Participant must identify the invasive species and dates acreage will be grazed. Non-emergency grazing to control invasive species cannot exceed 30 calendar days between May 1 and September 1.

Land grazed for control of invasive species is ineligible for emergency grazing during the same program year.

A payment reduction of 25 percent must be assessed for acres grazed to control invasive species.--*

***--667 Non-Emergency Beginning Farmer or Rancher Grazing**

A General Provisions

A beginning farmer or rancher who is a participant on CRP-1 with a share of the rental payment greater than zero can annually graze all CRP practices **outside the PNS** without a payment reduction.

The beginning farmer or rancher must certify annually as a beginning farmer or rancher on CCC-860 before grazing.

All other requirements in paragraph 664 must be met.--*

668 Non-Emergency Incidental Grazing

A General Provisions

Acreage devoted to CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, *--CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP33, CP37, CP38A, CP38B, and CP43 is eligible for incidental--* grazing **outside the PNS**, with no payment reduction if all the following are met:

Important: Acreage enrolled through a SAFE may only be grazed or allowed as part of the SAFE. CP38 may not be grazed, unless authorized by the SAFE agreement. Non-emergency incidental grazing is not allowed on CREP unless the CREP agreement specifically permits such activity.

- grazing is incidental to the gleaning of the crop residue in a field, or before the harvest of a small grain
- grazing occurs after the participant harvests crops from within the surrounding field
- all livestock must be removed from CRP acreage no later than 60 days after incidental grazing begins
- an NRCS or TSP final status review has been completed for the practice that certifies the approved cover has been established
- grazing will not adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice.

The CRP acreage to be grazed must be immediately adjacent to the acreage harvested to be gleaned or the acreage planted to small grains to be grazed. If the CRP acreage is separated from the cropland to be grazed by a fence, road, stream or other barrier, the CRP acreage cannot not be grazed under the incidental grazing provisions.

The participant must request by filing a CRP-37 for incidental grazing. The participant must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of this incidental grazing, regardless of recommendations or determinations made by NRCS.

Note: See Exhibit 54 for CRP-37.

Example: A participant requests to graze a CP21, Filter Strips, as part of the gleaning of the corn crop residue in the adjacent cropland field. There is a fence between the field with the corn residue and the CP21. Incidental grazing of the CP21 is not allowed.

669 Non-Emergency Gleaning Grazing**A General Provisions**

COC's * * * may authorize gleaning of crop residue on acreage enrolled in CRP if all the following requirements are met:

- the acreage is in the first year of a CRP-1
- the acreage was devoted to an agricultural commodity before enrollment in CRP
- mechanical harvesting of the agricultural commodity was not completed in sufficient time for gleaning of the crop residue to be completed before the start date of CRP-1
- the gleaning of the crop residue will not delay the installation of the approved cover
- participant requests, in writing, to glean acreage enrolled in CRP and must agree to all of the following:
 - provide adequate cover to prevent soil erosion
 - remove all livestock no later than 60 days after gleaning begins.

B Example:

A participant has an approved CRP signup offer with a start date of October 1. The:

- acreage is currently planted to corn
- approved practice cannot be established until the following spring.

COC may authorize the participant to glean the CRP acreage after October 1 (the start date of CRP-1), provided all the requirements in this subparagraph are met.

670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions

A Participant Provisions

CRP participants must take the following actions every time they request to use non-emergency haying and grazing provisions.

Step	Action
1	Identify the acreage to be hayed/grazed on digital imagery/map.
2	Obtain a modified conservation plan for the applicable non-emergency haying or grazing provisions.
3	Record intended use on CRP-117. See Exhibit 47.
4	Sign the agreement in Exhibit 48. Note: All participants are required to sign the agreement before haying or grazing begins.
5	Receive notification of approval in writing from COC before beginning any haying or grazing.
6	Report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed, within 10 calendar days of the end of the haying or grazing period in the conservation plan, and sign and date CRP-118. See Exhibit 49.
7	Re-establish the CRP cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of any non-emergency haying or grazing.
8	Be assessed a payment reduction, if applicable, according to subparagraph 663 D.
9	CRP participants must : • remove livestock from all fields within 1 calendar day of the end of the modified conservation plan end date for grazing • not use land enrolled in CRP for the storage of hay bales *--Note: Remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 calendar days of baling.--* • remove all livestock from CRP acreage no later than the end date for invasive species grazing treatment as specified in the conservation plan.
10	Non-emergency grazing must not be conducted during the PNS without a 50 percent reduction in carrying capacity. Haying is not allowed during the PNS.

670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)**B Maintenance Defaults**

Maintenance defaults apply to participants who conducted unauthorized non-emergency haying or grazing

Use the following table when a maintenance default occurs.

IF the non-emergency haying or grazing occurs on...	THEN...
fewer acres than requested on the CRP-117	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117 and the COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118 and assess a standard payment reduction on the acreage in excess of the acreage requested on the CRP-117 according to subparagraph 604 A.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117, and the COC determines the participant did not make a good faith effort to comply	terminate the CRP-1 according to subparagraph 571 A.

C Participant Reports

Participants must report the number of acres hayed or grazed within 10 calendar days of the end of the haying or grazing period in the conservation plan, using the CRP-118.

D County Office Report

As part of the annual Haying and Grazing Summary Report, County Offices must report to the State Office by December 1 of each year, the number of:

- CRP-1's where haying or grazing under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions actually occurred
- CRP acres actually hayed or grazed under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions
- CRP contracts and acres grazed under beginning farmer provisions
- contract and acres hayed or grazed used as a required management activity.

***--Note:** Grassland CRP contracts with haying or grazing in the plan do not need to be reported.--*

670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

E STC Report

--STC or designee must report to the Conservation Division (CD) on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--

SELECT "CRP Haying and Grazing Annual Summary Report" in the left column. This report must be submitted by December 31 of each year and will include the following:

- CRP-1's harvested under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions
- CRP acres harvested under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions
- CRP contracts and acres grazed under beginning farmer provisions
- contract and acres hayed or grazed used as a required management item.

Note: Negative reports are required.

671-680 (Reserved)

Section 2 Emergency Haying and Grazing

681 County Eligibility

A D2 Eligibility (Outside the PNS)

Emergency haying or emergency grazing of the approved cover is allowed in response to a drought, flood, wildfire, or other emergency as determined by DAFP on **all** practices including CP38 if allowed in the SAFE agreement, **outside the PNS**, when:

- all or any part of the county in which the CRP acreage is physically located is designated as D2 (severe drought) or greater for one week according to the United States Drought Monitor; see subparagraph B.

Note: See paragraph 681.5 for practice restrictions if the U.S. Drought Monitor identified the county to meet the LFP trigger threshold (D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3).

- there is at least a 40 percent loss in forage production in the county in which the CRP acreage is physically located; see subparagraph D; or
- DAFP determines that CRP can assist in the response to a natural disaster event without *--long-term damage to the established cover; see subparagraph F.--*

Acreage ineligible for emergency haying or grazing includes acreage devoted to:

- useful life easements if the easement prohibits haying or grazing
- land within 20 feet of a perennial or seasonal/intermittent stream or other permanent waterbody

Under no circumstances may emergency haying or grazing be permitted if such activity would cause long-term damage to the vegetative cover on the land, determined on a contract-by-contract basis.

681 County Eligibility (Continued)

B Emergency Haying and Grazing based on U.S. Drought Monitor

Counties are authorized CRP emergency haying and grazing **outside of the PNS** on **all** practices when any part of the county is in a D2 condition based on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The National Office will post a listing of counties authorized to allow emergency haying and *--grazing **outside the PNS** based on the U.S. Drought monitor using the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint site.--*

No additional State or DAFP approval is required and County and State Offices are not required to submit a request to the National Office for this type of emergency haying and grazing authorization. After a county has been authorized for emergency haying and grazing, the County Office must publicize the availability of emergency haying and grazing.

A CRP participant can utilize up to 90 consecutive days or a total of 90 days before and after the PNS (if county is still eligible for emergency grazing) of emergency grazing subject to a modified conservation plan during the program year on all practices. A CRP participant has up to 60 days from receiving a contract plan modification allowing emergency haying to harvest one cutting of hay outside the PNS.

C Documenting Continued use of Emergency Haying and Grazing Once D2 Status Has Improved

A COC decision to continue allowing the use of emergency haying and grazing once the county is no longer in a D2 status on the U.S. Drought Monitor must be documented monthly in the COC minutes. Documentation must include justification for continued use of emergency haying and grazing. Examples of justifiable documentation include:

- significant lack of soil moisture
- additional supplemental feeding still needed
- forage production loss still exceeds 40 percent
- livestock are being liquidated or culled heavier as a direct result of the drought
- drought monitor does not reflect local conditions
- lack of stockpiled forage (hay, silage, pasture and rangeland).

681 County Eligibility (Continued)**D Emergency Haying and Grazing that Requires STC Authorizations**

If emergency haying or grazing is not authorized under subparagraph B, COC's may request STC approval for emergency haying or grazing for all or part of a county when there is a 40 percent or greater loss in forage production using the CRP-42. See subparagraph E.

Each week State Offices must report to CD the counties approved for emergency haying or grazing based on a 40 percent loss in forage production (only county's approved that week will be reported upon approval) using the applicable link in the left menu and choose
--Emergency Haying and Grazing 40 Percent Loss Approval Request on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--

681 County Eligibility (Continued)

--E Applying for STC or DAFP Authorization for Forage Production Loss--

COC must submit requests to the STC for authorization for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage when the reason for the emergency haying or grazing is 40 percent or greater loss of forage production according to subparagraph D.

All requests for emergency haying or grazing under subparagraph D must include at a minimum all the following:

- CRP-42, completed according to Exhibit 51
- detailed narrative written description of disaster conditions in the county
- copy of COC minutes and narrative recommendation for subparagraph D
- copy of STC minutes and narrative recommendation for subparagraph D
- explanation of livestock emergency and justification of need for emergency activities.

When COC is requesting authorization for emergency haying or grazing in only a part of the county, the County Office must submit the following:

- CRP-42, completed according to Exhibit 51, for the:
 - entire county
 - affected area
- county map clearly showing the part of the county affected by the disaster.

Note: The affected area must be outlined by township boundaries, roads, highways, streams, or other identifiable landmarks.

If the request for part of a county is approved, the part of the county not covered by the request will not be eligible for emergency haying or grazing of CRP.

All COC requests and STC determinations, as applicable, must be recorded in the COC minutes.

COC must clearly document in the COC minutes the following:

- justification for the request to release CRP acres for emergency haying or grazing
- monthly review of conditions in the county and the basis used to determine whether continued haying or grazing is warranted.

681 County Eligibility (Continued)***--E Applying for STC or DAFP Authorization for Forage Production Loss (Continued)--***

STC must thoroughly review COC requests for completeness and approve the request for loss of forage production if all requirements are met.

If STC, as applicable, approves COC's request, COC will notify all participants in the county or part of the county, as applicable, of the authorization for emergency haying and grazing CRP acreage by the fastest means possible.

***--F Applying for DAFP Authorization in Response to Natural Disaster**

COC must submit requests to STC for authorization for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage in response to a natural disaster. STC must thoroughly review COC requests for completeness. STC can make the response on behalf of COC's for multiple counties, regions of the State, or the entire State, if the circumstances warrant.

All requests for emergency haying or grazing under this paragraph must include, at a minimum, the following:

- NRCS State Technical Committee Concurrence
- detailed description of disaster conditions in the county
- copy of COC minutes and narrative recommendation
- copy of STC minutes and narrative recommendation
- explanation of livestock emergency and justification of need for emergency activities.

COC's and STC's do not have authority to authorize this action.

G STC Action and Determinations--*

STC's will approve or disapprove, as appropriate, County office requests for 40 percent loss of forage production; see subparagraph D.

STC must:

- make determinations on a county-by-county basis
- report county approvals to CD weekly for loss of forage production.

Each week State Offices must report to CD the counties approved for emergency haying or grazing based on a 40 percent loss in forage production (only county's approved that week

--will be reported upon approval) using the applicable link in the left menu on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--

681 County Eligibility (Continued)***--H Emergency Haying and Grazing Duration/Deadlines and Timeframes--***

The duration for emergency haying and grazing approved for CRP participants is for:

- grazing, up to 90 days during the program year
- haying, up to 60 days during the program year.

Note: Emergency haying and grazing may begin before the PNS and continue after the end of the PNS, but only when conditions in this paragraph are still applicable after the PNS.

The STC cannot authorize an extension of time for:

- emergency haying
- DAFP approvals.

681.5 Emergency Haying and Grazing During the Extreme Drought Conditions**A Extreme Drought Conditions Described**

Extreme drought conditions exist when a county reaches D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 on the U.S. Drought Monitor. LFP triggers for a county when extreme drought conditions exist.

B Emergency Grazing During Extreme Drought Conditions

Emergency grazing **during the PNS** is allowed only when **all** the following are met:

- payments are authorized for the county under LFP (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4)
- grazing is less than 50 percent of the normal carrying capacity
- the participant's conservation plan is modified to incorporate the 50 percent of normal carrying capacity, and approved prior to grazing.

--A list of counties eligible for this authority is available on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--

C Emergency Haying During Extreme Drought Conditions

Haying of all practices is not authorized when a county reaches D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 and otherwise triggers eligibility for LFP.

***--681.5 Emergency Haying and Grazing During the Extreme Drought Conditions (Continued)**

C Emergency Haying During Extreme Drought Conditions (Continued)

Eligible CRP conservation practices include the following as designated in the 2014 and 2018 Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) include:

- CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
- CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
- CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (corridors)
- CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat
- CP8A Grass Waterways
- CP10 Vegetative Cover – Grass – Already Established
- CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity
- CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover
- CP21 Filter Strips
- CP23 Wetland Restoration
- CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain
- CP28 Farmable Wetland Buffers
- CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat
- CP38E – Grass (but only if emergency haying and grazing is authorized in the SAFE agreement)
- CP39 Constructed Wetland.

Emergency haying is restricted to 50 percent of the acreage devoted to the eligible practices.

Emergency **haying is not** permitted **during the PNS**.

Emergency haying during extreme drought conditions is not permitted on land with 120 feet of a perennial, seasonal, or intermittent stream, or other permanent waterbody.--*

682 (Withdrawn--Amend. 8)

--683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions*A General Provisions**

Emergency haying or grazing must be confined to the acreage physically located within the boundary of the eligible county, regardless of where the headquarters for the farm is located or the county where the farm is administratively located.

Note: A CRP field, which is partially located in an eligible county and partially located in an ineligible county, may be hayed or grazed as part of an eligible county, if all other requirements are met.

CRP participant:

- must request and receive approval in writing from FSA before haying or grazing
- must specify the number and location of acres to be hayed or grazed on digital imagery/map
- must record the requested activity (haying or grazing) on CRP-117 (Exhibit 47)
- must sign the request before the emergency haying or grazing begins (Exhibit 52)
- must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying or grazing, that does not permit long-term damage to the vegetative cover

Note: The haying or grazing as referenced in the conservation plan **must** be site specific and reflect the local wildlife needs and concerns.--*

683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

A General Provisions (Continued)

- must not hay and graze the same acreage in the same program year
- **will not** be assessed a payment reduction for approved emergency haying or grazing
- may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege
- may not begin haying or grazing before the date specified in the modified conservation plan
- must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing.

In addition, for grazing only must:

- remove all livestock from all CRP fields no later than the end of the emergency grazing period in the conservation plan
- if applicable graze at one half the carrying capacity **during the PNS**.

In addition, for haying only must:

- not hay **during the PNS**
- not use land enrolled in CRP for the storage of hay bales

***--Note:** Remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 calendar days of baling.--*

Participants who hay or graze CRP acreage, or fail to follow these provisions, will be subject to the noncompliance provisions according to paragraph 685.

683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

B Conservation Plan Requirements

The conservation plan:

- must require that the vegetative cover is maintained, soil erosion is minimized, and water quality and wildlife habitat are protected
- must require that no long-term damage to the vegetative cover occurs
- must be site-specific and reflect the local resource concerns
- must utilize NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Prescribed Grazing (Code 528) or NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Forage Harvest Management (Code 511)
- *--must require fencing livestock at least 20 feet from adjacent water bodies without C/S--*
- must not allow supplemental feeding of hay, grain, silage, etc.
- may allow use of mineral supplements
- must not allow any haying, grazing, or other activity that would adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice
- must require management of heavy use locations, such as watering facilities and loafing areas, to minimize bare ground conditions and trails
- must require minimum grazing stubble heights based on current conditions when the plan is developed
- must limit haying to 1 cutting per program year
- **must limit the plan to 90 days of CRP emergency grazing.**

683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

C Participant Provisions

CRP participants must:

- file a request to hay or graze CRP acreage before emergency haying or grazing begins
- take the following actions.

Step	Action
1	Identify the acreage to be hayed or grazed on digital imagery/map.
2	Obtain a modified conservation plan to include emergency haying or grazing requirements, outside the PNS , without long-term damage to the cover as determined by NRCS or TSP. The haying or grazing as specified in the conservation plan must be site specific and reflect the local wildlife needs and concerns.
3	Record intended haying or grazing use on CRP-117. See Exhibit 47.
4	Sign agreement in Exhibit 52. Note: All participants are required to sign the agreement before haying or grazing begins.
5	Receive notification of approval in writing from COC before beginning any haying or grazing.
6	Report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed, and sign and date CRP-118. See Exhibit 49.
7	CRP participant will re-establish the CRP cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of emergency haying or grazing.
8	Haying must be limited to 1 cutting per program year.
9	Participants must stop haying and grazing according to the modified plan developed based on the current site-specific conditions; at a minimum the plan must provide minimum grazing stubble heights.
10	CRP participants must not use land enrolled in CRP for storage of hay bales. *--Remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 calendar days of baling.--*
11	CRP participants must remove all livestock from all fields no later than 1 day after the end of the emergency grazing period.

684 Payment Reductions**A Reduction Rates**

Authorized emergency haying and grazing may be conducted without any reduction to the annual rental payment.

685 Compliance**A Required Spot Checks**

To ensure that CRP cover is not damaged, wildlife and associated habitat is protected, and participants are complying with their conservation plans, COC's must spot-check at least *--10 percent of CRP-1's approved for both non-emergency and emergency haying or grazing per year. Spot checks must be completed within 10 calendar days from when the producer reports both non-emergency and emergency haying or grazing on the CRP-118.--*

B Maintenance Defaults

Maintenance defaults apply to participants who conducted **unauthorized** emergency **haying or grazing**

Use the following table when a maintenance default occurs.

IF the haying or grazing occurs on...	THEN...
fewer acres than requested on the CRP-117	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117 and the COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118 and assess a standard payment reduction on the acreage in excess of the acreage requested on the CRP-117 according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 604 A.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117, and the COC determines the participant did not make a good faith effort to comply	terminate the CRP-1 according to 2-CRP.

686 Reporting Requirements**A Participant Reports**

Participants **must** report the number of acres hayed or grazed within 10 calendar days of the end of the emergency haying or grazing period in the conservation plan using the CRP-118.

B County Office Report

As part of the annual Emergency Haying and Grazing Summary Report, County Offices must report to the State Office December 1 of each year, the number of:

- CRP-1's where haying or grazing under emergency haying and grazing provisions actually occurred
- CRP acres actually hayed or grazed under emergency haying and grazing provisions.

C STC Report

--STC or designee must report to CD on the FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP SharePoint.--

* * * This report must be submitted by December 31 of each year and will include the following:

- the number of CRP-1's where haying or grazing under emergency authority occurred
- CRP acres hayed or grazed under emergency authority.

Note: Negative reports are required.

687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing

The following table provides a summary of haying and grazing types and the applicable policy and payment reduction.

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Percent Payment Reduction
Non-Emergency Harvesting for Hay or Biomass	Outside the PNS, all practice acres (as listed in subparagraph 663 A) are eligible for non-emergency harvesting for hay or biomass. • No more frequently than 1 in 3 years. • Emergency haying or grazing restarts the frequency for conducting non-emergency harvesting for hay. • Not authorized during the PNS. • No later than August 31. • Must not hay on 25 percent of the contract acres. • Request approval before harvesting eligible acreage. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.--*	25 percent
Non-Emergency Grazing	Outside the PNS, all practice acres are eligible for non-emergency grazing except CP12, CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38C, and CP38 if not specifically allowed in the SAFE agreement. • No more frequently than every other year. • Emergency haying or grazing restarts the frequency for conducting non-emergency grazing. • Request an approval before grazing eligible acres. Exception: During the PNS a 50 percent reduction in carrying capacity is required. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.--*	25 percent

687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing (Continued)

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Percent Payment Reduction
Non-Emergency Incidental Grazing	Practices, CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP37, (CP38A, CP38B, CP38D, if included in the approved safe agreement), and CP43. • Incidental to grazing crop residue in the surrounding field. • Not authorized during the PNS. • Authorized up to 60 calendar days after the start of incidental grazing. • Request approval before grazing eligible acreage. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.--*	None
Non-Emergency Grazing-Gleaning	• Acreage is in the first year of CRP-1. • Acreage was devoted to an agricultural commodity before enrollment into CRP. • Mechanical harvesting not completed in time to glean the crop residue before the start date of CRP-1. • Gleaning the crop residue will not delay establishment of the approved cover. • Authorized up to 60 calendar days after the start of permissive grazing. • Request approval before grazing eligible acreage. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.--*	None

687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing (Continued)

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Type/Provisions Activity/For	Type/Provisions Activity/For
Non-Emergency Prescribed (Invasive Species) Grazing	Outside the PNS, all practice acres are eligible for non-emergency (all practices including CP38 if the activity is allowed in the SAFE) agreement. Practices not eligible for non-emergency prescribed (Invasive Species) grazing are CP12 and tree practices CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38C. • Must be grazed according to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315). • Not to exceed 30 calendar days between May 1 and September 1. • Request approval before grazing eligible acreage. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.--*	25 percent
Beginning Farmer Grazing	Outside the PNS, all practices except CP12 and tree practices CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38C are eligible for beginning farmers for non-emergency grazing (must have more than zero shares). Notes: CP38 practices if the activity is allowed in the SAFE agreement. *--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.--*	None

687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing (Continued)

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Percent Payment Reduction
Emergency Haying	• Outside PNS, haying on all practice acres including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement outside the primary nesting period if approved. • Exception, if extreme drought conditions exist (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4), and LFP triggers, haying may only occur on acreage devoted to practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP8A, CP10, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP23, CP23A, CP28, CP37, CP38E (if authorized in the SAFE agreement), and CP39 on not more than 50 percent of the acres. • Producer must request approval before haying eligible acreage. • Producer has up to 60 days to complete one cutting of hay. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's--*	None
Emergency Grazing	• Outside the PNS, all practices including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement. • During PNS, all practices, including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement with a 50 percent reduction of normal carrying capacity if the county is eligible for LFP payments (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4). • Up to 90 days of grazing is allowed. • Producer must request approval before grazing eligible acreage. •*--County Office will spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's--*	None

688-770 (Reserved)

Part 20 (Reserved)

771-800 (Reserved)

Part 21 TIP

Section 1 TIP Policy

801 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 amended the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize \$50 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring *--CRP-1 from an owner or operator to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher to return the--* land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

Owners or operators who qualify under TIP may be eligible to receive annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP-1 expiration date provided the transition is **not** to a family member as defined in Exhibit 2.

Note: Family members of the owner or operators may participate in TIP; however, the additional 2 years of annual rental payments will **not** be paid.

B Signup Period for TIP

*--Eligible owners and operators, veteran or beginning farmers or ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis.

To be considered eligible, veteran or beginning farmers or ranchers and CRP participants--* must enroll in TIP during the period beginning 2 years before the CRP-1 expiration date and the earlier of the following:

- August 15 of the FY that the CRP-1 is scheduled to expire
- \$50 million statutory limit has been reached.

Note: The August 15 deadline is to allow NRCS or TSP the required time to complete the TIP sustainable grazing or crop production conservation plans.

802 Eligible Land**A Eligible Land for TIP**

All or a portion of land under an expiring CRP-1 may be eligible to enroll in TIP, if COC or CED determines * * * **all** * * * the following have been met:

- producer eligibility requirements in paragraph 803
- land eligibility requirements in subparagraph 804 A for contracts scheduled to expire
- land under CRP-1 is in compliance according to Part 17.

B Easement Eligibility for TIP

Land expiring from CRP-1 under an easement that would prohibit the land from being farmed in a sustainable manner is **not** eligible to be enrolled under CRP-1R.

803 Eligible Producers**A Owner or Operator Eligibility**

To be eligible for TIP, producers must be owners or operators on land under an expiring CRP-1.

*--One or more participants under CRP-1 may be eligible to transition land to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher and enroll in TIP if **all** the following have been met:

- owner or operator agrees to sell, has a contract to sell, or long-term leases (at least 5 years) the land to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher before CRP-1R begins--*

Notes: See paragraph 807.

In the case of a long-term lease, the lease must be a nonrevocable, long-term lease of at least 5 years, or less than 5 years with an option to purchase the land, which must begin on the CRP-1R beginning date.

803 Eligible Producers (Continued)

A Owner or Operator Eligibility (Continued)

- *--owner or operator and veteran or beginning farmer or rancher have signed CRP-1R according to paragraph 805
- owners or operator agrees to allow veteran or beginning farmer or rancher to make--* conservation and land improvements, according to a modified conservation plan approved by NRCS or TSP, **beginning** on the date COC or CED approves CRP-1R according to paragraph 806.

Notes: Land improvements in the last year of the CRP-1 under CRP TIP will **not** be permitted during PNS unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of PNS.

If land improvements are to be made in the last year of CRP-1 according to paragraph 806, CRP-1 participants must modify the CRP conservation plan according to the recommendations of NRCS or TSP.

Important: CRP participants:

- *--are responsible for the land under an expiring CRP-1 through contract expiration--*
- must modify the CRP-1 conservation plan if land improvements are to be made during the last year of CRP-1.

--When participants on a CRP-1 agree to transition their land under CRP-1 to veteran or beginning farmer or rancher, COC or CED may approve CRP-1R provided all signatories-- to CRP-1 sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria are met. The land transfer must not have taken place until after participants have signed CRP-1R.

*--**Notes:** All CRP-1 signatories are required to sign CRP-1R. If all required signatories on CRP-1 do **not** agree to sign CRP-1R, then the land is **not** eligible under TIP.

All CRP-1 shareholder signatories are eligible to receive the 2 years annual rental payments provided they have signed CRP-1R, are otherwise eligible, and the provisions of this paragraph are met.

TIP payments will be issued according to the shares at the time CRP-1 expires.--*

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803 Eligible Producers (Continued)

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***--B Veteran or Beginning Farmer or Rancher Eligibility**

A veteran or beginning farmer or rancher may be eligible for TIP provided the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher agrees to **all** the following:

- buy, have contract to buy, or long-term lease (at least 5 years) the land under CRP-1--* from an owner or operator during the last year of CRP-1 before its scheduled September 30 expiration
- develop and implement the required conservation plans according to paragraph 806
- *--self-certify their veteran or beginning farmer or rancher status on CCC-860
- sign CRP-1R.

Notes: A minor combined with a parent or legal guardian in a farming operation under 6-PL or 7-PL, would not meet beginning farmer or rancher criteria until the minor is of--* legal age and no longer combined. In rare cases, where COC has determined the minor stands alone and is not combined with a parent or legal guardian, the minor may meet the beginning farmer or rancher definition provided COC determines the minor materially and substantially participates in the operation of the farm or ranch involved in CRP-1R.

SDA farmers or ranchers (not including gender) were eligible for TIP prior to FY 2025.

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804 TIP for CRP-1's***--A Authorized TIP Activities on Expiring CRP-1's--***

Generally, land subject to CRP-1R must be returned to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

Beginning on October 1 that is 2 years before the CRP-1 scheduled expiration date of *--September 30, the owner or operator may sign CRP-1R to allow the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher to do 1 or more of the following:

804 TIP for CRP-1's (Continued)***--A Authorized TIP Activities on Expiring CRP-1's (Continued)--***

- modify the current CRP-1 conservation plan to begin conservation and land improvements

Notes: See paragraph 806 for a list of allowable land improvements.--*

CRP-1 signatories are responsible for the CRP cover until CRP-1 expires. If land improvements are to be made in the last year of CRP-1, conservation plan must be modified by CRP-1 participants.

- begin the certification process under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990
- offer eligible land into continuous CRP.

Note: Land improvements in the last year of the CRP-1 under CRP TIP will **not** be permitted during PNS unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of PNS.

***--B Continuous CRP Enrollment with TIP**

If all other eligibility requirements are met, the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher with an approved CRP-1R is eligible to offer transitioned land for continuous CRP according to Part 6, Section 1.

Note: Eligible veteran or beginning farmers or ranchers with an approved CRP-1R will be eligible to re-enroll, beginning the year CRP-1 expires, partial field continuous conservation practices in CRP, according to a CRP conservation plan and the provisions of TIP. The re-enrolled acres will become effective on October 1 following the expiration of CRP-1 of the qualified owner or operator, provided the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher has control of the property and meets all other qualifying conditions of CRP.

The veteran or beginning farmer or rancher enrolling into continuous CRP is **not required** to meet 12-month owner/operator criteria for acres under CRP-1R.

In cooperation with NRCS, County Offices must inform the veteran or beginning farmer--* or rancher to contact NRCS for more information about the opportunity to enroll in CSP or EQIP. Enrollment in CSP or EQIP must begin October 1, on or after CRP-1 expires.

Note: Land under CRP-1R is **not** eligible to be enrolled into general signup.

805 CRP-1R Signature Requirements**A Required Signatures**

*--Before approval, CRP-1R must be signed by **both** the following:

- all signatories to CRP-1
- veteran or beginning farmer or rancher.--*

Exception: See subparagraph 335 C for signature requirement exceptions.

Note: See paragraph 810 for an example of CRP-1R.

806 Required Conservation Plans for TIP***--A Veteran or Beginning Farmer or Rancher TIP Conservation Plan Requirements**

During the last year of CRP-1 before its scheduled expiration, the veteran or beginning--* farmer or rancher must develop a conservation plan that meets acceptable standards for sustainable grazing or crop production methods to be implemented beginning on the approved CRP-1R beginning date (item 7 A). The sustainable grazing and crop production methods must be designed as a part of an overall plan defined on an ecosystem level to be useful in creating integrated systems of plant and animal production practices that have a site-specific application that would:

- enhance the environment and the natural resource base
- use nonrenewable resources efficiently
- sustain the economic viability of the farming operation.

*--The veteran or beginning farmer or rancher must complete **all** the following for acres--* under CRP-1R:

- **sustainable grazing or crop production conservation plan** that meets NRCS FOTG for sustainable grazing or crop production methods according to this paragraph to be effective on the CRP-1R beginning date
- conservation plan according to Conservation Compliance Provisions of the 1985 Act that
--requires completing AD-1026 for HELC and WC--
- **CRP conservation plan** that meets the requirements for continuous CRP, CSP, or EQIP, as applicable, if enrolling the acres in 1 or more of these programs that are under CRP-1R after CRP-1 expires.

806 Required Conservation Plans for TIP (Continued)

B Owner or Operator Conservation Plan Requirements

Beginning on the first day of the last year of CRP-1, CRP participants with an approved *--CRP-1R must allow the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher to install certain--* conservation practices and institute land improvements that are consistent with the conservation plan during the last year of CRP-1 according to an approved modified conservation plan in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

Note: The farmer or rancher must, in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP, ensure that the CRP-1 conservation plan has been modified for land improvements agreed upon *--with the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher. The owner or operator is--* responsible for ensuring that the conservation plan is modified if land improvements are being made on land under CRP-1.

The following are allowable conservation and land improvements in the last year of CRP-1 under TIP, according to an approved modified conservation plan:

- preparing the land for certified organic food production
- laying out contours for contour buffer strips
- surveying and site preparation for contour farming
- installing filter strips
- installing fencing
- installing livestock watering facilities

Note: Grazing is **not** allowed before CRP-1 expiration.

- installing pipelines
- installing ponds
- installing terraces
- installing water wells
- installing waterways

806 Required Conservation Plans for TIP (Continued)**B Owner or Operator Conservation Plan Requirements (Continued)**

- other potential improvements for re-enrolling acres into continuous CRP according to NRCS or TSP guidelines
- other appropriate practices as recommended by NRCS or TSP.

Notes: Land improvements in the last year of CRP-1 under CRP TIP will **not** be permitted during PNS unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of PNS.

Land improvements in the last year of CRP-1 do not include planting a commodity crop except when used as a temporary cover establishing conservation practices.

CRP C/S assistance is **not** authorized for TIP.

Using other Federal C/S assistance requires refund of CRP C/S assistance according to subparagraph 490 B.

Generally, only the acres under CRP-1R must be returned to sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

***--Notes:** CRP-1 provisions continue to apply through its expiration for land **not** covered by an approved CRP-1R.--*

For expired CRP-1 land that is **not** enrolled in an approved TIP CRP-1R, the land may be returned to an agricultural commodity using normal crop production methods in compliance with Conservation Compliance Provisions of the 1985 Act. See 6-CP.

C TIP and Early Land Preparation

Certain conservation and land improvements are allowable in the last 2 years (beginning October 1 of the year CRP-1 expires) of CRP-1 as provided in subparagraph B.

Early land preparation provisions in paragraph 636 generally apply to land enrolled under a TIP modification to CRP-1. However, if the desired early land preparation activity conflicts with acceptable standards for sustainable grazing or crop production, then early land preparation provisions must **not** be used.

Important: TIP participants requesting early land preparation must follow all the provisions in paragraph 636.

806 Required Conservation Plans for TIP (Continued)**C TIP and Early Land Preparation (Continued)**

--Activities allowed under TIP in the last 2 years of CRP-1 must be related to conservation-- and land improvements. As a general matter, destruction of the cover before CRP-1 is expired must **not** be approved. If, however, in the extraordinary case where NRCS or TSP determines that allowing the cover to be disturbed in the last year of CRP-1 to prepare to plant an agricultural crop after CRP-1 expires meets the criteria of a sustainable conservation system, the CRP conservation plan may be modified.

807 Approving CRP-1R's**A Requirements Before CRP-1R Approval**

Before approving CRP-1R's, County Offices must:

- ensure a separate CRP-1R is completed and signed for each **expiring** CRP-1 enrolled in TIP

Note: CRP-1R must be approved no later than September 30 of the year CRP-1 expires.

- determine acres to be transitioned
- *--ensure the owner or operator and veteran or beginning farmer or rancher has completed all required conservation plans according to paragraph 806, as applicable
- ensure owners or operators have provided sufficient evidence the land entered under TIP will be either sold or long term leased to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher--* effective the day CRP-1R begins.

Note: Sufficient evidence must include 1 of the following:

- written long term lease (at least 5 years duration)
- contract for deed
- statement signed by TIP participants reflecting either the long-term lease or contract to sell.

807 Approving CRP-1R's (Continued)**B COC or CED Approval of CRP-1R's**

COC or CED must approve CRP-1R's if all * * * the following are met:

- all required signatures have been obtained on all related CRP forms and conservation plans according to paragraphs 805, 806, and 808
- a modified conservation plan is approved for land improvements in the last year of CRP-1, if applicable
- *--the transition conservation plan for the period covered by the CRP-1R is consistent with policies in 2-CRP, Part 11
- all producer eligibility criteria have been met
- all land eligibility criteria have been met--*
- sufficient evidence has been provided according to subparagraph A.

C COC Responsibilities

COC or CED must:

- approve/disapprove CRP-1R, as applicable
- sign and date CRP-1R
- follow conflict of interest provisions in 22-PM.

Note: COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1R until **all** requirements in subparagraph B *--have been met.--*

D Approval Responsibilities

Follow the provisions for approval responsibilities for CRP-1R's according to subparagraph 401 D.

E County Office Action

After requirements in subparagraphs A through D have been met, notify the owner or *--operator and the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher in writing of approval/--* disapproval of CRP-1R's.

808 CRP-1R Provisions**A CRP-1R Duration**

CRP-1R begins on October 1 (the day after the CRP-1 scheduled expiration date) and ends 2 years following the CRP-1 expiration date of September 30.

Note: Preparing or installing certain conservation practices may occur up to 2 years before the beginning date of CRP-1R according to paragraph 806.

***--Example:** An operator has land under CRP-1 that expires on September 30. The operator and beginning farmer signed CRP-1R on June 14, and the operator modified--* the CRP-1 conservation plan to make conservation land improvements in the last year of CRP-1. COC or CED approved the modified conservation plan and CRP-1R on August 1. CRP-1R goes into effect October 1.

B CRP-1R Payments

Owners or operators with an approved CRP-1R may receive up to 2 additional annual rental payments **after CRP-1 expires** provided that the owner or operator is **not** a family member *--of the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher according to the definition of family member in Exhibit 2.

Example: The farmer and a nonfamily member veteran or beginning farmer or rancher completed and signed CRP-1R on May 17, 2026, for CRP-1 scheduled to expire on September 30, 2026. The CRP-1R period is October 1 through September 30. The owner or operator may receive the first CRP-1R payment after October 1, 2027, and the final TIP payment after October 1, 2028, provided all other--* payment eligibility criteria are met.

C CRP TIP Payment Limitation

Payment limitation as applicable for other CRP-1's will be applied to CRP-1R annual rental payments.

808 CRP-1R Provisions (Continued)**D CRP TIP AGI Provisions**

The AGI determination of the expiring CRP-1 will continue for the additional 2 years for annual rental payments under TIP.

E Succeeding to CRP-1R

A new owner of land, purchased from the owner or operator, that was transitioned under TIP *--and is under a long-term lease with a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher, may succeed to an approved CRP-1R, provided the successor continues to honor the lease with the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher and all the provisions of CRP-1R are met.--*

F Modifications to CRP-1R's for Payments

Allowable modifications to TIP CRP-1R's are:

- processed according to instructions in 5-CRP
- TIP acres **must** be less than or equal to the acres on the expiring CRP-1.

Note: Unless correcting a data entry error, the following CRP-1R fields must **not** be changed:

- Rental Rate Per Acre CRP-1
- CRP-1R Beginning Date
- CRP-1R End Date.

809 Outreach

***--A Targeting Veteran or Beginning Farmers or Ranchers**

FSA will announce TIP through press releases, newsletters, and any other available means. In addition, State and County Offices must conduct additional outreach activities to ensure participation of veteran or beginning farmers or ranchers.

For outreach efforts specific to this notice, State Offices must ensure, using all available means, that veteran or beginning groups are informed of the opportunities provided under TIP.

State Offices must prioritize efforts to plan targeted outreach activities jointly with partner organizations whose mission specifies service to target groups as veteran or beginning--* farmers or ranchers.

810 Completing CRP-1R's

A Instructions for Completing CRP-1R

--Complete CRP-1R according to the following table and 5-CRP, Section 9.--

Item	Instructions
1	Enter State and county code and administration location.
2	Enter CRP-1R number. Note: Expiring CRP-1 contract number from CRP-1, item 3, plus the extension "TIP". Example: 567-TIP.
3	Enter acres for enrollment into TIP.
4	Enter farm number.
5	Enter tract number.
6	Enter County Office address and telephone number.
7	Enter rental rate/acre from CRP-1, item 7.
8A	Enter TIP beginning date (beginning date of CRP-1R). See subparagraph 808 A.
8B	Enter TIP ending date (ending date of CRP-1R). See subparagraph 808 A.
9	Owner or operator and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher must read the self-certification statement.
10	*--Participants must read and fill in the CRP-1 number.--*
10A	Require owner or operator to * * * enter share on CRP-1, sign, and date.
10B	Require veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to * * * sign, and date. Note: Do not enter share for veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher.
10C	Require CRP-1 signatories to * * * enter share on CRP-1, sign, and date.
11	COC or CED approves CRP-1R.

810 Completing CRP-1R's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-1R

The following is an example of CRP-1R.

Note: CRP-1R is available at

<http://intra3.fsa.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/currentforms.asp>.

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This form is available electronically.			
CRP-1R (12-02-19) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM TRANSITION INCENTIVES PROGRAM CONTRACT		1. ST. & CO CODE & ADMIN. LOCATION 40 029	2. CONTRACT NUMBER 567 TIP
		3. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT 15.1	4. TRACT NUMBER 2258
5A. COUNTY OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) Codington County FSA Office PO Box 1536 810 10th Ave. SE Watertown, SD 57201		6. RENTAL RATE 58.00	7. CONTRACT PERIOD A. BEGINNING (MM-DD-YYYY) 10/01/2021 B. ENDING (MM-DD-YYYY) 09/30/2023
5B. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code): 605-886-8202			
NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a, as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) and 7 CFR 1410. The information will be used by CCC to consider and, if so decided, process the offer to enter into a Conservation Reserve Program contract, to assist in determining eligibility, and to determine the correct parties to the Conservation Reserve Program contract. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, and Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Information provided hereunder will be subject to the provisions of section 1619 of Pub. L. 110-246 (7 U.S.C. 8791), section 2004 of Pub. L. 107-171 (16 U.S.C. 3844), the Privacy Act, and other applicable privacy laws. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to offer to enter into a Conservation Reserve Program contract. Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3846(b)(1). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.			
8. CERTIFICATION: By signing below, the participant in Item 9A(1) certifies to all of the following: (1) effective on the date in Item 7A, I have a contract to sell, or lease under a non-revocable long-term lease of at least 5 years, the acres identified in Item 3 to the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer(s) or rancher(s) identified in Item 9B(1); (2) I will no longer operate, or allow to be operated other than by the individual specified in item 9B, unless such individual voluntarily withdraws from or terminates the above-mentioned contract or lease, the acres identified in Item 3 beginning on the date in Item 7A; and (3) the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer(s) or rancher(s) in Item 9B(1) may: a) begin Organic Foods Production Certification, b) develop a conservation plan and install practices and initiate land improvements consistent with the conservation plan as necessary, and c) offer to enroll under continuous Conservation Reserve the acres identified in Item 3. By signing below, the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher identified in Item 9B(1) certifies: (1) I am a beginning farmer or rancher or a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher as shown on a form FSA-860; (2) I agree to develop and implement a conservation plan in compliance with the Conservation Compliance Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, Pub. L. 99-198 (the 1985 Act), as amended, which requires completion of form AD-1026; (3) I understand that I must present a copy of my conservation plan to CCC prior to the beginning date in Item 7A, before CCC will approve this contract; (4) I agree to develop and implement a conservation plan that meets applicable standards for sustainable grazing and/or crop production methods on the acres identified in Item 3; (5) I understand that I may be eligible to enroll in the Conservation Stewardship Program under 7 CFR Part 1470 or the Environmental Quality Incentives Program under 7 CFR Part 1466; (6) I understand that I may be eligible to enroll under the continuous Conservation Reserve Program; (7) I understand that I may begin Organic Foods Production Certification; (8) I am not related to the participant in item 9A, and (9) the effective date of the above-mentioned sale or lease will be the date specified in item 7A.			
9. PARTICIPANTS: (As a signatory to CRP contract , I agree to allow this contract to be modified under the TIP provisions.)			
A(1) FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Joe Farmer	(2) SHARE 75 %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Joe Farmer	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity) (If more than three individuals are signing, continue on attachment.)	
B(1) BEGINNING OR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Peter Lancer	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Peter Lancer	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity) (If more than three individuals are signing, continue on attachment.)	
C(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Gladys Forsyth	(2) SHARE 15 %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Gladys Forsyth	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity) (If more than three individuals are signing, continue on Page 2)	
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10. CCC USE ONLY – Payments according to the shares are approved.		A. SIGNATURE OF CCC REPRESENTATIVE	B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.asc.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9902. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intel@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.			
Date Printed:			

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810 Completing CRP-1R's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-1R (Continued)

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A(1) FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS <i>(Zip Code):</i> Sue Olson	(2) SHARE 10 %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): <i>/s/ Sue Olson</i>	DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP <i>(of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)</i>	
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		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP <i>(of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)</i>	
B(1) BEGINNING OR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS <i>(Zip Code):</i>	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY):	DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP <i>(of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)</i>	
C(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS <i>(Zip Code):</i>	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY):	DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP <i>(of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)</i>	

Date Printed:

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811 Processing Applications for TIP

A TIP Application Process

The following provides a chronological guide for processing applications for TIP.

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Step	Action
1	FSA will announce TIP through press releases, newsletters, and any other available means.
2	Owner or operator and veteran or beginning farmer or rancher must: • express interest in TIP • indicate the acreage they want to enroll in TIP referencing the expiring CRP-1 and digital imagery/map.
3	County Offices must: • review TIP with the producer • provide the producer with the TIP fact sheet and discuss applicable program provisions • explain producer, land, and other eligibility requirements • initiate and print CRP-1R from CCMS according to 5-CRP. Note: Manual CRP-1R's are not authorized.

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811 Processing Applications for TIP (Continued)

A TIP Application Process (Continued)

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Step	Action
4	Owner and operator must provide sufficient evidence that the land entered under TIP will be either sold or long term leased to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher effective the day CRP-1R begins.
5	Veteran or beginning farmer or rancher must self-certify their veteran or beginning farmer or rancher status by submitting a signed CCC-860. Note: CCC-860 must be loaded in Subsidiary before TIP contract approval.
6	To be considered timely filed, CRP-1R must be submitted to the County Office by August 15 and signed by: • at least one owner with a share greater than zero from expiring CRP-1's and operator • all veteran or beginning farmers or ranchers • all other signatories to CRP-1 must be obtained before TIP CRP-1R approval Offers submitted without all required signatures must be disapproved.
7	Owner or operator and veteran or beginning farmer or rancher must work with NRCS or TSP to develop and complete the modification of the conservation plan if land improvements will be made on the land subject to CRP in the last year of CRP-1.
8	The veteran or beginning farmer or rancher must: • work with NRCS or TSP to develop and implement a conservation plan for the transitional acres • ensure the conservation plan meets applicable standards for sustainable grazing and crop production methods • submit a completed AD-1026 to the administrative county.
9	The County Office will: • complete FSA's portion of NRCS-CPA-52 and complete all necessary consultations if needed • ensure all required signatures on CRP-1R and conservation plan have been obtained • ensure all required supporting documentation is on file.
10	By September 30, COC or CED will review CRP-1R and approve it provided all requirements are met.
11	County Office enters COC approval date from CRP-1R in CCMS.

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812 Managing CRP-1R TIP Contracts and Spot Check Policy**A Participant Responsibilities**

All signatories on CRP-1R are jointly and severally responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of CRP-1R.

***--Exception:** Only signatories that have a share greater than zero on the CRP-1R **and** the veteran or beginning farmer or rancher are responsible for compliance. Other zero share CRP-1R signatories are not jointly responsible.--*

B Examples of Violations Under TIP

COC must consider a participant to be in violation of CRP-1R if:

- ***--participants, veteran or beginning farmer or rancher, or both withdraw CRP-1R after--*** signing CRP-1R
- participants voluntarily break long term lease or contract for deed after signing CRP-1R
- participants erroneously self-certified to TIP definitions according to paragraph 803

Note: COC will use personal knowledge to determine accuracy of self-certification on CRP-1R.

- participants do not follow the applicable conservation plan for TIP.

***--Notes:** County Office will spot check 10 percent of TIP conservation plans.--*

County Office will spot check the conservation plans for TIP through the end date of CRP-1R according to subparagraph 808 A.

If COC determines 1 or more of the participants are in violation of the terms and conditions of CRP-1R, COC will collect refunds plus interest for any TIP payments issued before the violation was discovered. In the case of a violation, any unpaid TIP payments will not be issued. COC must determine the participant or participants in violation and assess damages as applicable.

812 Managing CRP-1R TIP Contracts and Spot Check Policy (Continued)***--C Assessing TIP Liquidated Damages**

To determine the amount when assessing liquidated damages, multiply the number of acres being terminated by 25 percent, and then by the annual rental rate on the CRP-1R.

After CRP-1R is approved, COC will assess liquidated damages if an original or revised CRP-1 is terminated.

Producers who withdraw TIP offer before CRP-1R is approved will not be assessed liquidated damages.

D Waiving TIP Liquidated Damages--*

Determinations to waive liquidated damages must be made on a case-by-case basis. CRP-1R termination does not automatically warrant waiving liquidated damages. When considering granting waivers, COC and STC must consider:

- the circumstances in which the contract was terminated
- ***--the agreement by participants at the time of enrollment to transition the acreage for the--*** full term of CRP-1R
- whether the acreage will be restored to production using sustainable methods
- the effect the termination has on the participants.

COC may waive up to 50 percent of the assessed liquidated damages or recommend waiver of 100 percent to STC.

STC may approve requests to waive all liquidated damages.

Liquidated damages must not be waived when COC or STC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply with the terms and conditions of CRP-1R.

812 Managing CRP-1R TIP Contracts and Spot Check Policy (Continued)

--E Submitting Waiver Requests--

COC must submit fully documented requests to STC. Include the following when preparing requests:

- producer's written request
- COC findings
- specific COC recommendations and basis for recommendation, including determination on whether liquidated damages must be assessed
- copies of all program documents and other County Office records.

--F Request for Waivers--

For waiver of refunds for TIP, see paragraph 576.

813-820 (Reserved)

Section 2 TIP Payments

821 General Information for TIP Payments

A Introduction

The TIP payment process is an automated process that determines the following:

- whether the producer is eligible to receive payment
- payment amounts that can be sent to NPS for disbursement
- overpayment amounts that will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report if the producer is determined ineligible after a payment has been disbursed.

B Payment Processing and Eligibility

--The TIP payment process uses the same common payment process developed for CRP.--
See 9-CM for additional information on the common payment process including the eligibility rules applicable for TIP.

C Frequency of Payment Processing

TIP payments are processed nightly for the following:

- *--payments staged using the Make NPS payment option in Conservation Payments

Note: See 5-CRP.--*

- any payment on the Nonpayment or Insufficient Funds Reports will be reprocessed nightly to determine whether the condition previously preventing the payment has been corrected. See 9-CM for additional information on the Common Payment Reports.

D Payments Less Than \$1

*--TIP payment process will:

- issue payments that round to at least \$1.00
- not issue payments less than \$0.50.--*

E eFunds Allotment

--TIP payments are controlled through the e-funds process. TIP operates at the national allotment level and does not require State and county allotments. All collection, obligation, and payment transactions update the national allotment. Only the National Office can update and view the national allotment.--

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821 General Information for TIP Payments (Continued)

F Payment Limitation

The payment limitation for TIP is \$50,000. The following programs are subject to the same \$50,000 for the program year:

- CIB
- *--CRP, all signup types--*
- * * *
- * * *
- TIP.
- * * *

The accumulated total of all payments for these programs cannot exceed \$50,000 for the applicable program year. Determining the amounts subject to payment limitation also varies *--based on whether the contract is subject to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL rules. All TIP payments are subject to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL provisions.

See 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL for additional information on controlling payment--* limitation.

G Payment Due Date

61-FI provides general guidance for determining payment due dates for various programs. The TIP payment system sends the current system date to NPS as the payment due date. The system **cannot** determine the payment due date because of numerous factors. County Offices must manually determine the payment due date by determining the later of the following:

- date producer signed CRP-1R
- date producer filed payment eligibility documentation, including the following:
 - AD-1026
 - *--CCC-502 or CCC-902
 - CCC-526, CCC-526C, CCC-931, CCC-931C, CCC-933, or CCC-941, if AGI provisions were applicable to the expiring CRP contract--*

821 General Information for TIP Payments (Continued)

G Payment Due Date (Continued)

- if the producer is an entity or joint operation, date members filed the requisite payment eligibility documentation
- availability of software to process the payment, usually the first week of October of the applicable payment year.

If the payment is **not** issued within 30 calendar days after the later of the dates in this subparagraph, then prompt payment interest is payable to the producer. County Offices must:

- manually determine the payment due date based on the factors identified in this subparagraph
- follow the provisions of 61-FI for issuing the interest payment.

H AGI

The AGI determination of the expiring CRP-1 will continue for the additional 2 years for annual rental payments under TIP.

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822-826 (Withdrawn--Amend. 2)

827-830 (Reserved)

Part 22 SAFE

831 Basic SAFE Information

A Background

On March 22, 2007, FSA announced the SAFE initiative, which allows:

- State Offices to address local wildlife conservation needs
- producers to install practices that benefit high priority State wildlife conservation objectives through the use of targeted restoration of vital habitats.

This cooperative conservation effort is based on locally developed conservation proposals that address the highest priority wildlife objectives in the State.

B Basic Information

SAFE provides an opportunity to develop grassroots cooperative conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration. The practices must be used to address wildlife habitat that can be enhanced through the restoration of eligible cropland through CRP. Enrollment is available under continuous signup criteria.

832 Policy

A Eligibility

Eligible cropland is:

- acreage determined to be eligible according to the land criteria provided in paragraph 151
- *--located within a DAFP approved and State-designated SAFE project area.--*

Note: Marginal pastureland is **not** eligible unless criteria is met for a threatened or endangered species with specific habitat needs of marginal pastureland. See paragraph 181.

832 Policy (Continued)**B Practices and Signup Type (Continued)**

SAFE is limited to the following practices that are based on applicable CRP practices listed in the following table.

SAFE Practice	Practice Type	Applicable CRP Practices
CP38A	Buffers	CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP21, CP22, CP33, CP43
CP38B	Wetlands	CP9, CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP37
CP38C	Trees	CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP25, CP31
CP38D	Longleaf Pine	CP36
CP38E	Grass	*--CP1, CP2, CP4D, CP12 ^{1/} , CP18B, CP18C, CP24,--* CP25, CP42

^{1/} CP12 is only authorized in combination with certain conservation practices if included in the approved SAFE proposal. The length of the CRP-1 is determined by the contract duration of the companion practice.--*

The applicable CRP practice being used with a SAFE practice may be referred to as the subpractice or supporting practice.

Follow subparagraph 66 C for SAFE practice and sub-practice combinations that may be offered for SAFE under continuous signup.

832 Policy (Continued)**C Contract Duration and Effective Date**

The CRP-1 period for CRP-1's is 10 to 15 years. The effective date of CRP-1 is defined in paragraph 213 for continuous signup.

D Incentives

SIP's and PIP's are authorized for SAFE practices offered under continuous CRP signup consistent with paragraphs 66 and 197.

E Management Activity

--Approved SAFE proposals must include a minimum of 1 required management activity performed unless an exception is approved by DAFP. Reference paragraph 428 for-- information on required management. This activity may be based on the management activity approved for the CRP practice used as a basis for the SAFE practices. If new or modified management activities are necessary, these activities must be established according to paragraph 428.

SAFE proposals may include additional management activities as deemed advantageous for the habitat management for the targeted species. Additional management activities included in the approved SAFE proposal may not be waived by the State Office.

Note: A management activity is required for all practices under SAFE. C/S is not authorized.

F C/S

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. Refer to Part 15 for C/S policy.

State Offices must develop a C/S table similar to Exhibit 11, after practices are selected.

Note: See Exhibit 11, page 6 for an example.

832 Policy (Continued)

G Review and Approval Cycle

Opportunities to submit new SAFE project proposals will be announced periodically by DAFP.

Proposals for SAFE projects received **after** the review period will not be considered, and the proposal will need to be resubmitted during the next open period for proposals.

Proposals not approved may be resubmitted for consideration during the next review period.

833 SAFE Proposals

A Proposal Development

A SAFE proposal may be developed and put forth by a Federal, State, or local agency or by a private organization. The proposal must be developed consistent with the process set forth in *--this paragraph and must comply with the format provided in the applicable proposal announcement Notice.--*

Proposals must include documentation of support from cooperating partners or stakeholders.

Proposals must be based on the existing CRP framework and CRP practices. All proposals must be limited to the existing CRP practices described in subparagraph 832 B.

*--States may have multiple active SAFE projects. SAFE project locations may overlap, although the projects must be addressing different habitat types or target species. SAFE proposals with overlapping locations of active SAFE projects for the same habitat type or target species will **not** be approved.

SAFE proposals overlapping existing CREP projects which address the same or similar conservation or environmental resource issue(s) will **not** be approved.

Example: State A has a CREP agreement that targets Lesser Prairie Chickens in counties A, B, and C. State A will not develop a SAFE proposal for Lesser Prairie Chicken that includes county A, B, or C.--*

A SAFE proposal may select 1 or more CRP practices for use as SAFE practices. CRP practices may be used without modification, or 1 or more practices may be modified. See subparagraph C.

Example: SAFE practices intended to restore habitat for the benefit of Sharp-Tailed Grouse in Idaho may incorporate CP2 (Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses) and CP4D (Permanent Wildlife Habitat) as best suited for the project and these practices may be used under CP38E (Grass) without changes.

833 SAFE Proposals (Continued)

B Proposal Criteria

SAFE practices may be used to restore plant and animal habitats of the following categories:

- rare, threatened, and endangered species
- species that have suffered a significant population decline
- *--species of greatest conservation need according to the State Wildlife Action Plan--*
- species that provide significant social or economic value to the community.

Note: This includes restoration of habitat for game species, such as pheasant or quail, salmon or steelhead streams, or other socially or economically significant species.

SAFE project proposals must include measurable and tangible benefits to the target species. Methods of monitoring populations of target species within the project area must be included in the proposal.

SAFE project proposals must define the project area. Project areas must be limited to the historic and current range of the target species.

In kind service contributions are required and must be defined in the proposal. In kind contribution services may include, but are not limited to conservation planning, outreach and evaluation.

Approved SAFE proposals are considered agreements between USDA/FSA and the SAFE proposal partners.

Haying and grazing is allowed on CP38 contracted acres only if the SAFE agreement specifically allows haying and grazing, subject to any restrictions in the SAFE agreement.

Failure to adhere to SAFE provisions and guidelines may result in suspension or termination of the SAFE agreement.

--Proposals must indicate whether any additional restricted uses are required beyond those provided in 2-CRP, Parts 18 and 19.--

833 SAFE Proposals (Continued)

B Proposal Criteria (Continued)

*--Additional SAFE proposal criteria will be set by DAFP and may include the following minimum requirements:

- the proposal must center around the purpose of the wildlife focus or continuity of--*
- wildlife habitat
- for a more diverse mix, at least the highest point score for general CRP signup for that practice
- for increased forbs and legumes or different species of trees/shrubs or different understory, as opposed to general CRP signup
- for increased management and maintenance of the cover, more frequent management activities, as planned by NRCS or TSP

Example: Every 4 years vs. 1 time in the CRP-1 period.

•*--multiple SAFE proposals per State must be for a different type of habitat.

Important: SAFE and CREP projects areas cannot:

- overlap
- address the same resource concern
- target the same species.

C Required Proposal Information, Organization, and Formatting

When DAFP announces the opportunity to submit SAFE proposals, each proposal submitted to CD by the FSA State Office must, at a minimum, include all the following documents:

- copy of FSA STC minutes
- copy of NRCS State Technical Committee minutes
- SED certification that active SAFE projects and new or modified proposals meet applicable requirements
- shapefiles of proposed project area, according to 1-GIS, Exhibit 31
- proposal according to requirements in Exhibit 55--*

833 SAFE Proposals (Continued)**C Required Proposal Information, Organization, and Formatting (Continued)**

- *--2-CRP State amendment specifying proposed modifications to Exhibit 11 practice write-up for SAFE
- other information as determined by DAFP.

D Practice Modifications

CRP practice policy may be modified to include additional requirements as needed to meet habitat needs of the targeted species. Any proposed modifications to CRP practice requirements must not be less restrictive than the policy outlined in 2-CRP. The rationale for these modifications should be provided in Section 4 of the proposal and supported by scientific evidence or expert judgement. The rationale must be:--*

- part of the SAFE proposal
- supported by scientifically-defensible information or expert judgment
- follow NRCS conservation practice standards.

These changes apply only within the approved SAFE project area.

Note: Practice requirements may not be relaxed.

Examples: The Sharp-Tailed Grouse Restoration SAFE practice, CP38E, could require all plantings (based on CP4D) to have 5 native species of grasses plus a requirement that Silver Sage Brush be a part of the planting.

The Sharp-Tailed Grouse Restoration SAFE practice, CP38E, could alter CP2 (Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses) by the seeding rates or frequency of disturbance.

834 Existing SAFE Project Agreements**A Modifications to Existing SAFE Project Agreements**

--Proposed modifications will generally be considered only during the SAFE Project Proposal submission period, unless initiated by FSA.--

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

Reports

None.

Forms

The following lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
AD-893	Recommendation of Percent of Cropland To Be Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE	83	81
AD-894	Request for Cropland Waiver for CRP/ACEP-WRE	82	81
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification		35, 462, 519, 602, 806, 811, 821
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		465
CCC-37	Joint Payment Authorization		465
CCC-502	Farm Operating Plan		35, 104, 821
CCC-505	Voluntary Permanent Base Acre Reduction		401
CCC-526	Payment Eligibility Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification		131, 401, 821
CCC-526C	Payment Eligibility - Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification for Certain Conservation Reserve Program Contracts Approved Before October 1, 2008		35, 131
CCC-674	Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements	Ex. 6	6
*--CCC-770 CRP-1	General CRP Contract Checklist	Ex. 35	7, 33, 35, 401
CCC-770 CRP-1C	Continuous CRP Contract Checklist	Ex. 35	7, 33, 35, 401
CCC-770 CRP-1G	Grassland CRP Contract Checklist	Ex. 35	7, 33, 35, 401
CCC-770 CRP-AR	CRP Annual Rental Payment Checklist	Ex. 35	7, 33, 35
CCC-770 CRP-CS	CRP Cost Share Payment Checklist	Ex. 35	7, 33, 35--*
CCC-860	Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification		Ex. 24

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Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
CCC-901	Member's Information		35, 519
CCC-902	Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility 2009 and Subsequent Program Years		35, 104
CCC-920	Grassland Reserve Program Contract		401
CCC-926 <u>1/</u>	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement		131
CCC-931	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information		131, 401
CCC-931C	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information		35, 131
CCC-933	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information (For the 2013 crop, program, and fiscal years only)		131, 401
CCC-941	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information		35, 131, 401
CRP-1	Conservation Reserve Program Contract	Ex. 21	Text and Exhibits
CRP-1 Appendix	Appendix to Form CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract	Ex. 29	Text
CRP-1 Continuation	Continuation to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract		211, 265
CRP-1E Addendum	Addendum Regarding Possession of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Property Held by Federal Agency		551
CRP-1G Addendum	CRP-1 Modification to Allow Early Land Preparation	636	35
CRP-1R	Conservation Reserve Program Transition Incentives Program Contract	810	Text

1/ CCC-926 is obsolete; however, is still in effect for existing CR-1's.

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Delegations of Authority (Continued)

Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
*--CRP-2	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For General Signup)	Ex. 22	Text, Ex. 11, 21, 26
CRP-2C	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For Continuous Signup)	Ex. 22	Text, Ex. 5, 21
CRP-2C30	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For Continuous Signup CLEAR30)	Ex. 22	81, 101, 184, 401, 571, 576 Ex. 21
CRP-2G	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For Grassland CRP Signup)	Ex. 22	Text, Ex. 21, 24
CRP-2G-1	CRP Grassland Small Livestock Operation Certification	Ex. 22--*	263, 265, Ex. 11, 24
CRP-20	Notice of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract Termination		551
CRP-23	Notice Regarding Acceptable CRP Offers	Ex. 5	171, 184, 215, 265, 269, 286, 341
CRP-24	Notice of Contract Approval	Ex. 5	171, 215, 269, 286, 341, 401
CRP-25	Notice of CRP Waiver of Ownership	Ex. 5	129
CRP-26	Notice of Unacceptable Offer	Ex. 5	81, 171, 211, 215, 238, 265, 269, 286, 341
CRP-30	Deceased Participant Letter	Ex. 7	554
CRP-35	Notice of Offer Reconsideration	Ex. 5	5
CRP-36	Notice Regarding Late-Filed Offer	Ex. 5	336
CRP-37	Request for Incidental Grazing	Ex. 54	668
CRP-42	County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report	Ex. 51	681
CRP-117	Request to Participate in Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage	Ex. 47	664, 665, 670, 683, 684
CRP-118	Certification of Participation in Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage	Ex. 49	670, 683, 684, 686
	--Producer Request for Emergency Haying and Grazing for CRP Acreage	Ex. 52	683, 687--
CRP-817U	Certification of Compliance for CRP	602	335
FSA-325	Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent		468
FSA-578	Report of Acreage		332, 602

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Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
FSA-848	Cost-Share Request		Text, Ex. 5
FSA-848A	Cost-Share Agreement	500	Text
FSA-848A-1	Continuation Sheet for Cost-Share Agreement		500
FSA-848B	Cost-Share Performance Certification and Payment	500	Text, Ex. 5
FSA-848B-1	Continuation Sheet for Cost-Share Performance Certification and Payment		500
FSA-850	Environmental Screening Worksheet		635
FSA-860	2009 Crop Assistance Program (CAP) Application		Ex. 48
IRS-1042	Annual Withholding Tax Return for U.S. Source Income of Foreign Persons		466
IRS-1042S	Foreign Persons U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding		466
NRCS-CPA-52	Environmental Evaluation Worksheet		Text
NRCS-CPA-1155	Conservation Plan or Schedule of Operations		369, 546
NRCS-CPA-1156	Revision of Plan / Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract		369
NRCS-LTP-13	Status Review		508, 601
SF-424-1 <u>1</u> /	Application for Federal Assistance		52
SF-LLL	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Ex. 6	6
SF-LLL-A	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet	Ex. 6	6

1/ SF-424-1 is obsolete.

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Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

The following lists approved abbreviations not listed in 1-CM.

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
ACEP	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	Ex. 2
ACEP-ALE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement	553, 571, 630
ACEP-WRE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easement	81, 82, 151, 332, 553, 571, 575, 630
ARC	Agriculture Risk Coverage	261, 604, Ex. 5
ARD	acreage reporting deadline	602
CARS	Crop Acreage Reporting System	602
CCMS	Conservation Contract Maintenance System	81, 171, 286, 522, 546
CD	Conservation Division	31, 511, 576, 821, Ex. 11, 24, 51
CIB	cumulative impact bonus	821
CLEAR30	Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers 30 Pilot	184
COLS	Conservation Online System	Text, Ex. 26
CP	conservation practice	Text, Ex. 11, 26
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program	151, 640, 804, 806
CSS	Cost-Share Software	Text
EBI	environmental benefits index	Text, Ex. 26
EFCRP	Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program	522, 546, 821, Ex. 11
EI	erodibility index	81, 151, 183, 286, Ex. 2, 11, 26
ESA	Endangered Species Act	366, 367
FOTG	Field Office Technical Guide	52, 102, 366, 511, 633, 635, 363, 806, Ex. 2, 11, 26
FWP	Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program	66, Part 8, Ex. 11
HFRP	Healthy Forest Restoration Program	553, 571, 575, 630
HUC	hydrologic unit code	Ex. 26
MUSYM	map unit symbol	101
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	366, 367
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	367
PIP	practice incentive payment	Text, Ex. 11
PLC	Price Loss Coverage	261, 604, Ex. 5
PLS	pure live seed	426, 490
PNS	primary nesting season	Text

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Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM (Continued)

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
RA	regional attorney	130, 335, 431, 546, 554, 579, 580
REX	re-enrollments and extensions	546, Ex. 20
RTCP	Reimbursement Transportation Cost Program	821
RUSLE2	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation	52, 151, Ex. 26
SAFE	State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement	Text, Ex. 26
SDMS	Soils Database Management System	102
SHIPP	Soil Health and Income Protection Program	428, 501
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer	367
SIP	Signup Incentive Payment	Text, Ex. 11
SPI	Soil Productivity Index	102
SRC	State Resource Conservationist	Ex. 11
TERRA	Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment	Text
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	367
TIP	Transition Incentive Program	126, 401, 576, 577, Part 21
TSP	Technical Service Provider	Text, Ex. 2, 11, 26, 48, 52
USLE	Universal Soil Loss Equation	151
WEPS	Wind Erosion Prediction System	Ex. 26
WEQ	Wind Erosion Equation	52, 151
WRI	Wetland Restoration Incentive	574, 821, Ex. 11

Redelegations of Authority

The following table lists redelegations of authority in this handbook.

Redelegation	Reference
STC may delegate an official representative to sign documents.	31
COC may delegate to CED the responsibility to approve requests for emergency and nonemergency haying and grazing.	669, 670, 683

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook

Affected Acres

The affected acres are designated CRP acres, as determined by COC, to be in violation of a term or condition of CRP-1.

Agricultural Commodity

An agricultural commodity means:

- any crop planted and producer by annual tilling of the soil or on an annual basis by 1-trip planters
- sugarcane planted or produced in a State, or
- alfalfa and other multi-year grasses and legumes grown in a rotation practice not to exceed 12 years.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

ACEP means the program that provides the establishment of wetland easements on land under subtitle H of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended.

Annual Rental Payment

Annual rental payment is, unless the context indicates otherwise, the annual payment specified on the CRP-1 that, subject to the availability of funds, is made to a participant to compensate a participant for placing eligible land in CRP, including any incentive payments that are not specifically C/S payments. For purposes of this definition, practice incentive payments and incentive payments related to forest management are not considered part of annual rental payments.

Approved Cover

An approved cover means the permanent vegetative cover or water cover specified in an approved CRP-1.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Beginning Farmer or Rancher

--A beginning farmer or rancher is, as determined by CCC, a person or legal entity (for legal entities to be considered a beginning farmer or rancher, all members must be related by blood or marriage and all members must be beginning farmers or ranchers) for which the following are true for the farmer or rancher who:--

- has not been a farm or ranch operator or owner for more than 10 consecutive years
- materially and substantially participates in the operation of the farm or ranch involved in the CRP-1
- if an entity, is an entity in which 50 percent of the members or stockholders of the entity meets the first 2 requirement of this definition.

Carrying Capacity

Carrying capacity has the same meaning as normal carrying capacity defined in 7 CFR Part 1416.

Commercial Pond-Raised Aquaculture Facility

A commercial pond-raised aquaculture facility is any earthen facility from which \$1,000 or more of freshwater food fish were sold or normally would have been sold during a calendar year.

Common Grazing Practices

Common grazing practices means grazing practices, including those related to forage and seed production, common to the area of the subject ranching or farming operation. Included are routine management activities necessary to maintain the viability of forage or browse resources that are common to the locale of the subject ranching or farming operation.

Conservation District

Conservation District means a political subdivision of a State, Indian Tribe, or territory, organized pursuant to the State or territorial soil conservation district law, or Tribal law. The subdivision may be a conservation district, soil conservation district, soil and water conservation district, resource conservation district, natural resources district, land conservation committee or similar legally constituted body.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Conservation Plan**

Conservation plan means a record of the participant's decision and supporting information for treatment of a unit of land or water, and includes a schedule of operations, activities, and estimated expenditures needed to solve identified natural resource problems by devoting eligible land to permanent vegetative cover, trees, water, or other comparable measures. For land enrolled under a grassland signup, the conservation plan will contain provisions for common grazing or forage management practices and related activities consistent with achieving CRP purposes and maintaining the health and viability of grassland resources.

Conservation Priority Area

Conservation priority area means an area designated with adverse water quality, wildlife habitat, air quality, or other natural resource impacts related to agricultural production activities or to assist agricultural producer to comply with Federal and State environmental laws or to meet other conservation needs, such as for air quality.

Conserving Use

Conserving use means a use of land that meets crop rotation requirements, as specified by CCC, for: alfalfa, multi-year grasses, and legumes planted during 2012 through 2017; for summer fallow during 2012 through 2017; or for land on which the CRP-1 expired during the period 2012 through 2017 and on which the grass cover required by the CRP-1 continues to be maintained as though still enrolled. Land that meets this definition of "conserving use" will be considered to have been planted to an agricultural commodity for the purposes of eligibility specified in §1410.6(b)(1).

Considered Planted

Considered planted means land devoted to a conserving use during the crop year or during any of the 2 years preceding the crop year if the contract expired; cropland enrolled in CRP; or land for which the producer received an approved prevented planting claim, according to 2-CP.

Contour Grass Strip

Contour grass strip means a vegetation area that follows the contour of the land that complies with FOTG and a conservation plan developed.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Contract Period**

Contract period means the term of the CRP-1.

Cost-Share (C/S) Payment

C/S payment means, unless the context indicates otherwise, the payment made by CCC to assist program participants in installing the practices required in a CRP-1.

Cropland

Land defined as cropland in 7 CFR Part 718, except for land in terraces that are no longer capable of being cropped.

CRP Contract or CRP-1

CRP contract or CRP-1 is the approved agreement, including the approved conservation plan, that:

- is entered into, in writing, between COC and the participant
- sets forth the terms and conditions for participation in CRP.

Dead or Dry Litter Crop

A dead or dry litter crop:

- provides high tonnage of residue and mulch for erosion control
- conserves moisture until the permanent vegetative cover is established
- is an annual crop established before seeding of a permanent vegetative cover
- is used in arid areas where a lack of moisture prevents establishment of permanent vegetative cover in the normal manner.

Eligible Partner

Eligible partner means a State, political subdivision of a State, nongovernmental organization, or an Indian Tribe.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Erodibility Index (EI)

EI means an index used to determine the inherent erodibility from either water or wind, but not both combined, of a soil in relation to the soil loss tolerance for that soil.

*--Extreme Drought Conditions

Extreme drought conditions means when a county reaches D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 on the US Drought Monitor. LFP triggers for a county when extreme drought conditions exist.--*

Family Member

A family member defined according to 7 CFR Part 718 and Part 1410 as “an individual to whom a person is related as spouse, lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, or sibling, including a:

- (1) Great grandparent;
- (2) Grandparent;
- (3) Parent;
- (4) Child, including a legally adopted child;
- (5) Grandchild;
- (6) Great Grandchild;
- (7) Sibling of the family member in the farming operation; and
- (8) Spouse of a person listed in items 1 through 7.”

Federally-Owned Land

Federally-owned land means land owned by the Federal Government or any department, instrumentality, bureau, or agency thereof, or any corporation whose stock is wholly owned by the Federal Government.

Field Border

Field border means a strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of a field, the purpose of which is to provide food and cover for quail and upland birds in cropland areas.

Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG)

FOTG means the official USDA guidelines, criteria, and standards for planning and applying conservation treatments and conservation management systems. It contains detailed information on the conservation of soil, water, air, plant, animal resources, and cultural resources applicable to the local area for which it is prepared.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Field Windbreak, Shelterbelt, and/or Living Snowfence**

Field windbreak, shelterbelt, and/or living snowfence means a vegetative barrier with a linear configuration composed of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation that are designated as such in a conservation plan and that are planted for the purpose of reducing wind erosion, controlling snow, improving wildlife habitat, or conserving energy.

Filter Strip

Filter strip means a strip or area of vegetation immediately adjacent and parallel to an eligible water body, the purpose of which is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, and other processes, thereby reducing pollution and protecting surface water and subsurface water quality and of a width determined appropriate for such purpose.

Forb

Forb means any herbaceous plant other than those in the grass family.

Grassland

Grassland means land described in §1410.6(d)

Grass Waterway

--Grass waterway means a shaped or graded channel that is established with suitable vegetation-- to convey surface water from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding using a broad and shallow cross section to a stable outlet.

Highly Erodible Land (HEL)

HEL means land determined to have an EI equal to or greater than 8 on the acreage offered.

Improved Rangeland or Pastureland

Improved rangeland or pastureland means grazing land permanently producing naturalized forage species that receives varying degrees of periodic cultural treatment to enhance forage quality and yields and is primarily consumed by livestock.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Indian Tribe

Indian Tribe means any Indian Tribe, band, nation or other organized group, or community including pueblos, rancherias, colonies and any Alaska Native Village, or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601-1629h), which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

Infeasible to Farm

Infeasible to farm means an area of land that is too small or isolated to be economically farmed, or is otherwise suitable for such classification.

Land Permanently Inundated With Water

Land permanently inundated with water is land that is reasonably expected to be under water through the CRP-1 period.

*--Limited Resource Producer

Limited resource producer must meet the criteria for both of the following:

- a producer whose direct or indirect gross farm sales do not exceed the amount identified in the Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Self Determination Tool
- a producer whose total household income was at or below the national poverty level for a family of 4.--*

Local FSA Office

Local FSA office means the FSA County Office serving the area in which the FSA records are located for the farm or ranch.

Offer

Offer means, unless the context indicates otherwise, if required by DAFP, the per-acre rental payment requested by the owner or operator in such owner's or operator's request to participant in CRP.

Participant

Participant means an owner or operator who has entered into CRP-1.

Perennial Crop

Perennial crop means a crop that is produced from the same root structure for 2 or more years.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Permanent Vegetative Cover**

Permanent vegetative cover means a perennial stand of approved combinations of certain grasses, legumes, forbs, shrubs and trees for the contract period.

Permanent Wildlife Habitat

Permanent wildlife habitat means a vegetative cover with the specific purpose of providing habitat, food, or cover for wildlife and protecting other environmental concerns for the contract period.

Practice

Practice means a conservation, wildlife habitat, or water quality measure with appropriate operations and management as agreed to in the conservation plan to accomplish the desired program objectives according to CRP and FOTG standards and specifications as a part of a conservation management system.

Prairie Strip

Prairie strip means a strip of diverse, dense, herbaceous, predominately native perennial vegetation designed and positioned on the landscape to most effectively address soil erosion and water quality by intercepting surface and subsurface water flow to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface and subsurface water quality while providing food and cover for wildlife.

Primary Nesting Season

Primary nesting season means the nesting season for birds in the local area that are economically significant, in significant decline, or conserved according to Federal or State law.

Riparian Buffer

Riparian buffer means a strip or area of vegetation immediately adjacent and parallel to an eligible water body of sufficient width the purpose of which is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake and other processes, thereby reducing pollution and protecting surface water and subsurface water quality, which are also intended to provide shade to reduce water temperature for improved habitat for aquatic organisms and supply large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Saline Seep**

A saline seep is an induced temporal (discharge) site with hydro-geologically connected recharge areas that contribute to high concentrations of soluble salts on or near the soil surface, impairing productivity. Discharge areas **must** have a soil electrical conductivity greater than 4 millimhos per centimeter (mmhos/cm) at 25 degrees Celsius. Other characteristics include:

- ground water usually 4,000 micromhos per centimeter (µmhos/cm) or greater--*
- sodium absorption ratio ranges from 0 to 12
- soil pH less than 9
- high water table with electrical conductivity greater than mmhos/cm within 8 feet of the surface some or all of the time (often within 3 feet of the surface).

Shrubland

Shrubland means land where the dominant plant species are shrubs, which are plants that are persistent, have woody stems, and a relatively low growth habit.

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Soil Amendment

Soil amendment means any fertilizer, lime, or gypsum added to the soil to improve its physical or chemical properties. All amendments must be applied according NRCS standards and specifications.

Soil Loss Tolerance (T)

Soil loss tolerance (T) means the maximum average annual erosion rate specified in FOTG that will not adversely impact the long-term productivity of the soil.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

State

State means State agencies, departments, districts, count or city governments, municipalities or any other State or local government of the State.

State Technical Committee

State Technical Committee means a committee established to provide information, analysis, and recommendations to USDA.

*--Subfactor F2a Veteran Farmer or Rancher

Subfactor F2a veteran farmer or rancher means a farmer who has served in the Armed Forces (as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(10)) and who is a beginning farmer or rancher.--*

Sustainable Grazing and Crop Production Methods

Sustainable grazing and crop production methods is an integrated system of plant and animal production practices that have a site-specific application that would:

- meet man's food and fiber
- enhance the environment and the natural resource base
- use nonrenewable resources efficiently
- sustain the economic viability of the operation.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance means assistance in regard to determining the eligibility of land and practices, implementing and certifying practices, ensuring CRP contract performance, and providing annual rental rate surveys. The technical assistance provided in connection with CRP to owners or operators, as approved by CCC, includes but is not limited to:

- technical expertise, information and tools necessary for the conservation of natural resources on land
- technical services provided directly to farmers, ranchers and other eligible entities, such as conservation planning, technical consultation, and assistance with design and implementation of conservation practices
- technical infrastructure, including activities, processes, tools and agency functions needed to support delivery of technical services, such as technical standards, resource inventories, training, data, technology, monitoring, and effects analyses.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Technical Service Provider (TSP)**

TSP is an individual certified to provide technical assistance on behalf of USDA. Technical assistance includes conservation planning and design, layout, installation, and checkout of approved conservation practices.

Tenancy

Tenancy is the maintaining of acreage according to the Conservation Plan or as otherwise required on the farm.

Violation

Violation means an action or inaction by the participant, either intentional or unintentional, that would cause the participant to no longer be eligible for all or a portion of cost-share, incentive payments, or annual rental payments.

Water Cover

Water cover means flooding of land by water either to develop or restore shallow water areas for wildlife or wetlands, or as a result of a natural disaster.

Wellhead Protection Area

Wellhead protection area means the area designated by EPA or the appropriate State agency with an Environmental Protection Agency approved by Wellhead Protection Program for water being drawn for public use, as defined for public use by the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended.

Wetland

Wetland means land defined as wetland according to provisions of 7 CFR Part 12.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

WRP means the program authorized by 7 CFR Part 1467 in which eligible person enter into long-term agreements to restore and protect wetlands.

Manually Determining Hardwood Tree Practice Re-Enrollment Eligibility

Instructions for Manually Determining Re-Enrollment Eligibility

The following table provides instructions to County Offices to determine whether land being offered for enrollment in CRP to be devoted to CP3A, CP36, CP38C-3A, CP38D-36, CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only), or CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only) has been re-enrolled in CRP 1 or more times.

Important: Land enrolled in CRP devoted to CP11, Vegetative Cover – Trees – Already Established, for hardwood trees is not eligible for re-enrollment.

Step	Action	
1	Review CRP-2 or CRP-2C, as applicable, for the current CRP contract of the land being offered for re-enrollment.	
	IF page 2 of CRP-2 or CRP-2C (Crop Land Use Summary), as applicable, for the current CRP contract has...	THEN...
	commodities or MPL listed as what the land was devoted to before current CRP enrollment (that is, the land was not enrolled in CRP before the current CRP contract)	the land is not prohibited from being re-enrolled because of the statutory hardwood trees re-enrollment prohibition.
	“CRP”, “Expiring CRP”, or other similar language that indicates the land was enrolled in CRP before current CRP enrollment	go to step 2.
2	IF FSA-578 for the year before the effective date of the current CRP contract is...	THEN...
	available (fully certified in the Crop Acreage Reporting System, on file in the County Office, or provided by the producer)	go to step 3.
	not available	go to step 4.
	Example: If the effective date of the current CRP-1 is October 1, 2008, then the County Office determines whether FSA-578 for 2007 is available.	

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Manually Determining Hardwood Tree Practice Re-Enrollment Eligibility (Continued)

Instructions for Manually Determining Re-Enrollment Eligibility (Continued)

Step	Action						
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Manually Determining Hardwood Tree Practice Re-Enrollment Eligibility (Continued)

Instructions for Manually Determining Re-Enrollment Eligibility (Continued)

Step	Action
4	Review the C/S documents (AD-245, FSA-848, AD-862, etc.) associated with the current CRP contract to determine whether any C/S was paid to plant the hardwood trees on the land that is under the current CRP contract. If no C/S was paid or there are no C/S documents for the current CRP contract, then the land is not eligible to be re-enrolled as: • CP3A • CP36 • CP38C-3A • CP38D-36 • CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only). If the C/S documents indicate that C/S was paid for purchasing and planting hardwood trees on land under the current CRP contract, then the land on which the hardwood trees were planted is not prohibited from being re-enrolled because of the statutory hardwood trees re-enrollment prohibition.

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status

A Example of CRP-23

The following is an example of CRP-23.

Note: The producer is not required to notify the County Office in writing; however, the County Office will notate the producer's response in the CRP folder. See paragraph 341.

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 United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production and Conservation	Farm Service Agency	State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code

NOTICE REGARDING ACCEPTABLE CRP OFFERS

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

This notice is to inform you that your offer on tract _____ under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been determined acceptable by FSA.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Technical Service Provider (TSP) must develop a conservation plan, approved by the Conservation District and FSA, and signed by all signatories on the CRP contract offer to participate in the CRP. So that we may continue to process your offer, you should continue to work with NRCS or TSP to obtain the required plan on the acreage which is subject to the offer. Your offer cannot be approved by the County Committee without an approved conservation plan.

Starting certain work (including, but not limited to, site preparation, grading, or ground disturbance) to install prescribed conservation practices prior to contract approval may result in the loss of program eligibility. This is because implementation of CRP is considered a Federal action by applicable laws, and FSA must first complete an environmental review before any federal action occurs, including the approval of a CRP contract and related cost share for conservation practice installation. Do not begin any activities that could have an adverse environmental impact or could limit the choice of reasonable alternatives before the environmental review has been completed, and you have been notified in writing of contract approval.

You have 15 days from the date of this letter to notify this office whether you want your acceptable offer to be referred to NRCS or TSP for conservation plan development. If we do not hear from you within the 15-day period, your offer will be rejected.

The same acreage cannot be enrolled under CRP and Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC). The total of the CRP and ARC/PLC acres on a farm cannot exceed the total eligible land for the program on the farm. The owner of the land offered for CRP may be required to reduce all or a portion of ARC/PLC acreage before CRP-1 will be approved. Please contact the _____ County FSA Office for more information.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-23 (12-13-24)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

B Using CRP-23

*--Because general, continuous, and grassland signup offers are not processed in the same manner and certain provisions do not apply to all offer types, County Offices **must** ensure that the--* correct information is provided in CRP-23.

CRP-23 **must** be:

- reproduced locally, including form number and date
- prepared in duplicate
- mailed to producers **before** CRP-1 is approved.

--County Offices must:--

- for general signup offers:
 - use CRP-23 to notify producers that:
 - their CRP offer has been determined acceptable by the National Office
 - *--they have 15 calendar days, unless a different timeframe is authorized by DAFP,--* from the date of the letter to notify the County Office whether they want the offer approved provided all eligibility requirements are met
 - they **must** work with the technical agency to develop a conservation plan
 - the same acreage cannot be enrolled under ARC/PLC and CRP

Note: See subparagraph 401 B.

- mail original CRP-23 to producer and file copy with the offer
- adapt CRP-23 to fit the situation
- for continuous signup offers:
 - use CRP-23 to notify producers that:
 - their CRP offer has been determined acceptable by COC
 - they **must** work with the technical agency to develop a conservation plan

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

B Using CRP-23 (Continued)

- the same acreage cannot be enrolled under CRP and ARC/PLC

Note: See subparagraph 401 B.

- the offer will be void if CRP-1 is not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C
 - all crops **must** be removed from the acreage before CRP-1 effective date
 - if applicable, producer will be notified when CRP-1 is completed and ready for producer's signature; see paragraph 214
 - starting the practice before CRP-1 approval is at the producer's own risk
 - a paid-for measurement service is required, if applicable
 - mail original CRP-23 to producer and file copy with the offer
 - adapt CRP-23 to fit the situation
 - *--for grassland signup offers:
 - use CRP-23 to notify producers that:
 - their CRP offer has been determined acceptable by the National Office
 - they have 15 calendar days, unless a different timeframe is authorized by DAFP, from the date of the letter to notify the County Office whether they want the offer approved provided all eligibility requirements are met
 - they **must** work with the technical agency to develop a conservation plan
 - the same acreage cannot be enrolled under ARC/PLC and CRP
- Note:** See subparagraph 401 B.
- mail original CRP-23 to producer and file copy with the offer
 - adapt CRP-23 to fit the situation.--*

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

C Example of CRP-24

The following is an example of CRP-24.

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	United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production and Conservation	Farm Service Agency	State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code

NOTICE OF CONTRACT APPROVAL

Tract Number: _____

CRP Contract Number: _____ Date (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

Your offer to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been approved
_____ County Committee.

Enclosed are your signed copies of the CRP contract and attachments. The effective
date of the CRP contract is _____.

Form FSA-848 is provided for those conservation practices that are to be established in
accordance with the approved conservation plan as part of your contract. When the practices are
completed, you must provide this office a report of performance by signing the FSA-848B and
include all receipts affiliated with practice establishment so cost-share payment can be made.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Enclosures

CRP-24 (12-13-24)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

D Using CRP-24

--County Offices must:--

- use CRP-24 to notify producers that their offer to place land in CRP has been approved and the effective date of the contract
- adapt CRP-24 to fit the situation
- reproduce CRP-24 locally

Note: Include the form number and date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-24 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with CRP-1.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

E Example of CRP-25

This is an example of CRP-25.



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Farm Production
and
Conservation

Farm
Service
Agency

State/county name or organizational unit
Mail stop code and/or room number
P.O. Box or Street Address
City, State, ZIP Code

NOTICE OF CRP WAIVER OF OWNERSHIP

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

It has been determined that a brief involuntary loss of ownership, because of foreclosure action initiated by a lending institution of voluntary loss instead of foreclosure, does not necessarily make a producer ineligible to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If a producer is purchasing a farm that the producer originally owned, the producer may participate in CRP if all other eligibility requirements are met.

Documentation submitted shows that you were the original owner and that you now have the opportunity to repurchase the farm.

Based on this information, it has been determined that the land is not being purchased for the purpose of placing it into CRP. You must complete purchase of the farm before you will be eligible to submit an offer or enrollment. If an acceptable offer is submitted and you agree, in writing, that the contract shall not be assumed by a successor in interest, you are eligible to participate in CRP.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-25 (10-22-15)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

F Using CRP-25

--County Offices must:--

- use CRP-25 to notify producers who had a brief involuntary loss of ownership, because of foreclosure, that they may participate because all other eligibility requirements are met
- adapt CRP-25 to fit the situation
- reproduce CRP-25 locally

Note: Include the form number and date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-25 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with the offer.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

G Example of CRP-26

This is an **example** of CRP-26. County Offices must adapt CRP-26 to fit the situation according to 1-APP.

Note: This is only an example.

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 United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production and Conservation	Farm Service Agency	State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code

NOTICE OF UNACCEPTABLE OFFER

Date: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

Thank you for your offer to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Your offer on tract number _____ to participate in the _____ (signup type) was not accepted because:

- ☐ Environmental Benefits Too Low
- ☐ Grassland Ranking Score Too Low
- ☐ Land Determined Ineligible
- ☐ Payment Rate Offered Exceeded the Maximum Payment Rate
- ☐ County Cropland Limitation Has Been Reached
- ☐ Existing Restrictive Easement
- ☐ 1-Year Ownership/Operatorship Eligibility Not Met
- ☐ Ineligible Cropping History
- ☐ Landowner/Tenant Provision Not Met
- ☐ Other

If you feel that all the facts have not been considered in your case, _____

You need to provide factual information and reasons why you believe this determination is not correct.

Although your offer was not accepted, you may be eligible for the continuous sign-up of high priority conservation practices such as filterstrips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, shelter-belts, field wind breaks, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerant vegetation, or shallow water areas for wildlife. I have enclosed a copy of a FSA continuous signup fact sheet. Please contact our office if you are interested.

It may be possible that your offer may be modified to increase the likelihood of acceptance in a future signup by:

- increasing the environmental benefits score for general signup or
- increasing the grassland ranking score for grassland signup.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Enclosures

CRP-26 (12-13-24)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)**H Using CRP-26**

*--County Offices must:

- use CRP-26 to notify producers their CRP offer was unacceptable

Note: When using CRP-26 to notify producers that their continuous signup offer was not acceptable, County Offices must modify CRP-26 by removing the language regarding:

- continuous signup
 - increasing the environment benefits
 - increasing the grassland ranking factor.
- fill in the tract number and signup type for the land offered--*
 - check appropriate box on CRP-26
 - modify CRP-26 to provide appropriate appeal rights under 1-APP

Note: Modifications include:

- number of days to appeal or request mediation
 - appeal rights to COC only; to COC, STC, or NAD; or the right to request mediation.
- reproduce CRP-26 locally

Note: Include the form number and the date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-26 in duplicate, and distribute as follows:
 - mail the original to the producer
 - file a copy with the offer
- include continuous CRP signup fact sheet when notifying producers that their offer under a *--general or grassland signup was not acceptable.--*

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

H Using CRP-26 (Continued)

*--County Offices must adapt CRP-26 to fit the situation.

Examples: Following are examples of adapting CRP-26 to different situations:

- including the producer's EBI score for general CRP or ranking score for grassland CRP and the national cutoff score--*

Note: Offers in counties that have met the 25-percent cropland limitation may have an effective cutoff score that is different than the national average EBI cutoff score.

- explaining why the acreage or producer was determined ineligible
- including the maximum payment rate and the producer's offered amount.

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

I Example of CRP-35

This is an example of CRP-35.



Farm
Production
and
Conservation

State/county name or organizational unit
Mail stop code and/or room number
P.O. Box or Street Address
City, State, ZIP Code

NOTICE OF OFFER RECONSIDERATION

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

A change in the technical determination recently provided to the Farm Service Agency by the Natural Resources Conservation Service or Technical Service Provider (TSP) regarding your Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) offer warrants the reconsideration of your offer for a CRP contract.

The change that was provided for your offer may make it acceptable to FSA. After it is re-evaluated by the National FSA Office, you will be notified as soon as possible of the final acceptance or rejection determination of your offer.

I regret any inconvenience that this may have caused you.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-35 (01-10-22)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

J Using CRP-35

--County Offices must:--

- use CRP-35 to notify producers that their CRP offer has been changed because of a change in the technical determination by NRCS or TSP
- adapt CRP-35 to fit the situation
- reproduce CRP-35 locally

Note: Include the form number and date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-35 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with the offer.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

K Example of CRP-36

This is an example of CRP-36.

 United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production and Conservation	State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code

NOTICE REGARDING LATE-FILED OFFER

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

The _____ County FSA Office will not consider your offer under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Offers under the CRP must be received by the County FSA Office no later than close of business that last day of signup, which was _____. Your offer was received in the County FSA Office on _____.

If you do not agree with this determination, you may request reconsideration, appeal, or both, in writing to the County Committee at the above address within 30 days of this letter.

If you have any other questions about the program, please call this office or contact your County FSA Committee member.

Sincerely,

 County Executive Director

 Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

CRP-36 (01-10-22)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

L Using CRP-36

--County Offices must:--

- use CRP-36 to notify producers that their CRP offer was **not** received in a timely manner
- adapt CRP-36 to fit the situation, according to 1-APP
- reproduce CRP-36 locally

Note: Include the form number and date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-36 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with the offer.

Forms for Complying With Lobbying Disclosure Requirements

A Example of CCC-674

The following is an example of CCC-674.

This form is available electronically. CCC-674 (11-15-16)	Form Approved - OMB No. 0348-0046 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation
CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT TRANSACTION DOCUMENT (Loan No., Contract No., CCC-6 No(s), Check No., etc.) PROGRAM YEAR <i>To comply with lobbying disclosure requirements (31 U.S.C. 1352), applicants for and recipients of: 1) A Federal loan exceeding \$150,000; or 2) A Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement payment exceeding \$100,000 must file, with the disbursing office:</i> <i>A. If they have not or will not use monies received for lobbying purposes, CCC-674.</i> <i>B. If they have or will use monies received for lobbying purposes, SF-LLL.</i>	
CERTIFICATION	
The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U. S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	
_____ RECIPIENT SIGNATURE	_____ DATE
According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0348-0046. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.	

Forms for Complying With Lobbying Disclosure Requirements (Continued)

B Example of SF-LLL

The following is an example of SF-LLL.

Approved by OMB No. 0348-0046		
DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (See Reverse for public burden disclosure.)		
1. Type of Federal Action: ☒ a. contract ☐ b. grant ☐ c. cooperative agreement ☐ d. loan ☐ e. loan guarantee ☐ f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: ☐ a. bid/offer/application ☐ b. initial award ☐ c. post-award	3. Report Type: ☐ a. initial filing ☐ b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: ☐ Prime ☐ Subawardee Tier _____, if known: 		5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:
6. Federal Department/Agency: 		7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____
8. Federal Action Number, If known: 	9. Award Amount, If known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(If individual, last name, first name, MI):</i> 	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(Including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i> 	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.		Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____
Federal Use Only:		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

Forms for Complying With Lobbying Disclosure Requirements (Continued)

C Instructions for Completing SF-LLL

The following are instructions for completing SF-LLL.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be a prime or subaward receipt. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (Item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in Item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g. "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in Item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in Item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

Forms for Complying With Lobbying Disclosure Requirements (Continued)

D Example of SF-LLL-A

The following is an example of SF-LLL-A.

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CONTINUATION SHEET		Approved by OMB 0348-0046
Reporting Entity:		Page of
		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL-A

CRP-30, Deceased Participant Letter

The following is an example of CRP-30.



Farm
Production
and
Conservation

Farm
Service
Agency

State/county name or organizational unit
Mail stop code and/or room number
P.O. Box or Street Address
City, State, ZIP Code

Date: _____

The Family of [insert deceased producer's name]
[insert last known mailing address of deceased producer]

Dear Sir or Madam,

Our office has been made aware of the passing of [insert deceased producer's name], and would like to offer our condolences to your family. We are taking steps to ensure that [insert deceased producer's name] USDA program benefits, records, and accounts are handled appropriately, and any payments earned are properly managed.

While we understand this is a difficult time, we would appreciate your help in providing the information we need to ensure that all records and potential benefits earned are accurate and complete. These records include a Conservation Reserve Program contract, to which eligible heirs or an estate may be able to succeed and receive subsequent annual payments.

Please contact our office within 90 days at [insert County Office phone number] or at the address above to let us know the point of contact that will be handling [insert deceased producer's name] affairs, so we can discuss options and benefits with an authorized representative. Please note that after 90 days from the date of this letter, certain options and benefits may no longer be available, and the Conservation Reserve Program contract will be terminated.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or if there is any way in which we can assist you in this difficult time. Again, please accept our condolences.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-30 (02-13-20)

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MOU/Memorandums of Agreement

A Example of CRP Reservation MOU Between FSA, FWS, and Participant

The following is an example of the MOU between FSA, FWS, and the participant.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM RESERVATION

Memorandum of Understanding

Vendor reserves the use of the property for agricultural purposes until _____, 20__.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes that the property is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and the vendor reserves the right to continue in the Conservation Reserve Program and receive such payment, if any, as may be earned for the period ending _____, 20__. It is understood that the vendor is responsible for maintaining the property according to the terms and conditions of the Conservation Reserve Program and that the vendor will continue in the program for the duration of this reservation. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service does not warrant or represent that the vendor is entitle to continue participation in the Conservation Reserve Program. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agrees it will not affect the property in any way which will violate the terms and conditions of the Conservation Reserve Program. On _____, 20__, or upon the date the property is no longer enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program will terminate and full use and possession of the property shall transfer to the United States.

Vendor (Producer)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Farm Service Agency County Committee,
County in the
State of _____.

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

B Memorandum of Agreement Between CCC, FSA, and FS

The following Memorandum of Agreement was established between CCC, FSA, and FS for administration of CRP.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Between

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),

Farm Service Agency (FSA),

And

Forest Service (FS)

For Implementation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

I. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to delineate the responsibilities of CCC, FSA, and FS with respect to the provision of CRP forestry practices technical assistance.

II. General Provisions

CCC requires technical assistance (TA) for the implementation of the CRP, a CCC program. FSA, acting on behalf of the CCC, has determined that FS can provide personnel with expertise who will provide the needed technical assistance for the implementation of the CRP.

III. Authority

This MOA is authorized by Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (1985 Act), and the CCC Charter Act, as amended. Other authorities may also apply.

IV. Responsibilities

CCC, FSA, and FS, agree, subject to the availability of funds, that:

A FS will:

1. Ensure that a sufficient number of qualified employees are available to provide timely silvicultural recommendations for all forestry practice acreage offered for CRP enrollment.
2. Accurately complete and properly document the portion of CRP forms that prescribe forestry practices, including proper tree planting recommendations, thinning, and management activities.

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

B Memorandum of Agreement Between CCC, FSA, and FS (Continued)

3. Ensure site visitations occur and practice plans are developed and provided to participating landowners with forestry practices. Such plans will include proper tree planting procedures, proper site/species selection, site preparation recommendations, erosion control recommendations, post planting care, including thinning, and management activities such as prescribed burning. For continuous CRP (CCRP) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) acreage, all conservation plans shall be completed (including signatures) within 90 calendar days of the time when the producer indicates in writing a desire to complete contract approval, but no later than 10 calendar days before the effective date of the contract. For general signup offers that are considered acceptable by CCC, and for which applicants have indicated in writing a desire to complete contract approval, conservation plans shall be completed within 90 calendar days of when the offer was accepted.
4. Provide complete site compliance checks after a practice is completed and furnish verification of proper practice installation to the local FSA office.
5. Ensure that seedlings acquired from state nurseries come from local seed sources that are well suited for the planting site.
6. Provide site inspections during the first three years of a project, and follow-up technical assistance if a forestry practice failure occurs, as determined by the attending forester.
7. Provide a reasonable and reliable estimate to FSA of technical assistance reimbursement needs for the upcoming fiscal year by August 15 of the prior year. Estimates will be based on anticipated CRP forestry activities and historic data.

B. FSA will:

1. Provide photocopies of aerial photography and a copy of the CRP-2 or CRP2C in a timely manner for all forestry practice acreage offered.
2. Provide completed acreage figures for each State for each sign-up in a timely manner, as agreed upon by FS and FSA. This will include General, Continuous, and CREP acreage, as well as acres utilizing forest management practices.

The following procedures will be used by FSA to determine the estimate of acres of trees planted for the following various practices:

- A. 100 percent of acres enrolled under CP3, CP3A, CP11, CP22, CP31, CP32, CP36, CP38C and CP38D.
- B. 95 percent of acres enrolled under CP23, CP23A, and CP28 in Southeastern and Northeastern States will be considered planted to trees (Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia,

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

B Memorandum of Agreement Between CCC, FSA, and FS (Continued)

Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia).

C. 50 percent of acres enrolled under CP23, CP23A, and CP28 in Midwestern States will be considered planted to trees (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin).

D. 100 percent of acres utilizing a forest management practice.

3. Provide to all parties final State acreage enrollment figures in July of the fiscal year for which TA is performed, based on the latest CRP offer activity and average contract approval rate. This will allow time for FSA to request an additional apportionment from the Office of Management and Budget, if necessary, and for the FS and FSA to modify the reimbursable agreement (FMS-7600A & B) as necessary, prior to the end of the fiscal year.
4. Provide national estimates for all forestry activities for future years, as requested by FS.

C. CCC will:

1. Reimburse FS for all technical assistance resulting from forestry activities on newly enrolled and re-enrolled acreage for all forestry practices. These activities include, but are not limited to, CP3 Tree Planting, CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting, CP5A Field Windbreaks, CP16A Shelterbelts, CP11 Vegetative Cover - Trees – Already Established, CP22 Riparian Buffers, CP23 Wetland Restoration (floodplain), CP23A Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain), CP28 Farmable Wetland Pilot (Upland), , CP31 Bottom Land Timber Establishment on Wetlands, CP36 Longleaf Pine, and SAFE tree practices (CP38C and CP38D).
2. Base reimbursement on actual costs for CRP technical assistance (salary, transportation, supplies, indirect, etc.), as reported by the Forest Service. Reporting will be based on hours of technical assistance provided to support CRP practice implementation.
3. If CCC disagrees with the reported costs FSA will alert FS within 90 days,

D. Miscellaneous

1. In the event that adequate funding to carry out the provisions of this agreement are no longer or otherwise not available, CCC, FSA, and FS agree that FS will terminate the responsibilities assigned to FS under this

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

B Memorandum of Agreement Between CCC, FSA, and FS (Continued)

agreement, in accordance with the termination clause of this agreement, and CCC may use a third party to complete the work.

2. It is mutually agreed that this Agreement is effective when signed and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of no more than five years, provided that authorizations provided by Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (1985 Act) continue for this period. Should the authority providing for this Agreement expire without being renewed, this Agreement shall immediately terminate; however, such termination shall not affect funds obligated while such authorization was in effect, to the extent allowed by law. This Agreement may be terminated at any time with thirty days written notice by one party. Should this Agreement be terminated, billing will be submitted for services rendered prior to the date of termination for which payment has not been received. This Agreement may be modified by amendment by duly executed officials of CCC, FSA, and FS, or their designees. FS and FSA will enter annually into a National Level Reimbursement Agreement (IAA-FMS Form 7600 A & B) based on this interagency agreement and any amendments hereto, subject to the availability of funds for CRP Tree Planting and forest management technical assistance.
3. It is mutually agreed that each party will strictly comply with the information gathering provisions of section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, P.L. 110-246 (a.k.a. the 2008 Farm Bill), as well as section 2004 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, P.L. 107-171 (a.k.a. the 2002 Farm Bill), the Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and related acts concerning privacy and the dissemination of records. Failure by any party to comply with those laws may result in termination of this Agreement.
4. Disputes related to this Agreement will be resolved by the Administrator of FSA and the Chief of the FS, or their designees.

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

B Memorandum of Agreement Between CCC, FSA, and FS (Continued)

V. **Chesapeake Bay Watershed Riparian Buffer Enrollment Initiative**

CCC has been apportioned funds from OMB to support dedicated service forestry staff in the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and New York for technical assistance work in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to support riparian buffer establishment and maintenance. The Forest Service will administer technical assistance grants to these states. Each state will provide a minimum of 25 percent in matching funds. The Farm Service Agency will provide training to the dedicated foresters to clarify their responsibilities as CRP technical assistance providers (TSPs) and identify resources available to CRP TSPs.

The dedicated foresters will:

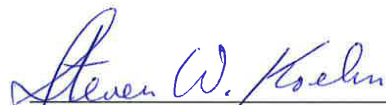
- A. Develop and implement targeted strategies to increase landowner enrollment in CREP, CRP, and landowner adoption and maintenance of CP22 and other conservation practices.
- B. Develop and conduct targeted landowner outreach campaigns aimed at increasing riparian buffer strip acreage enrollment.
- C. Provide forestry technical assistance to support the placement, design establishment and maintenance of riparian buffers, filters and related conservation practices.
- D. Establish, track and report annual riparian buffer and filter accomplishment goals and actual accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as follows:



Richard Fordyce
Administrator
Farm Service Agency and
Executive Vice President
Commodity Credit Corporation

11/22/2019
Date



Steven W. Koehn
Director, Cooperative Forestry
USDA, Forest Service

11/22/19
Date

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

C Memorandum of Agreement Between NRCS, FSA, and CCC

The following Memorandum of Agreement was established between NRCS, FSA, and CCC for the implementation, cooperation, expectation, and responsibilities in carrying out CRP.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Farm Service Agency (FSA), for Implementation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Through September 30, 2023 I. Purpose The purpose of this MOA is to provide for the implementation, cooperation, expectations, and responsibilities between NRCS and FSA in carrying out CRP. II. General Provisions Technical assistance is needed for the implementation of CRP. FSA has determined that NRCS has personnel with expertise who can provide the technical assistance needed for the implementation of CRP. III. Authority CRP is authorized by section 1231 of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (1985 Act), 16 U.S.C. 3831 <i>et seq.</i> Other authorities may also apply to this MOA. IV. Responsibilities NRCS and FSA agree, subject to the availability of funds, that: A. NRCS will: 1. Provide technical assistance either directly or through NRCS approved Technical Service Providers (TSP) and assure all technical work performed meets NRCS technical requirements. 2. In accordance with the NRCS estimated technical assistance cost formula, carry out technical assistance by making certain practice eligibility determinations for the Continuous CRP (CCRP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), CRP- Grasslands, and the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), provide conservation planning for all new and reenrolled acres, and update conservation plans for CRP contract modifications. 3. Comply with the following: the 1985 Act, the regulations at 7 CFR part 1410, the procedures in FSA directives, other signed joint agency letters, and, all laws pertaining to CRP. Review and concur with program directives impacting NRCS before their issuance. 1

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

C Memorandum of Agreement Between NRCS, FSA, and CCC (Continued)

4. Be responsible for populating and providing to FSA a copy of completed NRCS form CPA-052, Environmental Evaluation (EE) and planning worksheet(s), or State modified version of the CPA-052, to document the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed CRP contract and associated conservation practices and for recommending further action by FSA, the lead agency, to complete FSA's regulatory responsibilities.
5. Provide FSA with copies of associated documentation, as feasible, and additional information supporting the recommendations and findings on the NRCS CPA-052, EE planning worksheet or State modified version in accordance with NRCS General Manual (GM), 190, Part 410.5, Environmental Evaluation in Planning and GM 420, Part 401.11, Cultural Resources administrative responsibilities.
6. Complete or update, as applicable, Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) for new offers or CRP contract revisions. NRCS will also revise conservation plans originally developed by TSPs, and charges will be based on the estimated technical assistance cost formula.
7. Determine if performance of a practice meets NRCS standards and specification and program criteria.
8. Provide support to the FSA County Committee (COC) and participant for corrective action if the practice in item 7 does not meet NRCS standard and specifications.
9. Certify all conservation practices installed, in accordance with the NRCS conservation practice standards, including practice applications designed by a TSP. Verification of the technical assistance work will be completed on Forms CRP-2 and FSA-848B as applicable.
10. To ensure CRP practice establishment and performance success, NRCS will provide technical assistance to the participant and conduct the necessary site visits during the offer process and throughout the practice establishment period to final certification. In general, site visits will be performed to determine practice eligibility, for conservation practice certification, when haying or grazing is requested to ensure continued conservation practice integrity, and at least one year before contract expiration to confirm conservation practice operation and maintenance.
11. At the COC's request, investigate potential invasive species presence.
12. Provide engineering services for the design, field layout, installation, and certification of constructed wetland and structural practices.

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

C Memorandum of Agreement Between NRCS, FSA, and CCC (Continued)

13. Provide technical and planning assistance for contracts associated with the CRP-Transition Incentives Program.
 14. At the State level, conduct quality control reviews and assist FSA in providing training to ensure high levels of customer service and in providing support for corrective actions for practice maintenance violations.
 15. By December 1, annually, provide FSA a report summarizing the locations and number of site visits conducted.
- B. FSA has overall program authority and responsibility and will:
1. Administer all CRP contracts, including compliance determinations and appeals related to technical determinations regarding practice implementation.
 2. Maintain responsibility as the lead agency for purposes of complying with the provisions of NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and other applicable laws, Executive Orders, and regulations, as provided for in FSA's Environmental Quality Programs handbook 1-EQ.
 3. Complete all consultations with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and Tribal governments, as required of its status as the lead agency, and all findings of historic property National Register of Historic Places eligibility and effects to these properties, as required by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations at 36 CFR part 800. FSA will make the final determination of finding of effects regarding the potential impacts to the environment, determinations of eligibility and effect and decisions on appropriate treatments regarding cultural resources related to the proposed CRP contract, and associated conservation practices, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2).
 4. Be responsible for completing all consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, as required.
 5. Serve as the Responsible Federal Official in making the final determination of finding of effects regarding the potential impacts to the environment, and effects and decisions on appropriate treatments regarding at-risk species and other natural resource concerns related to the proposed CRP contract and associated conservation practices.
 6. Coordinate annual program delivery with NRCS, including concurrence with signup dates, referral protocols and deadlines, and planning deadlines prior to public announcements, in conjunction with other NRCS conservation programs to ensure efficient delivery of all USDA conservation programs.

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

C Memorandum of Agreement Between NRCS, FSA, and CCC (Continued)

7. Secure concurrence, to the extent practicable, from NRCS when updating CRP program policy prior to distribution for coordinated CRP program delivery and consistent interagency communication.

C. NRCS and FSA agree to:

1. Cooperate at all levels to ensure consistent implementation of CRP policies and procedures. Evaluate processes for streamlining to improve customer service, where allowed by law. Identify opportunities to improve administrative and technical procedures. When differences occur, the parties will provide information and recommendations to the next level (i.e., county offices will forward information and recommendations to the State offices; State offices will forward information and recommendations to National office). The Chief, NRCS, and Administrator, FSA, have final authority for ensuring consistent implementation of CRP policies and procedures.
2. Cooperate to provide policy and program support, utilize NRCS conservation practice standards and specifications for CRP practice installation and evaluation of practice performance, and coordinate payment schedules across conservation programs.
3. Coordinate with State Forestry agencies on delegated services for tree planting practices. Tree planting plans and practice certification will comply with NRCS standards and specifications.
4. Cooperate and provide technical support to FSA in development of CREP Agreements.
5. Attempt to resolve, expeditiously and informally, any disagreements concerning this MOA. If a resolution cannot be reached at the district/county level, issues will be elevated first to the State and then, if necessary, to the National level.

V. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. All funding commitments of all parties in this MOA are subject to the availability of funds. If adequate funding is not made available, FSA and CCC agree that NRCS may terminate the responsibilities assigned to NRCS under this agreement as agreed to under the termination clause of this agreement.
- B. It is mutually agreed that this MOA is effective when signed by all parties and will continue in full force and effect through the effective end date of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334. This MOA may be terminated at any time with 30 calendar days written notice by either party. This Agreement may be modified by amendments duly executed by officials of FSA and NRCS.

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

C Memorandum of Agreement Between NRCS, FSA, and CCC (Continued)

- C. FSA, or NRCS, will not sign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without prior written approval of the other party.
- D. FSA and NRCS agree that, to the extent possible under applicable law, each party will be solely responsible for its own acts, omissions, and the results thereof, and will not be responsible for the results thereof caused by the acts or omissions of the other party.
- E. The FSA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs or designee or successor, is delegated authority to carry out this Agreement for, and with the NRCS Deputy Chief for Programs, or designee or successor, may further amend this Agreement consistent with the provisions of the 1985 Act, as amended, and the regulations at 7 CFR part 1410. The provisions of this Agreement may only be modified by written agreement between the parties.
- F. All parties to this MOA will comply fully with the information gathering provisions of section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, P.L. 110-246 (the 2008 Farm Bill), as well as section 2004 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, P.L. 107-171 (the 2002 Farm Bill), the Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and related acts concerning privacy and the dissemination of records. Copies of both laws are attached hereto.

Farm Service Agency

Natural Resources Conservation Service


Richard Fordyce
Administrator, FSA
10/18/2019
Date


Matthew Lohr
Chief, NRCS
10-22-19
Date

MOU/Memorandums of Agreement (Continued)

C Memorandum of Agreement Between NRCS, FSA, and CCC (Continued)

Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill

Attachment 1

SEC. 1619. INFORMATION GATHERING.

(a) GEOSPATIAL SYSTEMS- The Secretary shall ensure that all the geospatial data of the agencies of the Department of Agriculture are portable and standardized.

(b) LIMITATION ON DISCLOSURES-

(1) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATION: In this subsection, the term "agricultural operation" includes the production and marketing of agricultural commodities and livestock.

(2) PROHIBITION-Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), the Secretary, any officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture, or any contractor or cooperator of the Department, shall not disclose-

(A) information provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department; or

(B) geospatial information otherwise maintained by the Secretary about agricultural land or operations for which information described in subparagraph (A) is provided.

(3) AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES-

(A) LIMITED RELEASE OF INFORMATION- If the Secretary determines that the information described in paragraph (2) will not be subsequently disclosed except in accordance with paragraph (4), the Secretary may release or disclose the information to a person or Federal, State, local, or tribal agency working in cooperation with the Secretary in any Department program:

(1) when providing technical or financial assistance with respect to the agricultural operation, agricultural land, or farming or conservation practices; or

(2) when responding to a disease or pest threat to agricultural operations, if the Secretary determines that a threat to agricultural operations exists and the disclosure of information to a person or cooperating government entity is necessary to assist the Secretary in responding to the disease or pest threat as authorized by law.

(4) EXCEPTIONS- Nothing in this subsection affects:

(A) the disclosure of payment information (including payment information and the names and addresses of recipients of payments) under any Department program that is otherwise authorized by law;

(B) the disclosure of information described in paragraph (2) if the information has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form without naming any:

(i) individual owner, operator, or producer; or

(ii) specific data gathering site; or

(C) the disclosure of information described in paragraph (2) pursuant to the consent of the agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land.

(5) CONDITION OF OTHER PROGRAMS-The participation of the agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land in, or receipt of any benefit under, any program administered by the Secretary may not be conditioned on the consent of the agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land and under paragraph 4(c).

(6) WAIVER OF PRIVILEGE OR PROTECTION- The disclosure of information under paragraph (2) shall not constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege or protection under Federal law, including trade secret protection.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing vegetative cover of introduced grasses and legumes on eligible cropland that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to establish or maintain existing permanent introduced grasses and legumes on eligible cropland.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: C/S is authorized as a component of CP1 development of a permanent water source for wildlife.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 512, 550, 574, 614, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
permanent water source for wildlife		
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to improve the environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing vegetative cover of native grasses on eligible cropland that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to establish or maintain existing permanent native grass species on eligible cropland.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: C/S is authorized as a component of CP2 development of a permanent water source for wildlife.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 512, 550, 574, 614, 644, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding, including approved shrubs	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
permanent water source for wildlife		
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
--seeding, firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements--	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- producer destroys the cover during its lifespan
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing new or maintaining existing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.

C/S is authorized to plant approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area within the 10 to 20 percent openings. Open areas **must** be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area.

C/S is not authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent open areas.

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

Important: C/S is not authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent open areas.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/ planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	authorized.

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until approved plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the approved species has passed - to establish a cover when a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 550, 612, 644, 645, *--and 666.--* Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, and 645 are for open areas only .
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area in the 10 to 20 percent open areas of the tree planting. Important: Open areas must be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. Tree plantings within the open areas are not authorized. Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, *--and soil amendments, must be--* specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	
herbicides and insecticides	specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees, or enhance production	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1. See Part 19 for emergency and non-emergency haying and grazing provisions.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS. If an FS representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting

A Purpose

This practice is to establish and maintain a new stand or an existing stand of predominantly hardwood trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits.

Note: For CRP purposes, Longleaf Pine and Atlantic White Cedar must be treated as hardwood trees, if planted at rates appropriate for the site index.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing new or maintaining existing hardwood trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

Predominant hardwood may include softwood trees:

- not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted
- **only** to provide wildlife habitat diversity to the area
- where used as nurse trees for no economic use.

Note: If more than 50 percent of the trees planted are softwoods, the participant must be limited to a 10-year contract.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
to establish suitable hardwood tree species	to improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 550, 612, 644, 645, *--and 666.--* Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, and 645 are for open areas only .
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications, including softwood trees, to ensure survivability of hardwoods - needed until required plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed - to establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides		
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	not authorized.
fencing		
roads		
to establish a hardwood tree species	for ornamental purposes	
	for Christmas tree production	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		
temporary cover	softwood trees that serve as trainers to produce high-value hardwoods	
	Note: Where silviculturally appropriate, as determined by the service forester, softwoods may be planted as trainers, not to exceed 50 percent of the number of trees planted to optimize hardwood quality if no commercial use is made of the softwoods.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval **must** be obtained from the State Forester certifying that planting up to 50 percent softwoods is an appropriate silvicultural practice for the State.
- Planting in excess of 50 percent soft woods **must** receive prior approval from the FS and FSA National Office.
- Planting of softwoods may be for **only** nurse trees or as wildlife habitat in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.
- ***--Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1. See Part 19 for emergency and non-emergency haying and grazing provisions.--***
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

CRP participants may be allowed to plant hardwood trees over 3 years if:

- 10.0 acres or more are scheduled to be established
- at least one-third of the trees are planted in each year
- hardwood tree planting is included in the tree planting plan.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 as designated by participant.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice must:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, including softwoods for cover (to be a minimum amount necessary), site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS. If an FS representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

--CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only)--

A Purpose

This practice is to do both of the following:

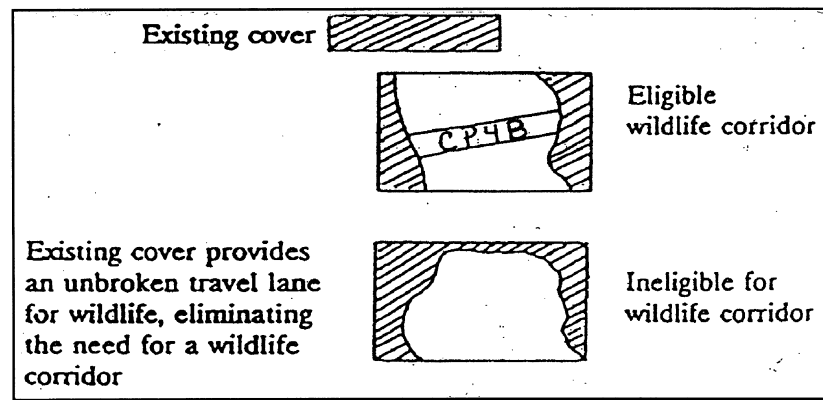
- establish a permanent wildlife corridor between 2 existing wildlife habitat areas that are not connected by a suitable corridor for environmental benefits
- enhance the wildlife in the designated or surrounding area.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the establishment of new or maintaining existing permanent wildlife habitat. The practice must be 66 to 200 feet in width.

A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4B.

The following are examples of eligible and ineligible wildlife corridors.



C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- include woody vegetation as determined appropriate by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

--CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only) (Continued)--

D C/S Policies

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 342, 394, 612, 614, and 644.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
approved shrubs and trees	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
seeding/planting	substantiated as needed by COC	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

--CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only) (Continued)--

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- ***--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--*** cover for permanent wildlife habitat.
- Plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in - the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Chemicals used in performing CP4B **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled.
- A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4B.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

--CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only) (Continued)--

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

H Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period.

C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing a permanent wildlife habitat cover to enhance environmental benefits for the wildlife habitat of the designated or surrounding areas.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the establishment of new or maintaining existing permanent wildlife habitat.

A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4D.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- include woody vegetation as determined appropriate by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

Note: C/S is authorized as a component of CP4D development of a permanent water source for wildlife.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 612, 614, 644, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding, including approved shrubs, and trees	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
seeding/planting	substantiated as needed by COC	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
permanent water source for wildlife		
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- ~~*--~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seeds necessary to establish an adequate ~~--*~~ cover for permanent wildlife habitat.

- Plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Chemicals used in performing CP4D **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4D.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment

A Purpose

*--This practice is to establish windbreaks to meet 1 or more of the following purposes:

- reduce cropland erosion below soil loss tolerance
- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area
- intercept airborne particulate matter, chemicals, and odors
- capture and store carbon
- provide buffering associated with organic farming operations.--*

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a field windbreak that will reduce erosion below soil loss tolerance and enhance wildlife habitat on the contract acres.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

C Size Requirement

--Field windbreaks must be installed and designed according to the conservation practice standard in FOTG to address 1 or more of the purposes listed in subparagraph A. Field windbreaks are intended to be adjacent to active agricultural production and designed to a maximum size that is not greater than the associated production area.--

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this cover practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
trees or shrubs planted as field windbreaks that will improve the cropland wind erosion and environmental benefits on a farm or ranch temporary cover and the justification is: • required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 380, 441, 484, 550, 612, and 645.
plastic mulch or supplemental drip irrigation, for arid areas tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices, and the purpose is approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
planting orchard trees	not authorized.
ornamental planting	
Christmas tree production	
Fences	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- When supplemental drip irrigation or plastic mulch is applied and the average annual precipitation for the area is 25 inches or less.
- *--Planting **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exception: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing CP5A **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment (Continued)

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to improve environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop State/county program.

- Consider wildlife and environmental protection when designing this practice.
- State/county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum planting per acre, site preparation, etc., that are conditions for C/S. Technical specifications may be incorporated by reference.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP8A Grass Waterways**A Purpose**

This practice is to:

- convey runoff from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding
- improve water quality.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a grassed waterway that will convey runoff from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Exception: Outlet structures may be installed on ineligible land provided:

- the practice can only function by including the ineligible land that is adjacent to the location of the practice
- no eligible land is available
- the ineligible land is not enrolled
- the entire practice, eligible and ineligible land, must be included in the conservation plan.

C/S is authorized for the outlet structure.

C Size Requirements

Grass waterways must always be installed to meet the minimum criteria to convey water off a field. A grass waterway may be constructed to a width up to 2 times the minimum design standard if requested by the producer to meet the producer's objectives, not to exceed a width of 100 feet.

Note: A grass waterway must not exceed a maximum width of 100 feet.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP8A Grass Waterways

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period.

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
site preparation	authorized using technical practice codes 340, 410, 412, 468, 587, 606, and 620.
eligible seed and seeding	
earth moving	
herbicides	
insecticides	
grading, shaping, and filling	
temporary cover until permanent vegetative cover is established	
subsurface drains where necessary for proper functioning of the waterway	
outlet structure as a component of CP8A	not authorized.
subsurface drains as the sole component of the practice	
subsurface drains that serve as mains to laterals elsewhere in field	
fencing	

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- The practice must have periodic management activities performed, including mowing, according to the conservation plan and the NRCS technical standard, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP8A Grass Waterways**G Planting Timespan**

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

I Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

J Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the practice during the CRP-1 period
- producer does not maintain the practice during the practice lifespan.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife

A Purpose

This practice is to develop or restore shallow water areas to an average depth of 6 to 18 inches for wildlife. The shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for the majority of the year.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

Note: This is not a pond development or wetland restoration practice. However, this practice may be constructed on suitable hydric and nonhydric soils.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a shallow water area for wildlife that will provide a source of water for the majority of the year.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

The practice **must** include an adequate buffer area of perennial vegetation to protect the water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The soil types, slope, and conservation practices applied on the field will determine the width of the buffer. However, the buffer width must not:

- be less than 20 feet
- exceed an average maximum width of 120 feet.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

The practice, including the buffer area, must not exceed 10 acres per tract. The total acres enrolled in CRP devoted to CP9 must not exceed 10 acres per tract. Multiple CRP-1's to enroll land to be devoted to CP9 on the same tract are **not** authorized. All acres to be devoted to CP9 **must** be included on one CRP-1 per tract.

Example 1: Producer offers to enroll 3 separate shallow water areas on the same tract. Each shallow water area will be located in a separate field on the tract. One shallow water area, including the required buffer area, will be 4 acres in size and the other 2 shallow water areas will be 1 acre each, including the required buffer area. All acres to be devoted to CP9 **must** be included on one CRP-1 for the tract. Therefore, the producer would complete one CRP-2 and one CRP-1 for the 6 total acres to be devoted to CP9 on the tract. Only 1 conservation plan would be developed for the 6 acres of CP9. No additional acres on the tract can be enrolled to be devoted to CP9.

Example 2: Producer offers to enroll 2 adjoining 10 acre shallow water areas on the same tract. Shallow water areas must not exceed 10 acres per tract. Accordingly, the offer would be rejected.

Example 3: On May 1, 2000, Jane Smith enrolls 6 acres to be devoted to CP9. On February 1, 2001, Jane Smith offers to enroll 4 acres to be devoted to CP9 on the same tract as the 6 acres enrolled in May 2000. Multiple CRP-1's to enroll land to be devoted to CP9 on the same tract are **not** authorized. Accordingly, the offer would be rejected.

CP21's, CP21B's, and CP21S's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with CP9's because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be protected by an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- provide a source of water for wildlife for the majority of the year.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the shallow water areas	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 342, 356, 587, 644, *--646, and--* 657.
eligible and suitable plantings	for permanent habitat cover and serve as a buffer to protect shallow water area	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary food plots and fencing		not authorized.
installing a structure	to benefit land not designated for CRP purposes	
fencing or roads		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The practice **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for the majority of the year.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

- The water area must be an average of 6 to 18 inches in depth.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- The practice, including the buffer area, must not exceed 10 acres per tract. The total acres enrolled in CRP devoted to CP9 must not exceed 10 acres per tract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the shallow water area for wildlife and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months if the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing this practice.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the practice during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

CP10 Vegetative Cover - Grass - Already Established (CP10 Eligible to be Offered Before March 14, 2011, Only)

A Program Policy

Beginning March 14, 2011, CP10 is **no** longer available for new offers. For offers submitted before March 14, 2011, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, if a grass cover approved for the applicable signup is already established

Note: Contract management activity may be required as determined by COC, according to paragraph 428.

- not under CRP-1, with a grass cover approved for the applicable signup already established.

Note: Contract management activity may be required as determined by COC, according to paragraph 428. C/S is not authorized for management activities.

C/S is authorized for:

- pollinator habitat as a component of CP10 before March 14, 2011
- wildlife water development as a component of CP10 before March 14, 2011, only.

Technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 512, 548, 595, 614, 644, 645, and 647 may be used for CP10.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP11 Vegetative Cover - Trees - Already Established (CP11 Eligible To Be Offered Before March 14, 2011, Only)

A Program Policy

Beginning March 14, 2011, CP11 is no longer available. For offers submitted before March 14, 2011, this practice code is used to identify land established to trees that is under CRP-1 at the time the acreage is offered and the producer elects to reoffer the acreage to be devoted to trees.

Notes: Thinning and/or creating open areas in eligible existing tree stands are not a separate practice. The open areas must be considered CP11.

Example: Jane Smith offered in signup 39 100 acres of existing trees under CRP-1. Mrs. Smith offered to thin the existing trees and create 15 acres of openings of native grass and shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. All 100 acres should have been offered as CP11.

See subparagraph B for C/S policy for this practice.

Not applicable to signups 10 through 13 and continuous signup.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP11 Vegetative Cover - Trees - Already Established (CP11 Eligible To Be Offered Before March 14, 2011, Only) (Continued)

B C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for planting of approved native grasses and/or shrubs within the 10 to 20 percent open areas created within the existing tree stand.

C/S is only authorized for the planting of approved cover within the open areas. C/S is **not** authorized for any component not listed in the following table.

Important: C/S is **not** authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent openings.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, herbicide, insecticide, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area in the 10 to 20 percent open areas created within the existing tree stand. Important: Open areas must be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grasses and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. Tree plantings within the open areas are not authorized. Notes: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments,--* must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician. This does not include herbicides or insecticides used as part of the maintenance of the cover.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 394, 550, 612, 644, 645, 647, and 666. Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, 645, and 647 are authorized for open areas only.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.

C Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for the practice is assigned to FS. If an FS representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot

A Purpose

This practice is to establish annual or perennial wildlife food plots that will enhance:

- wildlife
- wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to CRP land that is suitably located and adapted to the establishment of annual or perennial wildlife food plots.

C Eligibility

This practice must:

- enhance wildlife, wildlife habitat, or both
- improve environmental benefits below the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be carried out as specified in the approved conservation plan.

D C/S Policy

C/S is **not** authorized for this practice.

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Use the NRCS standards and specifications for wildlife upland or wetland habitat management for the desired wildlife species to:
 - establish suitable plant species for food plots
 - determine food plot location
 - determine total acres to be devoted to food plots.
- For CP23 and CP23A only, food plots may be planted or up to 10 percent of the enrolled acres
- Individual food plots must **not** exceed 5 acres in size and must **not** be immediately adjacent.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

- Food plots **must** be separated by a sufficient distance to maximize wildlife benefits and accessibility.
- This practice may be used in conjunction with the following practices only:
 - CP1
 - CP2
 - CP3
 - CP3A
 - CP4D
 - CP10 before March 14, 2011
 - CP11 before March 14, 2011
 - CP23, the land devoted to CP12 maybe up to 10 percent of the acreage enrolled as CP23
 - CP23A, the land devoted to CP12 may be up to 10 percent of the acreage enrolled as CP23A
 - CP25.

Note: The practice used in conjunction with CP12 determines the length of CRP-1. CP12's **must** be the same length of the practice used in conjunction with CP12.

- Food plots may be at 1 location throughout the life of CRP-1 or may be relocated each year. If relocated, the previous food plot **must** be seeded to an approved permanent vegetative cover at the producer's expense.
- ***--Soil amendments necessary to ensure that establishment of a successful food plot must--*** be applied.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- During installation, degradation of environmental benefits must be kept on an acceptable level.

Example: Using no-till seeding if appropriate.

- Food plots must be planted in the areas of CRP acreage that:
 - minimize adversity to environmental benefits
 - maximize wildlife benefits and accessibility.
- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1.

I CRP-1 Revisions

Existing CRP-1's may be revised to include planting wildlife food plots if:

- determined necessary and feasible by TSP
- included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: Adding a food plot to an existing CRP-1 does **not** extend the length of CRP-1.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot (Continued)

J Program Development

The county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as:

- spacing
- minimum planting per acres
- site preparation
- cultivation.

Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)

A Purpose

This practice is to establish strips of permanent vegetative cover generally following the contour on eligible cropland alternated with **wider cultivated strips** farmed on the contour that will reduce erosion and control runoff.

Note: This practice is **not** to develop or establish wildlife habitat.

Field border areas may be included in the contour buffer provided they are needed to drain water from the field as an integral part of the contour buffer system.

Important: NRCS or TSP **must** document, in writing, that the field border area is needed as an integral part of the contour buffer system to drain water from the field and for the contour buffer system to function properly.

Note: NRCS or TSP will determine the documentation needed to support the need for field borders consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be in the case file.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish permanent vegetative cover for contour grass strips alternated with wider cultivated strips that are farmed on the contour. Contour grass strips that are not alternated with **wider cultivated strips** are not eligible for enrollment.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Contour grass strips must be installed to the minimum design standard to reduce erosion and control runoff.

Important: Contour grass strips are not eligible to be installed on terraces. Contour grass strips may be used in conjunction with terraces as an overall conservation management system (contour grass strips installed between terraces) if needed to control erosion and runoff on eligible cropland.

C Size Requirements

Minimum standards for the width of a contour buffer strip and the number of strips needed in a field will depend on:

- soil types
- percent slope and slope lengths
- conservation practices applied on the field.

The lower most contour buffer strip in a field may be up to 2 times the minimum width recommended for the practice. The minimum acceptable width for a contour buffer strip:

- designed for soil erosion control purposes is 15 feet
- seeded to grass or a grass/legume mixture is 15 feet
- seeded to legumes only is 30 feet.

Note: Legumes are unlikely to persist for the duration of CRP-1. Therefore, reseeding, at the producer's expense, may be necessary.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

A contour buffer strip may be applied up to a maximum width of 30 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice. When the minimum design specification exceeds 30 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled.

Note: The lower most contour buffer strip in a field may be a maximum of 60 feet wide.

The maximum width of field border areas that may be enrolled is 15 feet. Field border areas may be included in the contour buffer only if they are needed to drain water from the field as an integral part of the contour buffer system.

Contour buffer strips **must** be installed to meet the minimum standards to reduce erosion and control runoff.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be required by the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...	
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 332, and 340.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding			
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
insecticides			
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seed or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately		
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover		not authorized.
insecticides			
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
--soil amendments--	to enhance production		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- **Must** be for the purpose of erosion and runoff control.
- **Must** be alternated with **wider** cultivated strips that are farmed on the contour.
- Not eligible to be installed on terraces.
- ~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish adequate~~ cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife concerns when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces

A Purpose

This practice is to establish vegetative cover on terraces to enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion. This practice is only applicable on terraces that are no longer under practice lifespan to ensure that the long-term functions of the terrace are maintained.

Notes: This practice is **not** to develop or establish wildlife habitat. Wildlife concerns may be considered when making determinations about seed varieties.

Important: This practice is only available on existing terraces that are no longer under the practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace practice.

NRCS or TSP must determine the documentation needed to support the need for CP15B consistent with FOTG standards. Documentation **must** be in the case file that the practice is needed and feasible.

Example: A terrace was installed under ACP in 1985. The practice lifespan was 10 years. The terrace is not in a vegetative cover and is functional. NRCS or TSP determines grass seeding is needed and feasible to enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion. This terrace is eligible to be enrolled in CRP as CP15B.

This practice is eligible for SIP or PIP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice on eligible cropland that is suitably located on a terrace, which is not planted to a vegetative cover, is no longer under the practice lifespan, but seeding is needed and feasible consistent with the purposes of the practice. The area to be included is the actual terrace itself and an adequate buffer. Cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A. See subparagraph C for size requirements of the buffer area.

--Contour grass strips established on terraces must be installed to the minimum design standard-- to ensure long-term viability of the terraces to reduce erosion and enhance water quality.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
(Continued)**

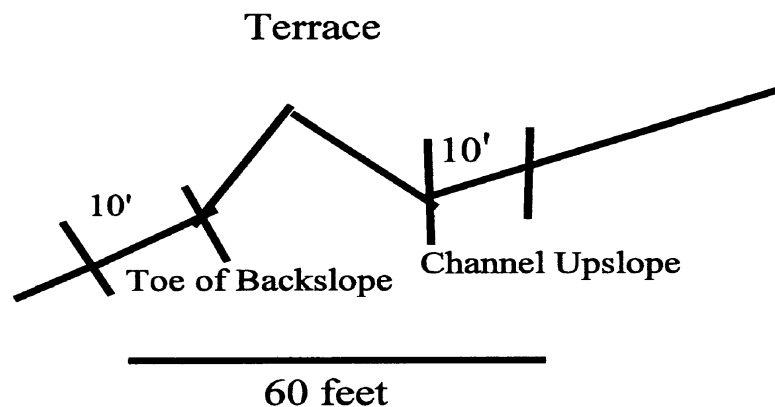
C Size Requirements

--Minimum size standard for a contour buffer strip established on a terrace must be the-- minimum size necessary to protect the terraces. It may require a buffer not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope portion of the terrace. The maximum width of CP15B **must** not exceed 60 feet, including the buffer areas.

The practice must be designed to control soil erosion consistent with NRCS FOTG.

The following diagrams provide examples of the maximum width for CP15B.

Example 1 Grassed-Back Terrace



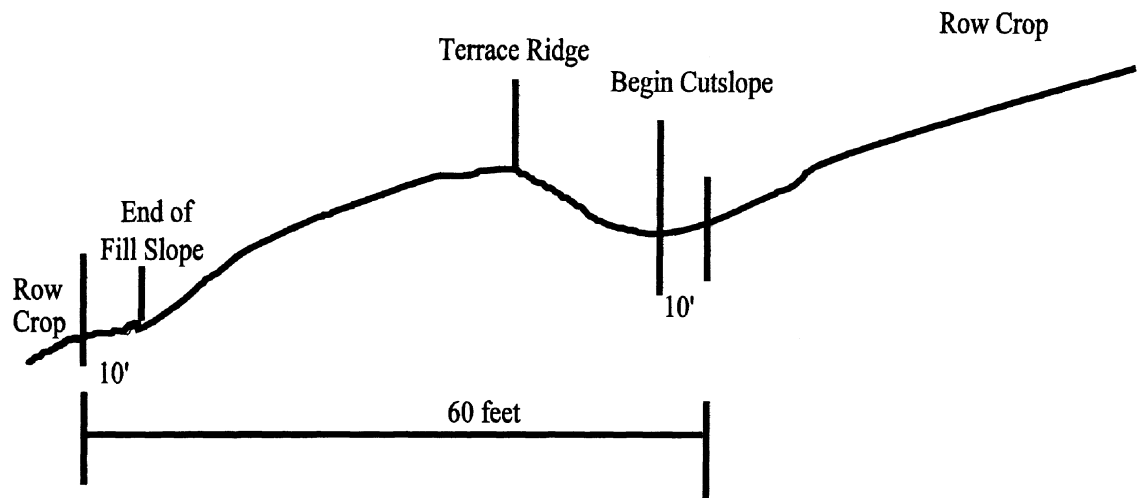
Note: The area of CP15B **must** not exceed 60 feet from the toe of the backslope side of the terrace to the channel upslope, including the 10-foot buffer area on either side of the terrace.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

C Size Requirements (Continued)

Example 2 Broad-Based Terraces



Note: The area of CP15B is measured from the beginning of the cutslope to the end of the fill slope. A 10-foot buffer may be included on either side of the terrace. In no case will CP15B exceed 60 feet wide, including the 10-foot buffer area on either side of the terrace.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be on eligible cropland
- be installed on terraces that NRCS or TSP determines are properly functioning and are no longer protected by practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace practice

Note: An adjacent buffer, not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope, may be installed provided NRCS or TSP determines it is needed and feasible.

- not be installed on terraces that are currently in a vegetative cover
- be applicable only where seeding is needed and feasible
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

Examples: A producer would like to enroll into CRP an existing terrace that has been in grass cover for the past 5 years. The terrace would **not** be eligible.

A producer would like to enroll into CRP a terrace. The terrace, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not functioning properly. The terrace would **not** be eligible unless it is repaired.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...	
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 332, and 340.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding			
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
insecticides			
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately		
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover		not authorized.
insecticides			
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
--soil amendments--	to enhance production		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- **Must** meet cropping history.
- **Must not** be under a practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace system, as determined by COC.
- Seeding the terrace **must** be needed and feasible to accomplish the purposes of the practice.
- **Must** be installed on a terrace that NRCS or TSP determines is properly functioning.
- **Must** only be for the actual terrace and a buffer not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope side of the structure.

Note: CP15B **must not** exceed a maximum width of 60 feet, including the buffer areas.

- ~~*~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish adequate cover consistent with NRCS FOTG.
- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
(Continued)**

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Although the purpose of the practice is not to establish wildlife habitat, consider wildlife concerns when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment

A Purpose

This practice is to establish shelterbelts on a farm or ranch to:

- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area
- save energy
- protect farmsteads or livestock areas
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located to protect farmsteads or livestock areas against serious wind and to save energy.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

C Size Requirements

Shelterbelts must be installed to design standards in FOTG, established to protect farmsteads or livestock areas regardless of the purpose of the shelterbelt. A shelterbelt may be applied up to a maximum width of up to 2 times the design standard for protecting farmsteads or livestock areas, if requested by the producer to accomplish the purpose of protecting farmsteads or livestock areas.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
trees or shrubs planted as shelterbelts that will improve the environmental benefits on a farm or ranch	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 380, 441, 484, 550, 612, and 645.
temporary cover and the justification is:	
• required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
plastic mulch or supplemental drip irrigation, for arid areas	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices, and the purpose is approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
Note: STC must designate areas where using these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	
planting orchard trees	not authorized.
ornamental planting	
Christmas tree production	
fences	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- When supplemental drip irrigation or plastic mulch is applied and the average precipitation for the area is 25 inches or less.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- *--Planting **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment (Continued)

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to improve environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

--The following must be considered when developing this practice.--

- Consider wildlife and environmental protection when designing this practice.
- State/county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum planting per acre, site preparation, etc., that are conditions for C/S. Technical specifications may be incorporated by reference.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences

A Purpose

This practice is to establish living snow fences on a farm or ranch to:

- manage snow
- provide living screen
- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development of living snow fences to protect against drifting snow on lanes, road, railroads and public facilities:

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

C Size Requirements

Living snow fences must be installed to the design standard in FOTG, established for snow management regardless of the purpose of the living snow fence. The maximum width, including the snow catch area, of a field windbreak must not exceed the design standard for snow management.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to below the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
trees or shrubs planted as living snow fences to improve the environmental benefits on a farm or ranch	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 380, 441, 484, 550, 612, and 645.
temporary cover and the justification is:	
• required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
plastic mulch or supplemental drip irrigation, for arid areas	
planting orchard trees	not authorized.
ornamental planting	
Christmas tree production	
fences	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- When supplemental drip irrigation or plastic mulch is applied and the average annual precipitation for the area is 25 inches or less.
- *--Planting **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to improve environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop State/county program.

- Consider wildlife and environmental protection when designing this practice.
- State/county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum planting per acre, site preparation, etc., that are conditions for C/S. Technical specifications may be incorporated by reference.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity

A Purpose

This practice is to either establish permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover within saline seep areas or establish permanent vegetative cover in areas causing seeps, including trees or shrubs, on eligible cropland that will improve the environmental benefits of a farm or ranch.

The cover **must** address the resource problem with the minimum acreage needed to control the saline seep.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish or maintain permanent vegetation to reduce salinity.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

The use of this practice is only permitted if the technical recommendations are based on a sound technical basis that will address the resource problem. Only the minimum number of acres needed to control the saline seep formation may be enrolled.

Example: A technician recommends that a 40-acre field be enrolled in CRP to control a 1-acre saline seep. The technician is recommending enrollment of excessive acreage. The technician **must** focus the recharge area to only the portion of the field associated to the saline seep development.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period on areas causing seeps or the seep areas
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...	
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 512, 550, 610, and 645.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding			
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
insecticides			
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seed or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately		
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover		not authorized.
insecticides			
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
earthmoving			
--soil amendments--		to enhance production	

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The saline seep and recharge area **must** meet the definitions in Exhibit 2.

Note: For re-enrolled acreage, NRCS or TSP has flexibility on the characteristics of the saline seep, including soil electrical conductivity, sodium absorption rate, pH, and water level. NRCS or TSP must evaluate the potential that the saline seep would occur without vegetative cover in the discharge and/or recharge area.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- TSP **must** use the best available data to define the recharge area to solve the resource problem with the minimum amount of acres.
- For seeps less than 5 acres, the recharge area cannot exceed a ratio of 10 acres of recharge to 1 acre of seep, which meets the definition in Exhibit 2.
- A map **must** be clearly marked with the saline seep, the exact acreage of the saline seep, and the recharge area.
- Acreage must not exceed 50 acres, unless NRCS SRC or designee and at least 1 independent technical peer with extensive knowledge in saline seeps review the practice before approval. For States with no independent technical peer, SRC or designee must serve that role.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid adverse impacts to surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity (Continued)

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the CRP-1 period
- the cover fails to improve the environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover

A Purpose

This practice is to establish permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover on eligible cropland with existing high water tables that will improve the environmental benefits of a farm or ranch.

The cover **must** address the resource problem with the minimum acreage needed to control the saline seep.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish or maintain permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

The use of this practice is only permitted if the technical recommendations are based on a sound technical basis that will solve the resource problem. Only the minimum number of acres needed to control the saline seep formation may be enrolled.

Example: A technician recommends that a 40-acre field be enrolled in CRP to control a 1-acre saline seep. The technician is recommending enrollment of excessive acreage. The technician **must** focus the recharge area to only the portion of the field associated to the saline seep development.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period on areas with existing highwater tables
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...	
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 512, 550, 610, and 645.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding			
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
insecticides			
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately		
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover		not authorized.
insecticides			
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
earthmoving			
--soil amendments--	to enhance production		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The saline seep **must** meet the definition according to Exhibit 2.

Note: For re-enrolled acreage, NRCS or TSP has flexibility on the characteristics of the saline seep, including soil electrical conductivity, sodium absorption rate, pH, and water level. NRCS or TSP will evaluate the potential that the saline seep would occur without vegetative cover in the discharge and/or recharge area.

- NRCS or TSP **must** use the best available data to define the recharge area to solve the resource problem with the minimum amount of acres.
- For seeps less than 5 acres, the recharge area cannot exceed a ratio of 10 acres of recharge to 1 acre of seep, which meets the definition in Exhibit 2.
- A map **must** be clearly marked with the saline seep, the exact acreage of the saline seep, and the recharge area.
- Acreage must not exceed 50 acres, unless NRCS SRC or designee and at least 1 independent technical peer with extensive knowledge in saline seeps review the practice before approval. For States with no independent technical peer, SRC or designee must serve that role.
- NRCS will issue guidance on technical assistance job approval authority for the practice.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- ~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate~~ cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid adverse impacts on surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the useful life of the practice.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the CRP-1 period
- the cover fails to improve the environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish permanent vegetation to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

CP21's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, and CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, or CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without any additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality, must not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

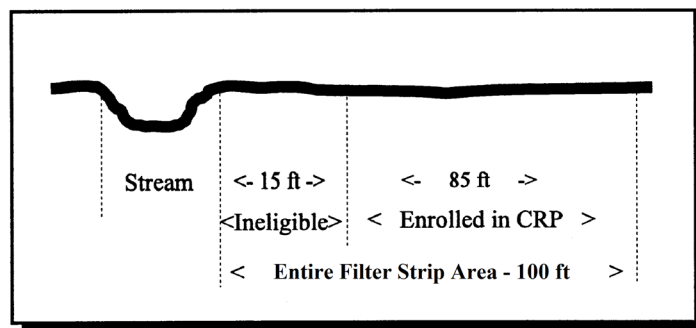
C Size Requirements (Continued)

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide filter strip to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the filter strip **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the filter strip is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum of width 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The filter strip must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a filter strip
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the filter strip.

This diagram provides an example of a filter strip adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The filter strip is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire filter strip (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 378, 382, 386, 390, 393, 410, 516, 533, 574, 604, 605, 614, 642, and 645.
or nutrient		
site preparation		
eligible seed and seeding	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
herbicide		
insecticide		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	- required in the practice specification - needed until required seed or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the cover immediately	authorized.
pipelines and watering facilities or developments constructed outside of the filter strip	providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the filter strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation. Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the stream bank.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate-nitrogen content of subsurface agricultural drainage flow
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish and maintain a denitrifying bioreactor on permanent grass vegetation to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- sites where there is a need to reduce nitrate-nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow.

Note: This practice does not apply to underground outlets from practices such as terraces, where the drainage source is primarily from surface inlets.

CP21B's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, and CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, and CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without any additional practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21B.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide filter strip to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the filter strip **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the filter strip is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

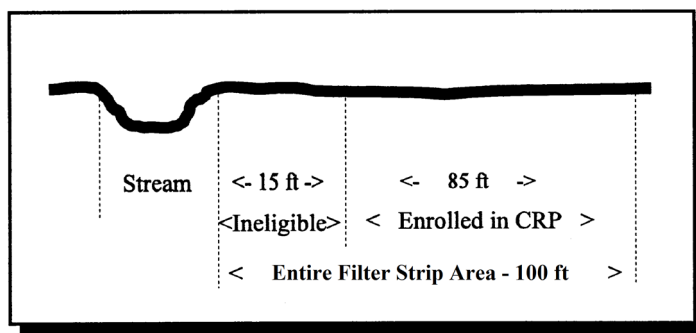
CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

The filter strip must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a filter strip
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the filter strip.

This diagram provides an example of a filter strip adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The filter strip is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire filter strip (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- meet the purpose of the practice
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 386, 390, 393, 394, 550, 595, 643, 645, and 647.
--soil amendments-- or nutrient		
eligible seed and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed *--mixtures, nutrients, and soil amendments must be--* specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
geotextile or plastic lining for the bottom, sides and top, media (wood chips or other approved material), chamber markers, and installation	to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow into and out of the chamber	
perforated tile and installation	- to be used inside the media chamber to spread out the water and to collect it at the lower end - to re-route existing tile into the water level control structure	
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	
non-perforated tile and installation	to be used on both sides of the water level control structures	
outlet	if an outlet is needed in place of the tile to outlet into the creek	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
pipeline and watering facilities constructed outside of the filter strip	providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the filter strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	authorized.
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the stream bank.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications needed until required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- ~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate~~ cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.
- When appropriate, a pollinator type mix will be used to establish the cover on top of the chamber.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate loading to surface water from subsurface drain outlets
- artificially raise the water table by diverting much of the water from a subsurface drainage system along the saturated filter strip to reduce nitrate loading to subsurface water through enhanced denitrification
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish or maintain saturated filter strips to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be.

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP

Note: This practice is applicable to cropland with a subsurface drainage system that can be adapted to discharge to vegetated area.

- soils and topography that are capable of maintaining a raised water table without adverse effects to stream banks, shorelines, and adjacent land.

Note: This practice does not apply to drainage systems or underground outlet systems that have surface inlets which allow entry of soil and debris capable of plugging the distribution pipe(s).

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

CP21S's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, and CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, and CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21S.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet.

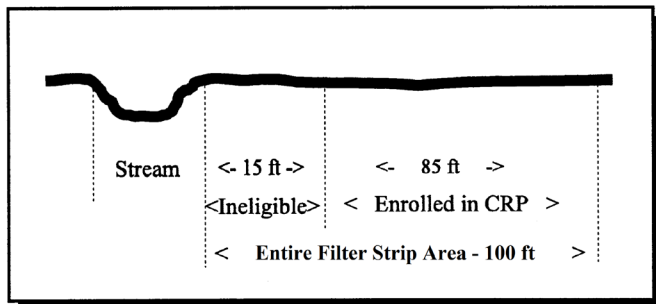
Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide filter strip to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the filter strip **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the filter strip is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The filter strip must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a filter strip
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the filter strip.

This diagram provides an example of a filter strip adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The filter strip is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire filter strip (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21SSaturated Filter Strips (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- meet the purpose of the practice
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 386, 390, 393, 394, 533, 550, 595, 643, 645, and 647
--soil amendments-- or nutrient		
eligible seed and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow of water out into the drain field	
perforated tile and installation	distribute the water to the drain field	
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	
non-perforated tile and installation	distribute the water to the drain field	
outlet	if an outlet is needed in place of the tile to outlet into creek	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
pipeline and watering facilities constructed outside of the filter strip	providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	authorized.
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the filter strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation. Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the stream bank.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications needed until required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- ~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate~~ cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer

A Purposes

The purpose of this practice is to:

- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- create shade to lower water temperature to improve habitat for aquatic organisms
- provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish riparian buffers to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees
- the cropland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22, Riparian Buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers must be enrolled as CP29.

- the marginal pastureland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22, Riparian Buffer.

For both cropland and marginal pastureland, CP22's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, CP21B, and CP21S because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, or CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern with additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements

A riparian buffer must not be less than 35 feet in width. The maximum width of a riparian buffer is the lesser of 100 feet or 30 percent of the geomorphic floodplain. An area of native grasses and forbs may be added, if otherwise eligible, only for concentrated flow conditions dependent on the site.

Excessive sheet-rill and concentrated flow will be controlled in areas immediately adjacent and up-gradient of the buffer. This area must be the minimum necessary to control excessive sheet-rill erosion and/or concentrated flow.

A riparian buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 180 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of riparian buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 180 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP22 on cropland only.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 180 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 180 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll cropland to be devoted to a 180-foot-wide riparian buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the riparian buffer needs to be a minimum of 200 feet in width. Because the purpose of the riparian buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 200 feet may be enrolled. The 200-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

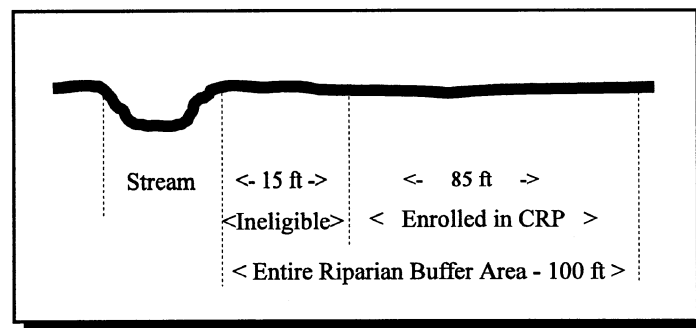
C Size Requirements (Continued)

The riparian buffer must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

This land must not be enrolled in CRP. However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a riparian buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the riparian buffer.

This diagram provides an example of a riparian buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land not enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The riparian buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire riparian buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on land that meets the cropland or marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A or 181 C, as applicable
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Note: Use tree species that are native and noninvasive. Substitution with improved and locally accepted cultivars is permitted. Use high quality and adapted plant material.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments,--, nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 378, 382, 390, 391, 394, 410, 441, 516, 533, 548, 550, 574, 578, 604, 605, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	authorized.
pipelines and water facilities or developments constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 511.	
plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas	
a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
streambank stabilization		not authorized.
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover or enhance production	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
--soil amendments-- and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1.

Exceptions: See paragraph 426 for exceptions to 12-month planting requirement.

See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species suited to the soil and hydrology of the site is present to meet the purpose of the practice

Note: Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.

- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other nonapproved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S will be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration (Continued)

NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC must ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of CRP-1 effective date.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

J Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate nitrogen content of subsurface agricultural drainage flow
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- create shade to lower water temperature to improve habitat for aquatic organisms
- provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish and maintain denitrifying bioreactors on riparian buffers to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- sites where there is a need to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow.

Note: This practice does not apply to underground outlets from practices such as terraces, where the drainage source is primarily from surface inlets.

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees
- the cropland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers must be enrolled as CP29.

- the marginal pastureland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer.

For both cropland and marginal pastureland CP22B's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, CP21B, or CP21S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP21, CP21B, and CP21S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements

A riparian buffer must not be less than 35 feet in width. The maximum width of a riparian buffer is the lesser of 100 feet or 30 percent of the geomorphic floodplain. An area of native grasses and forbs may be added, if otherwise eligible, only for concentrate flow conditions dependent on the site.

Excessive sheet-rill and concentrated flow will be controlled in areas immediately adjacent and up-gradient of the buffer. This area must be the minimum necessary to control excessive sheet-rill erosion and/or concentrated flow.

A riparian buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 180 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of riparian buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 180 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP22B on cropland only.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 180 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 180 feet.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll cropland to be devoted to a 180-foot-wide riparian buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the riparian buffer needs to be a minimum of 200 feet in width. Because the purpose of the riparian buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 200 feet may be enrolled. The 200-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The riparian buffer must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

This land must not be enrolled in CRP. However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer, the ineligible land **must be** included:

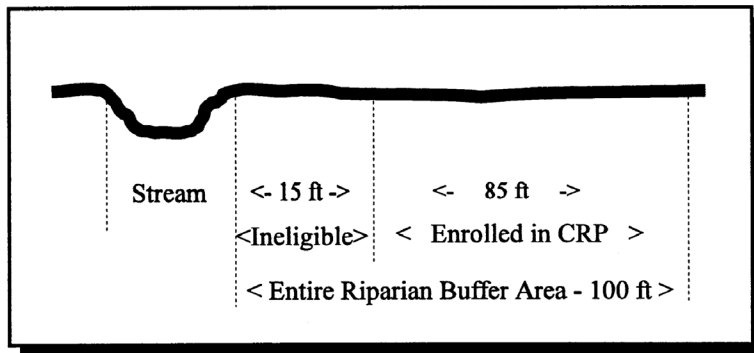
- in the area used as a riparian buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the riparian buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

This diagram provides an example of a riparian buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The riparian buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire riparian buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on land that meets the cropland or marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A or 181 C, as applicable
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility (Continued)

- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Note: Use tree species that are native and noninvasive. Substitution with improved and locally accepted cultivars is permitted. Use high quality and adapted plant material.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 378, 382, 390, 391, 410, 441, 516, 533, 548, 550, 574, 578, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
geotextile or plastic lining for the bottom, sides and top, media (wood chips or other approved materials), chamber markers, and installation	to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow into and out of the chamber	
perforated tile and installation	• to be used inside the media chamber to spread out the water and collect it at the lower end • to re-route existing tile into the water level control structure	
outlet	if needed in place of the tile to outlet into the creek	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	authorized.
non-perforated tile and installation	to be used on both sides of the water level controls structures	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	
pipelines and water facilities constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 511.	
plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
streambank stabilization		not authorized.
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover or enhance production	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
--soil amendments-- and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The riparian buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.
- *--When appropriate, a pollinator type mix will be used to establish the cover on top of the chamber.--*

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1.

Exceptions: See paragraph 426 for exceptions to the 12-month planting requirement.

See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species suited to the soil and hydrology of the site is present to meet the purpose of the practice
- **Note:** Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.
- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other non-approved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S must be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration (Continued)

NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC must **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC must ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of the CRP-1 effective date.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

J Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate loading to surface water from subsurface drain outlets
- artificially raise the water table by diverting much of the water from a subsurface drainage system along the buffer to reduce nitrate loading to subsurface water through enhanced denitrification
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- create shade to lower water temperature to improve habitat for aquatic organisms
- provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish and maintain saturated riparian buffers to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- soils and topography that are capable of maintaining a raised water table without adverse effects to stream banks, shorelines, and adjacent land.

Note: This practice does not apply to drainage systems or underground outlet systems that have surface inlets which allow entry of soil and debris capable of plugging the distribution pipe(s).

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.
- the cropland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer.

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers must be enrolled as CP29.

- the marginal pastureland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

For both cropland and marginal pastureland CP22S's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, CP21B, or CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP21, CP21B, and CP21S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

C Size Requirements

A riparian buffer must not be less than 35 feet in width. The maximum width of a riparian buffer is the lessor of 100 feet or 30 percent of the geomorphic floodplain. An area of native grasses and forbs may be added, if otherwise eligible, only for concentrate flow conditions dependent on the site.

Excessive sheet-rill and concentrated flow will be controlled in areas immediately adjacent and up-gradient of the buffer. This area must be the minimum necessary to control excessive sheet-rill erosion and/or concentrated flow.

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 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

A riparian buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 180 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of riparian buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 180 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP22S on cropland only.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 180 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 180 feet.

Note: NRCS use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll cropland to be devoted to a 180-foot-wide riparian buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the riparian buffer needs to be a minimum of 200 feet in width. Because the purpose of the riparian buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 200 feet may be enrolled. The 200-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The riparian buffer must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

This land must not be enrolled in CRP. However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer, the ineligible land **must be** included:

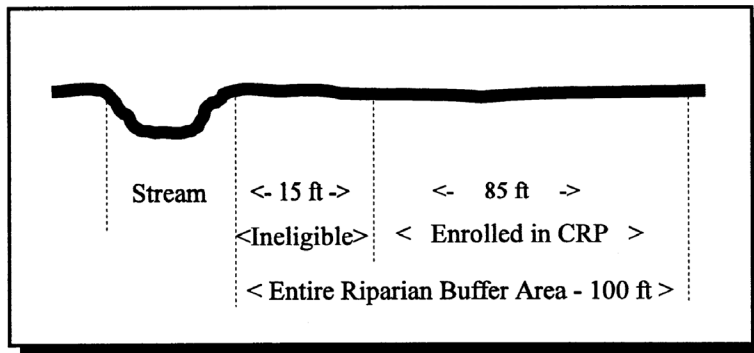
- in the area used as a riparian buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the riparian buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

This diagram provides an example of a riparian buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The riparian buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire riparian buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on land that meets the cropland or marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A or 181 C, as applicable
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Note: Use tree species that are native and noninvasive. Substitution with improved and locally accepted cultivars is permitted. Use high quality and adapted plant material.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed *--mixtures, nutrients, and soil amendments must be--* specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 378, 382, 390, 391, 410, 441, 516, 533, 548, 550, 574, 578, 605, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
media chamber, geotextile or plastic lining for the bottom, sides and top and media (wood chips or other approved materials), and installation	to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow into and out of the chamber	
perforated tile and installation	- to be used inside the media chamber to spread out the water and collect it at the lower end - to re-route existing tile into the water level control structure	
outlet	if needed in place of the tile to outlet into the creek	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	authorized.
non-perforated tile and installation	to be used on both sides of the water level controls structures	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	
pipelines and water facilities constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 511.	
plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas	
a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
streambank stabilization		not authorized.
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover or enhance production	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
--soil amendments-- and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The riparian buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1.

Exceptions: See paragraph 426 for exceptions to the 12-month planting requirement.

See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
- an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species suited to the soil and hydrology of the site is present to meet the purpose of the practice

Note: Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.

- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration (Continued)

- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other non-approved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S will be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration.

NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC must **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC must ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of the CRP-1 effective date.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

J Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem must be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands and associated acreage that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.).

Selection of cottonwood as a component must be silviculturally and ecologically appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics must be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

C Total Eligible Cropland Limit

Total eligible cropland for wetland restorations is limited to cropland:

- according to paragraph 151
- within the 100-year floodplain of a permanent river or stream
- that includes a minimum of 51 percent hydric soils for the acreage offered (nonbuffer areas).

Note: An offer that includes a buffer outside the 100-year floodplain may be enrolled if otherwise eligible, needed, and feasible for the practice.

D Size Requirements

The amount of adjacent upland acreage to be enrolled must be determined by NRCS. The amount of adjacent upland acres:

- is limited to the minimum number of acres required to provide a protective buffer to the cropped wetland and to enhance wildlife habitat
- may be less than the 3 to 1 ratio
- must not exceed the 3 to 1 ratio.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

F C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	327, 338, 340, 342, 356, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of native and permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	authorized.
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
structures, like pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed - that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	authorized.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
--soil amendment-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	
cottonwoods planted to serve as a nurse crop for other hardwoods		

G Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration must be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State.
- Planting of cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

G Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

H Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

J Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

--Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP-1-- period appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. C/S for tree thinning is authorized.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP. For areas to be established to trees, FS or State Forestry Agency must have technical responsibility. The State Forester has responsibility for determining whether selection of a cottonwood species component is silviculturally and ecologically appropriate.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem will be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands and associated acreage that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer.

--This practice must be applied to either of the following:--

- located outside the 100-year floodplain
- playa lakes.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.).

Selection of cottonwood as a component must be silviculturally and ecologically appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics must be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

C Size Requirements

The amount of adjacent upland acreage to be enrolled will be determined by NRCS. The amount of adjacent upland acres:

- is limited to the minimum number of acres required to provide a protective buffer to the cropped wetland and to enhance wildlife habitat
- may be less than the 4 to 1 ratio
- must not exceed the 4 to 1 ratio.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized.
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of native and permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	authorized.
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
structures, like pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed - that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 356, 394, 548, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	
cottonwoods planted to serve as a nurse crop for other hardwoods		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem will be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration will be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State.
- Planting for cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of CRP-1 appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance (Continued)

C/S will be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility. The State Forester has responsibility for determining whether selection of a cottonwood species component is silviculturally and ecologically appropriate.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish at least 2 or more strips, varying in size, of permanent vegetative cover resistant to wind erosion perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction on eligible cropland with a wind erosion EI greater than or equal to 4 ($EI \geq 4$) that will:

- reduce on-farm wind erosion
- trap wind-borne sediments and sediment borne contaminants
- help protect public health and safety.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to permanent vegetative cover for cross wind trap strips perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

This practice must:

- consist of at least 2 strips each that meet the size requirements in subparagraph D
- not exceed, in aggregate, 10 percent of the total field acreage
- only be devoted to eligible cropland with a wind erosion EI greater than or equal to 4 ($EI \geq 4$).

C Size Requirements

Cross wind trap strips must:

- be a minimum of 15 feet in width
- not exceed 25 feet in width
- consist of permanent vegetation that is a minimum of 12 inches in height
- not exceed, in aggregate, 10 percent of the total acreage in the field.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be required by the approved conservation plan
- not exceed the size requirements in subparagraph D
- only be devoted to eligible cropland with a wind erosion EI greater than or equal to 4 (EI ≥ 4).

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 548, 550, 589, and 590.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish adequate cover--* to improve environmental benefits.

- The acreage seeded must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- Designed width of strips **must** be maintained for the life of CRP-1.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Deposition of soil materials must be removed when the accumulated sediment in the cross wind trap strip exceeds 6 inches in depth.

Note: Cover must be reseeded, at producer's expense, after accumulated sediment is removed.

- Vegetative cover height of at least 12 inches must be maintained for the life of CRP-1.
- The practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife concerns when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- width of the strips is not maintained
- minimum height of vegetative cover is not maintained
- sediment deposition is not removed, when required, and acreage reseeded
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

--C/S is not authorized for management activities.--

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of critically endangered, endangered, and threatened habitats. The extent of the restoration is determined by the specifications developed at the State level.

Note: All State specifications **must** be reviewed and approved by DAFP.

Habitats eligible for restoration include:

- Critically endangered, endangered, and threatened ecosystems listed in Appendix B of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Biological Service, Biological Report 28, “Endangered Ecosystems of the United States: A Preliminary Assessment of Loss and Degradation.”

Note: See subparagraph M.

- Other specifically identified habitats within a State with documented losses of greater than 70 percent since European settlement.

Notes: Documentation of 70 percent or greater loss **must** be provided for all habitats not listed in subparagraph M.

All habitats not listed in subparagraph L **must** be approved by DAFP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP.

Notes: NRCS technical restoration specifications will be developed in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

Technical expertise from other Federal and State agencies and/or private organizations is encouraged to assist with habitat establishment and long-term management of the restored habitats.

State NRCS Offices must submit **all** specifications developed to NRCS National Headquarters for review. To be an eligible practice, specifications **must** be approved by DAFP before implementation.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The size requirements for this practice will be determined in consultation with NRCS or TSP and the FOTG.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on eligible lands where the rare and declining habitat can be restored in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- restore the native vegetative components and functions, and values of rare and declining wildlife habitats to a level determined by the specifications developed at the State level and approved by DAFP.

Note: C/S must not exceed 50 percent of the price at which the land placed in CRP could be sold for use as farmland at the time at which CRP-1 is signed by the producer. See paragraph 490.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC Notes: The requirements of this practice, including eligible seed mixtures and *--soil amendments must be specified--* in the practice specification, as developed by the designated technician. Only seed that meets the purpose of the practice will be eligible for C/S.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 362, 394, 441, 550, 574, 600, 612, 614, 643, 645, 657, and 658.
eligible seed, including grasses, trees, shrubs, legumes, and forbs		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seed or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
structures, such as pipe, flashboard risers, gates, chutes, and outlets	to restore hydrology, when applicable, for an effective practice, as determined by the designated technician and stated as needed in the technical specifications submitted for review and in the approved conservation plan	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree tubes, plastic mulch, and temporary irrigation systems	in arid areas where needed to establish a tree planting, as determined by the designated technician, and stated as needed in the technical specifications submitted for review and in the approved conservation plan	authorized.
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site and specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

States must develop detailed:

- specifications to accomplish the successful restoration of the critically endangered, endangered, and threatened habitats within the State
- maps of the area where the approved practice specifications will be implemented.

All specifications **must** be reviewed and approved by DAFP.

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The approved critically endangered, endangered, or threatened habitat must be restored according to specifications developed by the State and approved by DAFP.
- ~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to restore the rare and declining habitat vegetative characteristics, as provided by the State specific restoration specifications.~~
- Acreage **must** be maintained according to the conservation plan for the life of CRP-1.
- The acreage enrolled must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- ***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.
- The size of the acreage established must be of sufficient size and location on the landscape ~~as to meet the purpose of the practice.~~
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Restoration of critically endangered, endangered, and threatened habitats is the primary consideration when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications. Consider preserving and improving the surrounding environment when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- restoration fails to meet the goals of the practice during the practice lifespan, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control
- cover fails, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

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K Program Development

State-specific specifications will be developed for this practice and **must** be reviewed and approved by DAFP.

County Offices are not authorized to modify established specifications or develop county practices for CP25.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems

Critically Endangered (>98 Percent Decline) Ecosystems

Old-growth and other virgin stands in the eastern deciduous forest biome.

Spruce-fir (*Picea rubens-Abies fraseri*) forest in the southern Appalachians.

Red pine (*Pinus resinosa*) and white pine (*Pinus strobus*) forests (mature and old-growth) in Michigan.

Longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) forests and savannas in the southeastern coastal plain.

Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) rockland habitat in South Florida.

Loblolly pine-shortleaf pine (*Pinus taeda-Pinus echinata*) hardwood forests in the West Gulf Coastal Plain.

Arundinaria gigantea canebrakes in the Southeast.

Tallgrass prairie east of the Missouri River and on mesic sites across range.

Bluegrass savanna-woodland and prairies in Kentucky.

Black Belt prairies in Alabama and Mississippi and in the Jackson Prairie in Mississippi.

Ungrazed dry prairie in Florida.

Oak (*Quercus* spp.) savanna in the Midwest.

Wet and mesic coastal prairies in Louisiana.

Lakeplain wet prairie in Michigan.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Sedge (*Carex* spp. and others) meadows in Wisconsin.

Hempstead Plains grasslands on Long Island.

Lake sand beaches in Vermont.

Serpentine barrens, maritime heathland, and pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*)-heath barrens in New York.

Prairies (all types) and oak savannas in the Willamette Valley and in the foothills of the Coast Range, Oregon.

Palouse prairie (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and in similar communities in Montana).

Native grasslands (all types) in California.

Alkali sink scrub in southern California.

Coastal strand in southern California.

Ungrazed sagebrush steppe in the Intermountain West.

Basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) in the Snake River Plain of Idaho.

Atlantic white-cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*) stands in the Great Dismal Swamp of Virginia and in North Carolina and possibly across the entire range.

Streams in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Endangered (85-98 Percent Decline)

Old-growth and other virgin forests in regions and in States other than in those already listed, except in Alaska.

Mesic limestone forest and barrier island beaches in Maryland.

Coastal plain Atlantic white-cedar swamp, maritime oak-holly (*Quercus spp.-Ilex spp.*) forest, maritime redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) forest, marl fen, marl pond shore, and oak openings in New York.

Coastal heathland in southern New England and on Long Island.

Pine-oak-heath sandplain woods and lake sand beach in Vermont.

Floodplain forests in New Hampshire.

Red spruce (*Picea rubens*) forests in the central Appalachians (West Virginia).

Lowland forest in southeastern Missouri.

High-quality oak-hickory (*Quercus spp.-Carya spp.*) forest on the Cumberland Plateau and on the Highland Rim of Tennessee.

Limestone redcedar (*Juniperus virginianus*) glades in Tennessee.

Wet longleaf pine savanna and eastern upland longleaf pine forest in Louisiana.

Calcareous prairie, Fleming glade, shortleaf pine/oak-hickory forest, mixed hardwood-loblolly pine forest, eastern xeric sandhill woodland, and stream terrace sandy woodland/savanna in Louisiana.

Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) forests in southwestern Florida.

Red pine and white pine forests in Minnesota.

Coastal redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) forests in California.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Old-growth ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) forests in the northern Rocky Mountains, Intermountain West, and eastside Cascades Mountains.

Riparian forests in California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Coastal sage scrub (especially maritime) and coastal mixed chaparral in southern California.

Dry forest on main islands of Hawaii.

All types of native habitats in the lower delta of the Rio Grande River, Texas.

Tallgrass prairie (all types combined).

Native shrub and grassland steppe in Oregon and in Washington.

Low elevation grasslands in Montana.

Gulf Coast pitcher plant (*Sarracenia* spp.) bogs.

Upland hardwoods in the Coastal Plain of Tennessee.

Pocosins (evergreen shrub bogs) and ultramafic soligenous wetlands in Virginia.

Mountain bogs (southern Appalachian bogs and swamp forest-bog complex) in Tennessee and in North Carolina.

Upland wetlands on the Highland Rim of Tennessee.

Saline wetlands in eastern Nebraska.

Wetlands (all types combined) in south-central California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio.

Marshes in the Carson-Truckee area of western Nevada.

Low-elevation wetlands in Idaho.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Woody hardwood draws, glacial pothole ponds, and peatlands in Montana.

Vernal pools in the Central Valley and in southern California.

Marshes in the Coos Bay area of Oregon.

Freshwater marsh and coastal salt marsh in Southern California.

Seasonal wetlands of the San Francisco Bay, California.

Large streams and rivers in all major regions.

Aquatic mussel (Unionidae) beds in Tennessee.

Submersed aquatic vegetation in the Chesapeake Bay, in Maryland, and in Virginia.

Mangrove swamps and salt marsh along the Indian River lagoon, Florida.

Seagrass meadows in Galveston Bay, Texas.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Threatened (70 - 84 Percent Decline)

Nationwide riparian forests (other than in already listed regions), including southern bottomland hardwood forests.

Xeric habitats (scrub, scrubby flatwoods, sandhills) on the Lake Wales Ridge, Florida.

Tropical hardwood hammocks on the central Florida keys.

Northern hardwood forest, aspen (*Populus* spp.) parkland, and jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*) forests in Minnesota.

Saline prairie, western upland longleaf pine forest, live oak-pine-magnolia (*Quercus virginiana*-*Pinus* spp.-*Magnolia* spp.) forest, western xeric sandhill woodland, slash pine-pond baldcypress-hardwood (*Pinus elliottii*-*Taxodium ascendens*) forest, wet and mesic spruce-pine (*P. glabra*)-hardwood flatwoods, wet mixed hardwood-loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) flatwoods, and flatwoods ponds in Louisiana.

Alvar grassland, calcareous pavement barrens, dwarf pine ridges, mountain spruce-fir forest, inland Atlantic whitecedar swamp, freshwater tidal swamp, inland salt marsh, patterned peatland, perched bog, pitch pine-blueberry (*Pinus rigida*-*Vaccinium* spp.) peat swamp, coastal plain poor fens, rich graminoid fen, rich slopping fen, and riverside ice meadow in New York.

Maritime-like forests in the Clearwater Basin of Idaho.

Woodland and chaparral on Santa Catalina Island.

Southern tamarack (*Larix laricina*) swamp in Michigan.

Wetlands (all kinds) in Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, and Maryland.

Marshes in the Puget Sound region, Washington.

Cienegas (marshes) in Arizona.

Coastal wetlands in California.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands * * *

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetlands that have been devoted to agricultural use. Hydrology and vegetation **must** be restored to the maximum extent possible, as determined by USDA.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of the wetland hydrology and vegetation is required to the maximum extent possible.

--Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 240 A, and COC or CED determines both of the following:--

- cropland meets cropping history requirements
- an associated buffer (CP28) is offered.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands * * * (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The maximum acceptable size of any one CP27 is 40 acres. Wetlands greater than 40 acres in size are not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

Note: The total of all wetlands may exceed 40 acres.

Example: A producer offers a 41-acre wetland. Because the total wetland is greater than 40 acres in size, the entire 40-acre wetland is ineligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- only be enrolled under FWP
- only be enrolled with an eligible associated buffer (CP28)
- meet the cropping history requirements
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands * * * (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.
eligible seed and seeding	for soils that are developed under a wetland ecosystem and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishing permanent native grass • establishing permanent introduced grasses, forbs, and legumes, trees, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to restore the functions and values of the wetland • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands * * * (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	authorized.
soil amendments or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelines		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
soil amendments or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands * * * (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands * * * (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S will be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Associated Practice

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP28, Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to provide a vegetative buffer around wetlands (CP27) to remove sediment, nutrients, and pollutants from impacting the wetland and to provide wildlife habitat for the associated wetland.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 240 A, and both of the following **must** be met:

- cropland meets cropping history requirements
- the cropland offered is adjacent to an eligible wetland (CP27).

Note: CP28 is not eligible to be enrolled without CP27.

C Size Requirements

The maximum size of any associated buffer (CP28) enrolled in CRP under FWP is 4 times the size of the wetland. STC's may determine a buffer ratio less than 4:1, consistent with program purposes and with State Technical Committee concurrence.

Note: The total acreage of each associated buffer must **not** exceed the size limitation.

Example: A producer offers a 3-acre eligible wetland (CP27) for enrollment in CRP under FWP. NRCS or TSP determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 6 acres (2 to 1 ratio). CP27 and CP28 are both eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be enrolled under FWP
- be enrolled with the associated CP27 practice
- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropping history requirements
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility (Continued)

- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- maintain and enhance the functions and values of the wetland system.

E C/S Policy

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seed	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishing permanent native grass species • establishing permanent introduced grasses, legumes, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 382, 386, 390, 391, 393, 410, 516, 574, 614, 642, and 645.
eligible seeding	for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishing hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multi-purpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishing permanent introduced grasses, legumes, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	authorized.
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
soil amendments or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the streambank.	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
herbicide, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
streambank stabilization		
soil amendments or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Practice must reduce nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants that are being delivered to the associated wetland CP27, and CP41.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

M Associated Practice

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP27, FWP Constructed Wetland, and CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body. By restoring native grass communities, characteristics for the site will assist in stabilizing stream banks, reducing flood damage impacts, and restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible marginal pastureland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a wildlife habitat buffer to improve water quality.

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- the vegetation for the site is a mix of grasses, shrubs, and forbs

Note: The practice must enhance the grass, shrub, and forb community and provide water quality improvement and wildlife habitat benefits.

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a wildlife habitat buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

CP29's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, or CP22S, because, if needed, CP22, CP22B, or CP22S include a grass buffer
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP21, CP21B, CP21S, or CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a wildlife habitat buffer is 20 feet. A wetland habitat buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Note: The maximum average width of wildlife habitat buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality, must not exceed 120 feet.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS or TSP will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide wildlife habitat buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS or TSP documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the wildlife habitat buffer **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the wildlife habitat buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum of width 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The wildlife habitat buffer will begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a wildlife habitat buffer, the ineligible land will **be** included:

- in the area used as a wildlife habitat buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the wildlife habitat buffer.

A wildlife habitat buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

The wildlife habitat buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire wildlife habitat buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on marginal pastureland that meets the eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 C
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practices 314, 315, 338, 342, 378, 382, 386, 390, 394, 512, 516, 533, 550, 574, 578, 612, 614, 642, and 645.
site preparation	Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
eligible seed and seeding		
herbicide	specified as necessary in the approved	
insecticide	conservation plan	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	required in the practice specification needed until required seed or plant stock is available needed because normal planting period for the species has passed that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the cover immediately	authorized.
pipelines and watering facilities or developments constructed outside of the wildlife habitat buffer	providing a water source for livestock away from the wildlife habitat buffer and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the buffer strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	authorized using technical practice code 578 for livestock crossing only.
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	authorized.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization	to enhance production	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of the CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of this practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the wetland. The practice will enhance and/or restore hydrology and plant communities associated with existing or degraded wetland complexes. The goal is to enhance water quality, reduce nutrient and pollutant levels, and improve wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible marginal pastureland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a wetland buffer to improve water quality.

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraph 181 C **must** be met, in addition, NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit, the marginal pastureland offered is suitable for a wetland buffer.

CP30's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, or CP22S, because, if needed, CP22, CP22B, and CP22S include a grass buffer
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CRP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ration of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP21, CP21B, CP21S or CP29, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a wetland buffer is 20 feet. A wetland buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS or TSP will use the Documentation Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide wetland buffer to protect the adjacent wetland. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS or TSP documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the wetland buffer **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the wetland buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum of width 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on marginal pastureland that meets the eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 C
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meets the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
*--soil amendments-- *or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 342, 378, 382, 386, 390, 394, 512, 516, 533, 550, 574, 578, 612, 614, 642, 644, 645, 647, 657, and 658.
site preparation	Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
eligible seed and seeding		
herbicide	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticide		
earthmoving	to restore the hydrology of the site	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	• required in the practice specification • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the cover immediately	authorized.
pipelines and watering facilities or developments constructed outside of the wetland buffer	providing a water source for livestock away from the wetland buffer and the adjacent stream or wetland Note: See paragraph 511.	
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the buffer strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1. See paragraph 428.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish and provide for the long-term viability of a bottomland hardwood stand of trees that will:

- control sheet, rill, scour, and other erosion
- reduce water, air, or land pollution
- restore and enhance the natural and beneficial functions of wetlands
- promote carbon sequestration
- restore and connect wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing bottomland hardwood trees or adapted shrubs that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.)

Selection of cottonwood as a component **must** be silviculturally and ecologically appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics **must** be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

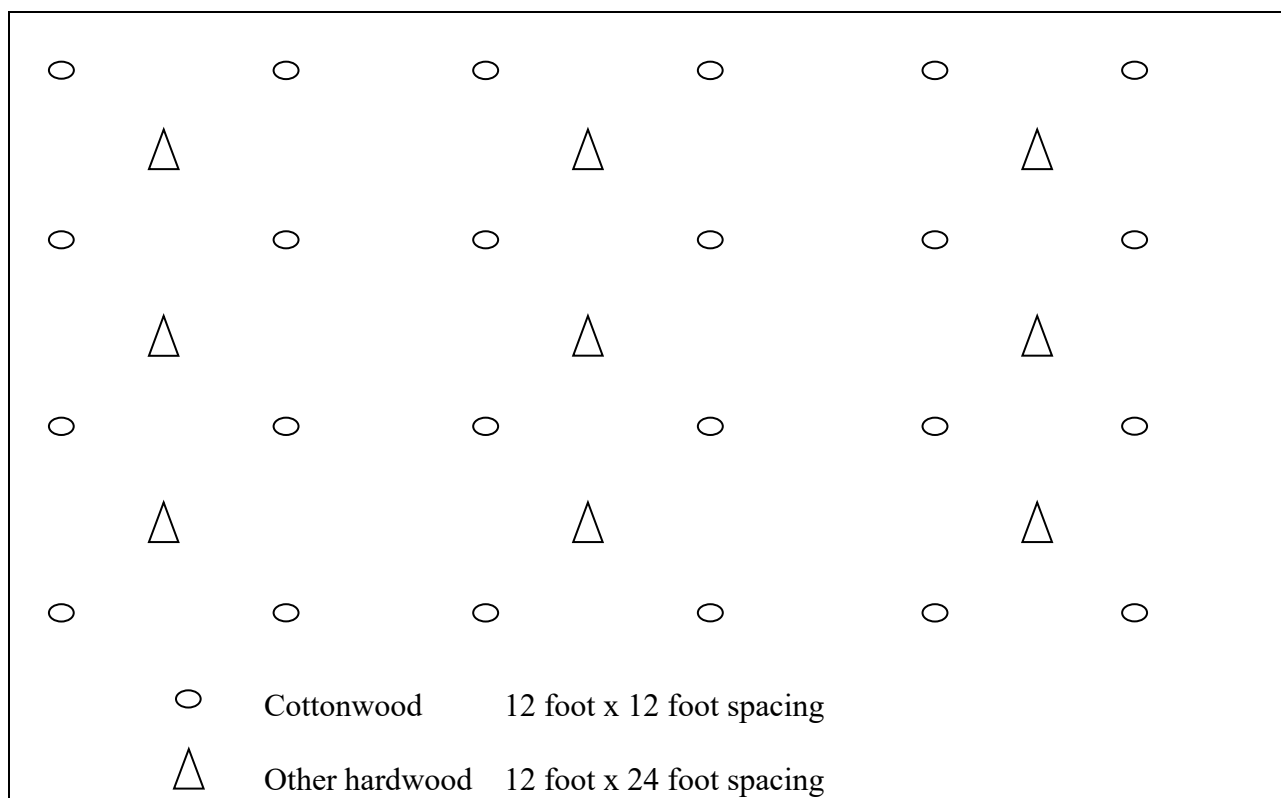
Example: Participant A enrolls 100 acres as CP31 who, working with a State Forester, selects cottonwood and 3 other silviculturally appropriate hardwood species. The cottonwoods are planted on 12' x 12' spacing and the other hardwoods are planted on 12' x 24' spacing. The plan calls for weed and insect control during year 1 and cottonwood thinning during year 15. The cottonwood serves as a nurse crop for the other hardwood species in the neighboring rows. In year 2, Participant A may be eligible to enter into an agreement with a carbon company where Participant A sells
 --greenhouse gas credits provided the terms and conditions of the CRP-1 are not--
 impacted. This agreement is solely between Participant A and the carbon company.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

The following diagram illustrates a typical cottonwood/other hardwood planting.



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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

C Size Requirements

This practice will be determined in consultation between NRCS or TSP and the participant.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- do either of the following:
 - reduce excessive erosion to an acceptable level and increase sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improve surface or ground water quality
- reduce scour, gully, stream bank, sheet, or rill erosion
- prevent excessive erosion from occurring
- enhance food and cover for wildlife
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be within the recognized 100-year flood plain of a stream with perennial flow.

Note: A wetland designation, if needed, **must** be made by NRCS.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
to establish a minimum of 3 different varieties of mast producing hardwood tree and shrub species Notes: The hardwood species may include cottonwoods planted between the rows of hardwood. The cotton woods serve as a nurse crop for the other hardwoods and may be thinned *--after year 9 of the CRP-1.--*	- to reduce erosion from wind or water - provide food and cover for waterfowl and other wildlife - improve surface or ground water quality	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 340, 391, 394, 550, 587, 612, 643, 644, 657, 658, and 659.
to establish no more than 25 percent of the silviculturally appropriate softwood species, as determined by STC and determined appropriate by State Forester	to enhance 1 of the following: - wetland development - wildlife habitat - hardwood stand health and vigor	
temporary cover	- required in the practice specification - needed until required planting stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - to establish a cover where a solid condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 340, 391, 394, 550, 587, 612, 643, 644, 657, 658, and 659.
herbicides or insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrients	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.
clean tiling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	not authorized.
fencing		
roads		
annual food plots		
to establish a hardwood tree species	• for ornamental purposes • for Christmas trees • nursery tree production • production of commercial nuts, other than species customarily planted for forestry purposes	
herbicides or insecticides	to maintain the vegetative cover including trees	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice:

- approval **must** be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State
- planting of cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose
- *--plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized uses, directions on the label, and other Federal and State policies and requirements.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about:

- types of plantings
- spacing
- water management structures
- other practice specifications.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1.

--Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP-1-- appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. C/S is authorized for tree thinning.

J Management Activities

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Natural Regeneration

Natural regeneration by nuts or seed is not permitted under this practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to provide food and cover for quail and upland birds in cropland
 *--areas. Secondary benefits may include reducing soil erosion from wind and water, improving
 soil and water quality, protecting and enhancing the on-farm ecosystem, and intercepting
 airborne particulate matter and chemicals to buffer organic farming operations.--*

B Program Policy

--Apply this practice along field boundaries or pivot corners of eligible cropland that is suitably--
 located and adaptable to the establishment of wildlife habitat for primarily quail and upland bird
 species. Upland habitat buffers will be allowed to re-vegetate by natural herbaceous succession,
 and/or will be established to adapted species of native, warm-season grass, legumes, wildflowers,
 forbs, and limited shrub and tree plantings, as specified according to an approved conservation
 plan. The conservation plan **must** be designed according to the NRCS FOTG.

*--Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in paragraph 151 and be located along field
 boundaries or pivot corners suitable for quail and upland birds.

CP33 may be enrolled on qualifying cropland to intercept airborne particulate matter and
 chemicals to buffer organic production. All CP33 practice policies apply when designing CP33
 as a buffer for organic production.--*

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(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

C Size Requirements

*--Habitat buffers will be installed along the field boundary with a length and width designed to meet the primary purpose of food and cover for upland birds in the amount that aligns with the objectives of the participant. The following average minimum and maximum width to be objectives. Design dimensions will also consider any secondary purposes identified to be objectives of the participant. The following average minimum and maximum width policy applies to all situations where CP33 is being applied:

- minimum average width is 30 feet
- maximum average width is 120 feet
- pivot corners of any size may be enrolled as CP33.

CP33 buffers will be installed on the field boundary (perimeter) or pivot corners of a cropped field. The entire perimeter of the field is not required. Limitations include:--*

- travel lanes will not be enrolled and **must** be wide enough to allow for normal access of farm machinery to the field
- buffers must not be used as turn rows, roads, or for storage of crops or equipment
- whole fields will not be enrolled
- fields less than 5 acres must not be enrolled in this practice

Note: Pivot corners may be less than 5 acres.

- infeasible to farm does not apply to CP33
- alfalfa fields used for pasture or for hay and marginal pastureland do not qualify for enrollment

Note: Alfalfa is considered a crop for CP33 purposes only if it is in a rotation according to paragraph 151.

- CP33 buffers must not be 'stacked' with other CRP grass practices on the same land ownership unit.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

- Individual center pivot ‘corners’ may be enrolled.

Examples:

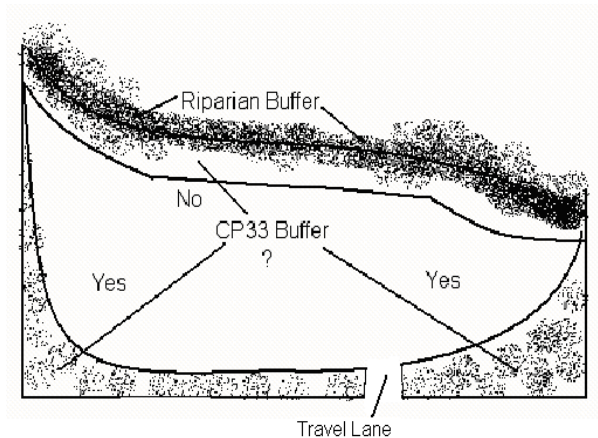


**Figure
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1. If a field already has a riparian buffer, this practice may be installed on the remaining sides of the field, but not adjacent to the established riparian buffer or other CRP practices.
2. If a field already has a native grass filter strip, this practice may be installed on the remaining sides of the field, but not adjacent to the established filter strip. If the existing practice is trees (windbreak, shelterbelt, hedgerow, or riparian buffer), this practice can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If 2 or more of the corners are connected by a buffer along the edge of the field (Figure 2, B) and if the buffer meets the dimensions set forth in the CP33 practice criteria, then center pivot corners may be enrolled as part of the CP33 buffer. Pivot corners with or without connecting buffers may also be enrolled as CP33 (Figure 2, A).

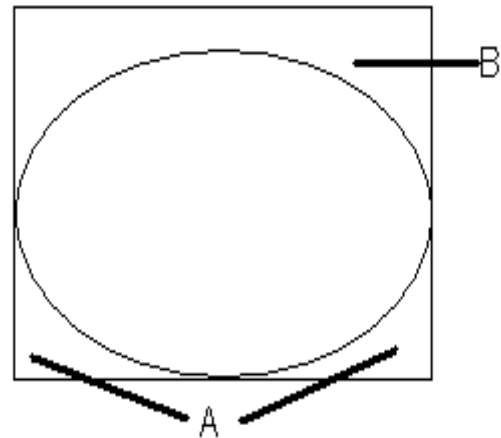


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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- primarily improve, enhance, or create quail and upland bird habitat to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of quail and upland bird habitat from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

If the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	• that a soil condition will not allow establishing a natural successional cover within 1 growing season • needed until selected seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 386, 390, *--394, 550, 595,--* 645, and 647.
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of a stream bank.	
site preparation	specified in the approved conservation plan	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

If the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seed or plant stock, including shrubs/trees. C/S for shrubs/trees up to 10 percent of the approved practice Important: Native species are encouraged.	specified in the approved conservation plan, best suited for the targeted species	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 386, 390, 394, 550, 595, 645, and 647.
buffer boundary marker	specified in the approved conservation plan	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow	
clean tilling	specified in the approved conservation	not authorized.
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization	to enhance production	
soil amendments or nutrient		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- ~~Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish an adequate~~ cover to improve wildlife habitat and environmental benefits.
- Trees and shrubs will not exceed 10 percent coverage of the buffers. Shrubs and trees selected **must** provide optimal quail habitat and/or emergency benefits. Shrubs planted for wildlife berries/fruit and trees planted for wildlife fruit/nuts are acceptable if suited to the site.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The habitat buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.
- Buffers must not be used as turn rows, roads, or for storage of crops or equipment.
- **Seeding, if it occurs at all, must occur at much lighter rates than for CRP practices aimed at soil conservation and water quality enhancement.** CP33-enrolled acres must be lightly seeded and may even be allowed to regenerate by natural succession without additional seeding, provided that NRCS or a Technical Service Provider certifies adequate seed source for natural regeneration.
- If natural regeneration fails, the producer is responsible for seeding the buffers to meet the intent of the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Desirable vegetation may be propagated through light disking, and may be maintained through light disking every two to three years over the life of the contract.
- Spot application of herbicide may be needed to control undesirable plants.
- Native grass, but does not eliminate beneficial introduced legumes, although the inclusion of native forbs/legumes is encouraged. Alfalfa and clover may be part of the seeding mix.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the upland habitat practice.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate upland quail and upland bird habitat and environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)****CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)****J Management Activity**

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. For quail and upland bird buffers, the buffers must be disturbed on a rotational basis by light disking, prescribed burning, selective herbicide application, or other prescribed methods as approved to set back vegetative succession and woody encroachment, and to expose food seeds. Mowing is an inadequate means of disturbance for quail habitat, except as need to facilitate prescribed burning or light disking. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment

A Purpose

The primary purpose of CP36 is to re-establish longleaf pine stands at densities that benefit wildlife species and protect water quality.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of longleaf pine that benefits wildlife and protects water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and be located in:

- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia
- the Longleaf Pine National CRP CPA (Exhibit 18).

CP36 may be enrolled on a continuous basis provided the following conditions are met:

- the offered acreage is on cropland and meets the eligibility requirement in paragraph 151
- the site is within the Longleaf Pine National CRP CPA (Exhibit 18)
- the site is suitable for longleaf pine planting (soils and other site conditions)
- the practice is needed and feasible

Note: The suitability of a soil for CP36 establishment may be determined by looking up that soil's "Long Leaf Pine Suitability Indicator" in FSA's Soil Database Management System. The Soil Database Management System may be accessed from FSA's Intranet Application Page.

- the cumulative acres for all CP36 acreage enrolled in the State does **not** exceed the State's allocation (subparagraph 5 A).

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment (Continued)

C Size Requirements

This practice will be determined in consultation between NRCS or TSP and the participant.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- reduce the loading of nutrients, sediment and other pollutants from incoming waters
- improve surface and ground water quality
- prevent excessive erosion from recurring
- provide waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
- reduce flood flows.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for CP36.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 490, 548, 550, 612, 645, and 647.
Seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides and insecticides	specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and to control invasive species (such as cogongrass) must be included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
Tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practiced code 666.
Fencing		not authorized.
Temporary cover		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
--soil amendments-- and nutrients	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees or enhance production	
clean-tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for CP36.

- Plantings **must** be protected from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must **not** include fertilizers and **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.
- The producer **must** control all noxious and invasive plants during the life of CRP-1.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

Planting after CRP-1 is approved by COC or CED must be completed by the end of the next normal planting period unless the producer can provide acceptable documentation that seed or tree stock is **not** available.

Note: Herbicide residue related on some former cotton and peanut fields has reduced planting success for some longleaf pine planting.

Based on the recommendations provided by TSP, COC may allow the field to lay fallow during the first year of CRP-1 to reduce herbicide carryover.

--TSP may recommend that permanent cover must be established during the first 2 years of-- CRP-1 according to paragraph 426. A 1-year extension of the 2-year planting requirement may be allowed by COC if there is justification of the need for an extension.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about CP36 specifications.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

CP36 must be maintained **without** additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1 unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

SED must consult with the State Technical Committee about options for required mid-contract management activities. These options may include prescribed burning, selective herbicide application, or other measure as appropriate to set back vegetative succession and woody encroachment. Management activities will be used to maintain proper understory vegetative structure and composition.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

M Density

The planting density for longleaf pine must be a minimum of 400 trees per acre to a maximum of 600 trees per acre. The exact number of trees will be based on the recommendation by TSP based on the unique site conditions that will provide significant wildlife benefits. Foresters must consider ensuring sufficient ground cover that will provide:

- wildlife benefits
- a fuel source for fire.

State Technical Committees, along with FS and State foresters, must be consulted in developing the site-by-site criteria used to develop planting density requirements.

N Understory Regeneration

Natural regeneration may be allowed if **all** the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved understory species is present in the soil at the site
 - under normal conditions, the appropriate understory cover will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other nonapproved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1 until all of the requirements are met
- COC will ensure that the producer is fully informed that:
 - no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration
 - if the approved cover is not established within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date, the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S
 - as with all CRP-1's, the control of **all** weeds, including noxious weeds, insects, and pests is a CRP participant contracted obligation

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 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

N Understory Regeneration (Continued)

- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires all of the following:
 - the producer will plant the approved cover at **no** cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the practice is **not** established through natural regeneration or planting within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
 - NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the 2nd year to determine whether the practice is established and meets the standards and specifications for NRCS conservation practice codes
 - weed control.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify COC and the participant:

- the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with **no** C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

For understory vegetation, native cover established through natural regeneration may suffice for ~~temporary~~ cover. Technical determination on natural regeneration must be made by the ~~technical~~ agency responsible for development of the conservation plan, or if understory vegetation is to enhance, seeding commercially available native seed may supplement natural regeneration.

STC's **must** develop natural regeneration requirements in consultation with the State Technical Committee. STC's will work with the State Technical Committee to determine which native warm season grasses are appropriate for their State. If natural regeneration does **not** occur in the given 2-year time period, the producer will be **required** to establish native warm season grasses as specified by the State Technical Committee standards.

Wiregrass or other appropriate native warm season grasses providing similar benefits will be established to provide:

- wildlife benefits
- fuel for prescribed burns.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat

A Purpose

This practice is to enhance duck nesting habitat on the most duck-productive areas of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem will be determined by the producer in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of duck nesting habitat.

Eligible cropland requirements in subparagraph 181 A **must** be met, in addition:

- areas designated by FWS as having dense populations of duck pairs (greater than or equal to 25 breeding pairs per square mile)
- located outside the 100-year floodplain.

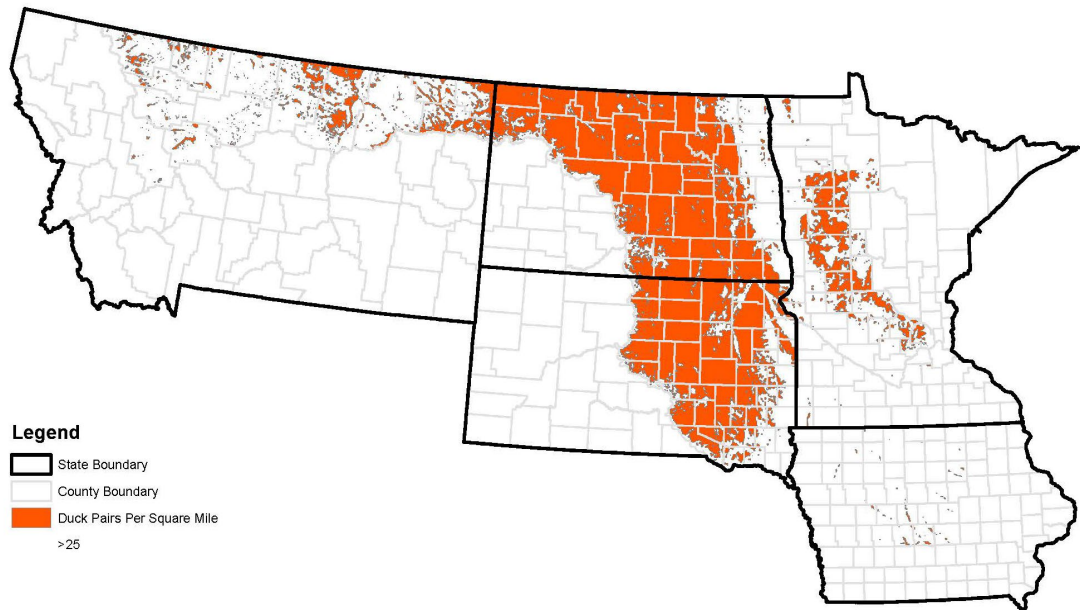
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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Note: The following map provides general areas that meet the density requirement.

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The land **must** be suitable and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is **only** required to the extent specified by the producer.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Cropland that is associated to noncropped wetlands may be enrolled as part of the buffer for CP37. Noncropped wetland acreage is limited to the designated wetland area as determined by NRCS or TSP. Cropland immediately adjacent to noncropped wetlands that does **not** meet cropping history **must not** be included as part of either of the following:

- wetland acreage used to calculate the buffer acreage
- CRP-1.

The total cropland acreage associated to the noncropped wetland plus the upland buffer acreage associated to the farmed or cropped wetland must **not** exceed a 10:1 buffer to wetland ratio. The noncropped wetland acreage will be used to calculate the total wetland acres when determining the maximum buffer for CP37.

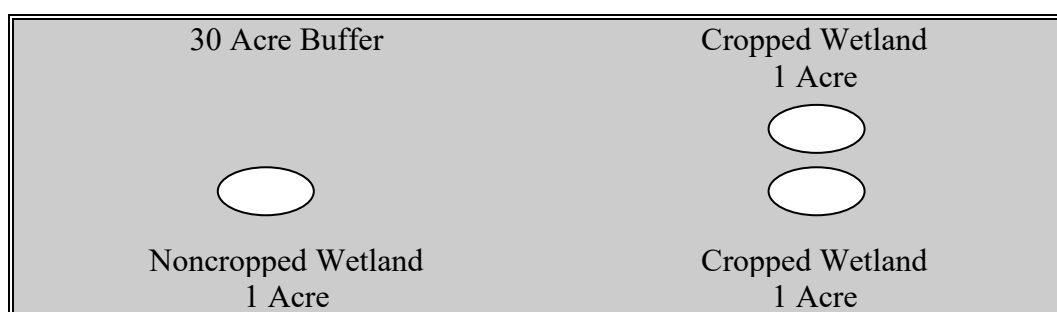
Note: Noncropped wetlands are **not** eligible for enrollment into practice CP37.

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 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

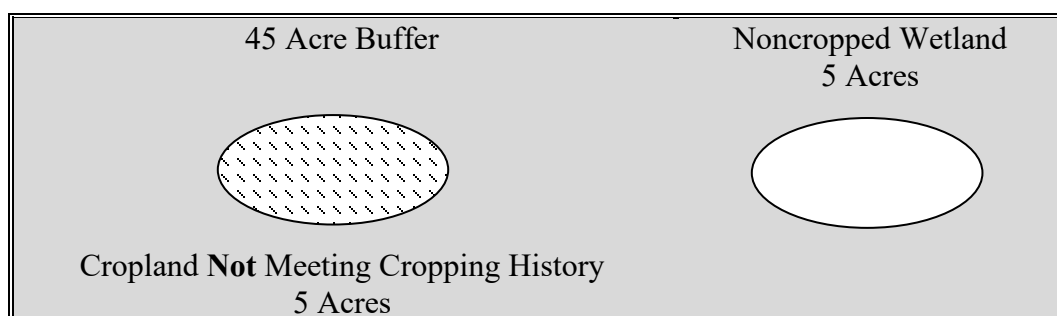
B Program Policy (Continued)

Example 1: The offered acreage is located in an area that has a breeding duck potential of greater than 25 breeding pairs per square mile. The offered acreage has 2 acres of cropped wetlands and 1 acre of noncropped wetlands. The maximum amount of upland buffer that may be enrolled is 30 acres (3 acres of wetlands times a 10-acre buffer).



Example 2: The offered acreage is located in an area that has a breeding duck potential of greater than 25 breeding pairs per square mile. The offered acreage has 5 acres of noncropped wetlands. Five acres of cropland immediately adjacent to the noncropped wetland does **not** meet the cropping history and is **not** part of the noncropped wetland acreage. The maximum amount of upland buffer that may be enrolled is 45 acres (5 acres of wetland times a 10-acre buffer minus 5 acres for the cropland not meeting cropping history).

Note: The cropland **not** meeting cropping history is **not** eligible for enrollment in CP37, but **must** be included as part of the conservation plan.



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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The amount of adjacent upland acreage to be enrolled must be determined by FSA and NRCS or TSP. In areas designated by FWS as having greater than or equal to 25 duck pairs per square mile, the buffer to wetland acre ratio **must** be a:

- minimum of 4 to 1
- maximum 10 to 1.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practices codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 644, 645, 647, 657, 658, and 659.
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	authorized using technical practices codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 644, 645, 647, 657, 658, and 659.
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
soil amendments or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
soil amendments or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must **not** be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration must be determined by the producer in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP.

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- The practice will have periodic mid-contract management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP38A Buffers

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38A to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38B Wetlands

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38B to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38C Trees

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38C to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38D Longleaf Pine

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38D to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38E Grass

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38E to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to develop a constructed wetland to treat effluent from surface and subsurface flow from row crop agricultural production. The constructed wetland system is designed to reduce nutrient and sediment loading and provide other water quality benefits while providing wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located on land in which a minimum of 25 percent of the upstream watershed is comprised of row crop agricultural drained land.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and site suitability will be dependent on:

- soils
- geology of the site (sites may be limited because of karst formation and other geologic features)
- topography (steep slopes or flat topography may present challenges in ensuring sufficient wetland are to provide adequate treatment)
- legal requirements including with drainage districts
- ownership requirements (owner controls the land area of the wetland and associated buffer)
- safety issues (the site does **not** provide a significant risk to public safety or property because of structure failure)
- due diligence investigation.

C Size Requirements

The maximum size for the wetland and associated buffers is 40 acres per tract. A buffer is required for the constructed wetland.

The amount of adjacent upland (buffer) acreage to be enrolled must:

- be determined by NRCS
- not be less than the 2:1 ratio
- not exceed the 4:1 ratio.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- reduce the loading of nutrients, sediment and other pollutants from incoming waters
- improve surface and ground water quality
- prevent excessive erosion from recurring
- provide waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
- reduce flood flows.

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop a constructed wetland or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 656, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	authorized.
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
concrete	to construct weirs or channels needed to develop the constructed wetland	
structures, like pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	authorized.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop the constructed wetland or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits. COC may request to DAFP C/S in excess of the minimum work and materials necessary on a case by case basis.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- The hydrology of the constructed wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice. FSA must conduct a site investigation before
--approving CPR-1 on a constructed wetland. This investigation is to determine whether potential hazardous materials may be associated with the site. Potential impacts to historic/cultural resources and threatened and endangered species must be evaluated. Appropriate regulatory agencies must be consulted with in this process.--

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore habitat or the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem must be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of land devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture to do the following:

- restore habitat or the functions and values of the wetland ecosystem
- provide water cover for wildlife habitat

Note: The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

If the land is developed to provide water cover for wildlife habitat, the water area must be an average depth of 6 to 18 inches. The water area must provide a source of water for wildlife for a majority of the year.

Note: Water cover is limited to 20 percent of the total enrolled acreage.

Food plots may be permitted to enhance the wildlife habitat on up to 10 percent of the enrolled land.

All levees must be planted to appropriate vegetative or tree cover if enrolled as part of the *--CRP-1. Levees used as access roads will not be part of the CRP-1.--*

Total eligible land for wetland restorations is limited to land that was devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture any 1 year, 2002 through 2007.

C Size Requirements

Land enrolled under CP40 has no size limitation.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to smooth the levee to the extent levees needed to develop the habitat or restore the hydrology of the site or provide cover for wildlife habitat Note: Levees may be shaped and smoothed to no flatter than a 6:1 slope.	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	authorized.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer.	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
--soil amendmments,-- nutrient, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain cover or enhance production	
grading, shaping, filling		
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
--soil amendmments-- and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration shall be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover shall be completed within 24 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance (Continued)

- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP. Except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the aquaculture wetland if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species is present in the soil at the site
 - under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

M Natural Regeneration (Continued)

- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other nonapproved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S shall be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the aquaculture wetland is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration
- NRCS or TSP shall spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the aquaculture wetland is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer

Note: FSA must immediately notify COC and the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant must plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC or CED shall **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC shall ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of the CRP-1 effective date.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetlands that have been subject to the natural overflow of a prairie wetland. Hydrology and vegetation **must** be restored to the maximum extent possible, as determined by USDA.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located in the Prairie Pothole CPA and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of the wetland hydrology and vegetation is required to the maximum extent possible.

For cropland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP under FWP and be devoted to CP41, all of the following **must** be met:

- cropland meets cropping history requirements of paragraph 246
- the cropland was subject to the natural overflow of a prairie wetland
- an associated buffer (CP28) is offered.

C Size Requirements

The maximum acceptable size of any one CP41 is 20 contiguous acres. Wetlands greater than 20 acres in size are not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP as practice CP41. The total of all wetlands on the tract is limited to 40 acres. Associated buffers (CP28) are required for each CP41 enrolled. The minimum acceptable width of the associated buffer (CP28) is 30 feet. The maximum buffer size may not exceed up to 4 times the size of the eligible wetland. See CP28 Farmable Wetlands * * * Buffer, for the practice requirements for the associated buffer.

Examples: A producer offers a 21-acre wetland. Because the total wetland is greater than 20 acres in size, the entire 21-acre wetland is ineligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP as CP41.

A producer offers a 10-acre wetland, a 14-acre wetland and a 16-acre wetland for enrollment as CP41. Because no wetland is greater than 20 acres in size and the total of all wetlands is 40 acres, all wetlands may be enrolled as CP41. A buffer, not to exceed a 4:1 ratio, must also be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- only be enrolled under FWP
- only be enrolled with an eligible associated buffer (CP28)
- meet the cropping history requirements
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland.

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes
eligible seed and seeding	for soils that are developed under a wetland ecosystem and substantiated as needed by COC for: • establishing permanent native grass species • establishing permanent introduced grasses, forbs, and legumes, trees, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to restore the functions and values of the wetland • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established	327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available - needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelines		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland shall be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Associated Practice

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish habitat to support a diversity of pollinator species. Secondary benefits may include increasing conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland where pollinator habitat can be established and maintained, as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP.

The conservation plan developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP42 **must** address pollinator habitat needs.

C Size Requirements

--For continuous CRP signup enrollment:--

- acres devoted to CP42 are limited to 10 acres per tract not to exceed 10 percent of the cropland acres of the farm

Note: Farm reconstitutions for the purpose of increasing CP42 acres are not authorized.

- block plantings of CP42 are preferred over strips; if planted in strips, each strip must be a minimum of 20 feet wide
- habitat areas of CP42 must be at least 0.50 acres each.

--For general CRP signup enrollment:--

- block plantings of CP42 are preferred over strips; if planted in strips, each strip must be a minimum of 20 feet wide
- habitat areas of CP42 must be at least 0.50 acres each.

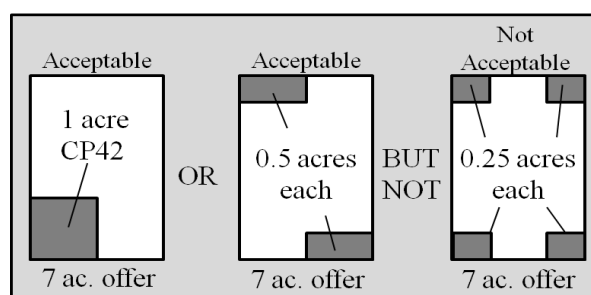
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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

The following is an example of the 0.50-acre minimum requirement, which applies to both
 --continuous and general CRP signup enrollment.--

Example: Participant B offers 7 acres, including 1 acre of CP42. Individual habitat areas of CP42 must be no smaller than 0.50 acres.



D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- create pollinator habitat to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of pollinator habitat from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the contract period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- control soil erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 386, 390, 394, 420, 612, 645, and 647.
--soil amendments--		
eligible seed or plant stock, including shrubs Important: Native flowering species are encouraged.	substantiated as needed by COC, and specified in the approved conservation plan to benefit targeted pollinator species	
habitat boundary marker	specified in the approved conservation plan	
seeding, including approved shrubs	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
brush piles, edge feathering, or similar methods Important: Limited to woody materials on CP42 acres only.	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to provide nesting habitat for pollinators and other environmental benefits	
temporary cover	• required in the practice specifications needed until required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
fencing or roads		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- This practice may be used with other conservation practices
- Seeding mixes must contain a minimum of 9 species of pollinator-friendly wildflowers, legumes, and/or shrubs. More than 9 species are encouraged. Trees are not an eligible component of CP42 seed mixes.

Exception: States with arid areas may submit alternative standards.

- At least 3 species must have their primary onset of blooming during each period of Early, Mid, and Late Season from approximately March through October. Bloom periods of early, mid and late season will be determined by each State based on their growing season and the foraging needs of pollinators. The 3 species need not be in bloom for the entirety of a bloom period.

Exception: States with arid areas may submit alternative standards.

- STC's may propose alternatives to species diversity and bloom period standard for arid areas only. Alternative standards must receive DAFP approval.
- Seeding mixes must include no more than 50 percent native grasses based on pure live seeds per square foot. Grass is not required in CP42.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Seeding rates will be no less than 20 pure live seeds per square foot, including grass and forbs. NRCS will design seeding plans according to practice requirements in the NRCS FOTG and State-developed policies.
- Grasses seeded in this practice must be native. Though wildflower, legume, and/or shrub species planted are encouraged to be native, beneficial introduced flowering plants (e.g., alfalfa and clover) may be part of the seeding mix. Each introduced species is encouraged to make up no more than 10 percent of the pure live seed mixture with a total of introduced flowering plants encouraged to not exceed 20 percent of the pure live seed mixture.
- To provide quality nesting habitat for native bees, non-sod forming bunch grasses are preferred over sod-forming grasses, if including grass in the seeding mix.
- *--The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.
- If included in the approved conservation plan and where allowed by NRCS FOTG, brush piles, downed tree structures, edge feathering, or similar methods may be used to create dead woody material for pollinator nesting habitat. No trees may be enrolled in CP42 Pollinator Habitat. Edge feathering may be included in a conservation plan where a forested edge or treeline owned by the participant abuts CP42 and edge feathering material can be dropped on to CP42. Woody habitat created on CP42 must not exceed 1,500 square feet for every 1 acre of CP42, up to 1 acre in total woody habitat.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Spot application of herbicide may be needed to control undesirable plants.
- Where practicable, as determined by NRCS or TSP, State-certified seed must be used for CP42.

The practice length for CP42 is 10 years for general or continuous enrollment.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective start date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Preserving and improving pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, must be considered when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the contract period. C/S will be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the contract period
- cover fails to provide adequate pollinator habitat and environmental benefits during the contract period, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips

A Purpose

Establish strips of diverse, dense, herbaceous, predominately native perennial vegetation designed and positioned on the landscape to most effectively address soil erosion and water quality while providing food and cover for wildlife and beneficial insects. The primary purpose of prairie strips is to reduce soil erosion and pollution transport to protect water quality by intercepting surface and subsurface water flow to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes. The secondary purpose is to provide wildlife and beneficial insect habitat by establishing diverse plant communities.

B Program Policy

For cropland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP CP43 prairie strips, all the requirements in subparagraph 181 A must be met.

NRCS or TSP conservation planner will consider the producers conservation objectives and production system to determine appropriate locations and sizes of prairie strips to reduce soil erosion and reduce the transport of pollutants to water bodies. Prairie strips may be placed:

- around the perimeter or portions of the perimeter of a field
- through the field
- parallel and/or perpendicular to existing grassed waterways if the conservation planner determines that effective filtering will take place in such a location

Note: CP43, Prairie Strips, must not be “stacked” with other CRP grass practices on the same land ownership unit.

- in a gradient or level terrace channel, diversion channel or storage area of a water and sediment control basin to intercept water runoff before infiltration or entering an outlet, if determined necessary for filtering.

Pivot corners of any size may be enrolled as prairie strips if needed to reduce soil erosion or provide water filtering.

Important: Prairie strips are not eligible to be installed on constructed terraces but may be placed in the channel of a gradient or level terrace. Prairie strips may be used in conjunction with terraces as an overall conservation management system (prairie strip installed between terraces or in a terrace channel) if needed to control erosion and filter runoff on eligible cropland.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

When designing prairie strips through the field to land greater or equal than 5 percent slope the row grade requirements for sheet and rill erosion control and nutrient transport in NRCS practice standard 332 contour grass strip must be applied.

Design seed mixes to control soil erosion and reduce the transport of pollutants while also incorporating plant diversity for wildlife and beneficial insects. Seed mix criteria:

- include grass and forb species to provide active plant growth and flowering throughout the growing season

Note: If possible, 2 flowering species in each growing season and a minimum of 10 flowering plants.

- maximize forb diversity as much as possible
- introduced grass species are not allowed

Note: Introduced forb species are only allowed if regional supply is limited or soil erosion and water quality benefits will be compromised with the use of native species.

- design seed mixes to balance grass and forb amounts to provide a stable plant community. Include minimum rates for dominant competitive species. Reference regional or State ecological site descriptions, wildlife habitat planting and beneficial insect guidance to design seed mixes.

Limited machinery traffic is allowed on prairie strips located on the perimeter of a field to replace end rows/turn rows and prairie strips located parallel and immediately adjacent to grass waterways to allow for contour farming that requires equipment traffic through the waterway area. Limitations include:

- machinery traffic is allowed on prairie strips planted as field borders and may only be used for equipment turning during normal field operations and not as travel lanes

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- prairie strips parallel and adjacent to grass waterways may only be crossed with machinery during normal farming operations and not used as travel lanes

Note: In no case will prairie strips be used as travel lanes.

- prairie strips shall not be used for storage of crops or equipment.

C Size Requirements

Prairie strips requirements:

- the minimum acceptable width of a prairie strip is 30 feet
- the maximum width of a prairie strip is up to an average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice
- prairie strips may not exceed 25 percent of the cropland area per tract
- the width of an individual prairie strip may vary to accomplish the purpose of the practice and/or accommodate farming operations.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
soil amendments	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and soil amendments must be specified in the conservation plan as designed by the conservation planner.	authorized using technical practice codes 315, 327, 332, 386, 390, 393, 394, 472, 643, 645, and 647.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	- required in the practice specifications - needed until required seed or plant stock is available - needed because normal planting period for the species has passed - that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
boundary markers	specified in the approved conservation plan	not authorized.
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the prairie strip	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
soil amendments	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments and seed necessary to establish adequate--* cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Must be for the primary purpose to reduce soil erosion and protect water quality. The secondary purpose is to provide wildlife and beneficial insect habitat by establishing diverse plant communities.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S shall be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to NRCS or TSP. Conservation plan will include requirements such as seedbed preparation, seeding dates, eligible seed, etc., that are conditions for C/S for the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP87 Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (CP87 Eligible To Be Offered for SU200 and SU201 Only)

A Program Policy

Apply CP87 to maintain existing permanent introduced grasses and legumes on eligible grassland CRP. Beginning with grassland CRP SU202, CP87 is **no** longer available for new offers.

For offers submitted before SU202, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, if a permanent introduced grasses and legumes eligible for the applicable signup is already established
- not under CRP-1, with a permanent introduced grasses and legumes that was already established for the applicable signup period.

C/S is authorized for offers accepted before SU202:

- water developments as a component of CP87
- fencing as a component of CP87
- access control as a component of CP87.

Technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614 may be used with CP87.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to maintain existing vegetative cover of either introduced or native grasses and legumes on eligible grassland.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to maintain existing permanent introduced or native grasses and legumes on eligible grassland CRP. NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit, that the grassland is suitable to be hayed or grazed according to the conservation plan.

C Size Requirements

There are no size requirements for CP88.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- promote common grazing related activities
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be included and required in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- prevent breaking of native sod.

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
permanent fence (internal)	internal fencing needed to facilitate a livestock grazing system Important: A single strand electric fence is not a permanent fence for grassland CRP.	authorized using technical practice codes 338, 378, 382, *--383, 394,--* 472, 516, 533, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
ponds, wells, spring developments, pipelines, and water facilities	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed.	authorized.
access control	needed to control access to an area to maintain the quantity and quality of natural resources, or seasonal or permanent livestock exclusion Example: Gates between rotational grazing paddocks.	
fuel break	to control and reduce the risk of the spread of fire by treating, removing, or modifying vegetation, debris, and detritus	
trails and walkways	to: • provide or improve access to forage, water, working/handling facilities, and/or shelter • improve grazing efficiency and distribution • protect ecologically sensitive, erosive, and/or potentially erosive sites	
prescribed burning	to improve plant production quantity and/or quality by managing fuel loads to achieve desired conditions	
corrals, feedlots, ornamental fences, holding pens, and cattle guards, boundary fence		not authorized.

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Limit C/S to the minimum level of treatment necessary to support common grazing practices.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- Haying, mowing, or harvesting for seed production must be subject to appropriate restrictions for species identified by STC focus areas.

G Practice Management

If the producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1 or failure is caused by the producer, if COC terminates, the producer must refund all annual rental payments, C/S payments, interest, and liquidated damages according to paragraph 574.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns, especially federally threatened or endangered species and critical habitat, when establishing protective measures.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded according to paragraph 571 if either of the following applies:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- failure is **not** caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

The practice has no required management activities as required in paragraph 428.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

J Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP87A Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes – Livestock (CP87A Eligible To Be Offered for SU200 and SU201 Only)

A Program Policy

Apply CP87A to maintain existing permanent introduced grasses and legumes – livestock on *--eligible grassland CRP. Beginning with grassland CRP SU202, CP87A is **no** longer available for new offers.--*

For offers submitted before SU202, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, if a permanent introduced grasses and legumes – livestock was an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1 and is already established
- not under CRP-1, with a permanent introduced grasses and legumes – livestock was an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1 and is already established.

C/S is authorized for offers accepted before SU202:

- pollinator habitat as a component of CP87A
- water developments as a component of CP87A
- fencing as a component of CP87A
- access control as a component of CP87A.

Technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614 may be used with CP87A.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88A Permanent Native Grasses and Legumes – Livestock (CP88A Eligible To Be Offered for SU200 and SU201 Only)

A Program Policy

Apply CP88A to maintain existing permanent native grasses and legumes – livestock on eligible
 * --grassland CRP. Beginning with grassland CRP SU202, CP88A is **no** longer available for new
 offers.--*

For offers submitted before SU202, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, a permanent native grasses and legumes with an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1.
- not under CRP-1, a permanent introduced grasses and legumes with an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1.

C/S is authorized for offers accepted before SU202:

- pollinator habitat as a component of CP88A
- water developments as a component of CP88A
- fencing as a component of CP88A
- access control as a component of CP88A.

Technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614 may be used with CP88A.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limitation Waiver Request Worksheet for Conservation Reserve Program

Note: Exhibit 16 will be available in a fillable format at <https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/>. CLICK “Employee Forms” and CLICK “Find Current Forms Using Our Form Number Search”. For “Form Number”, ENTER “2-CRP”.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limitation Waiver Request Worksheet For Conservation Reserve Program

A person or legal entity that exceeds the AGI requirements of the 2018 Farm Bill will not be eligible to receive payments for certain farm bill programs except when a waiver is authorized by the Administrator on a case-by-case basis if it is determined that environmentally sensitive land of special significance will be protected.

When a producer requests an AGI waiver, the County Committee should have the producer prepare a written request for an AGI waiver addressed to the Administrator. The County Committee will submit the producer’s written request, along with the completed waiver request worksheet package, to the State Committee for review (Note: Federally recognized Tribes are not subject to AGI limitations).

For those requests that meet all the requirements listed in Section 5, the State Committee will forward a complete waiver package through DAFP for the Administrator’s approval. State Committee’s shall provide written notification to all producers of requirements not met with appeal rights or acknowledgement of waivers approved by the Administrator.

Producer Name: _____
State: _____ Location (County): _____

Section 1: Program and length of proposed contract(s)/easements/ contract number

Identify the program and length of producer’s proposed contract (List only one program per waiver request):

Program _____ Length of Contract _____ Contract Number _____

The waiver request must show that use of conservation program funding by an individual addresses at least one of the following categories.

- ☐ (1) Critical to the success of a project that benefits **multiple producers** in a community, watershed, or other geographic area, or
- ☐ (2) Enables USDA to achieve enduring conservation treatment through a long-term agreement that is greater than 15 years in duration or through a deed restriction on the land. **Note:** Programs with agreements less than 15 years in duration will need to be in a partnership with another type of agreement to meet these criteria.

Section 2: National Priority or Emphasis

The conservation practice(s)/activity to be implemented on the producer’s land must benefit one or more of the national priorities or emphasis areas specific to the applicable program.

List the farm bill program the producer intends to participate in and identify the national priorities or emphasis (program specific) that will be addressed. (List all that apply):

Program (e.g. CRP)	National Program Priority or Emphasis (Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation)
_____	_____
_____	_____

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limitation Waiver Request Worksheet for Conservation Reserve Program (Continued)

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limitation Waiver Request Worksheet For Conservation Reserve Program *(Continued)*

Section 3: Federal, Regional, Tribal or State Resource Management Plan or Natural Resource Plans

The environmentally sensitive land of special significance is clearly identified in an approved federal, regional, Tribal, or state environmental or natural resource plan or report. The planned conservation practice(s) or activity will protect or be an integral component in addressing the federal, regional, tribal, or State plan's objectives: (check all that apply):

- ☐ State Wildlife Action Plan/Report Title: _____
- ☐ State Water Quality Plan, Plan/Report Title: _____
- ☐ National Air Quality Plan, Plan/Report Title: _____
- ☐ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Plan Title: _____
- ☐ National Fish Habitat Action Plan Title: _____
- ☐ Nationally accepted Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP, CCPI or CIG) Project Name: _____
- ☐ Other federal, regional, state or Tribal plan, or report, Plan/Report Title: _____

Briefly provide the justification and a description on how the conservation practice(s)/activity on this land will address the identified resource issues in the national, regional, state, or Tribal plan or report?

Section 4: Critical Resource

The conservation practice(s) or activity will be applied to the land that directly impacts a critical resource as identified in a resource plan identified in section 3 and is within or adjacent to the agricultural operation. Must meet one or more of the following critical resources: (check all that apply):

- ☐ Air Quality, nonattainment area _____
- ☐ Coastal Resources (Coastal zones as identified per the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 that have a direct and significant impact on coastal waters)
 - Name of coastal resource: _____
- ☐ Federal or State listed threatened, endangered, candidate species or concern, or at risk species.
 - List species: _____
- ☐ Groundwater recharge area; Name of recharge area _____
- ☐ Historical or cultural resource; List historical or cultural resource: _____
 - (Submit a letter from State or Tribal Historical Preservation Officer that supports this conservation practice(s)/activity on the subject land).
- ☐ Prime or Unique Farmland
- ☐ Water Quality
- ☐ Wetlands
- ☐ Other critical resource issues, such as climate change and energy conservation: _____

Briefly describe how the conservation practice(s)/activity will benefit the identified critical resource(s) (identified in the above list) on the subject land:

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limitation Waiver Request Worksheet for Conservation Reserve Program (Continued)

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limitation Waiver Request Worksheet For Conservation Reserve Program *(Continued)*

Section 5: Package Submission Requirements

Include the following in the submission package: **(all items required):**

- ☐ Overview of the conservation practice(s)/activity to be implemented on the environmentally sensitive land, describe the current resource baseline condition and the future condition, include objectives and describe how this project(s) on the producer's land is a critical or integral component in achieving federal, regional, tribal or state plan objectives (i.e., size of the land area under review in relation to the amount of critical areas to be addressed or needing treatment).
- ☐ National, regional, state, or Tribal Plan referenced in Section 3. (Provide copy of pertinent information from the plan and appropriate web link, if a web link to document is available on the internet).
- ☐ Aerial photograph of the producer's land to be enrolled in the USDA program and surrounding project area. (Identify on the photograph the planned conservation practice(s)/activities).
- ☐ Letter of support from federal (other than FSA)/Tribal/State Agency or regional commission within expertise regarding the critical resource (e.g. the project will benefit threatened and endangered species, a letter of support from US Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the State Fish and Wildlife Agency).
- ☐ Producer's written request for the AGI waiver.

Section 6: Certification

STC

I have completed a review of this AGI waiver request package and find it to be complete. (If not supported, file for further reference).

☐ Support ☐ Do Not Support, Reason: _____

STC: _____ Date: _____

Administrator Approval

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved, Reason: _____

Administrator: _____ Date: _____

Note: Waiver determinations for conservation programs will be based on the year for which the conservation program contract or agreement is approved and the determination will apply for the entire term of the subject agreement or contract.

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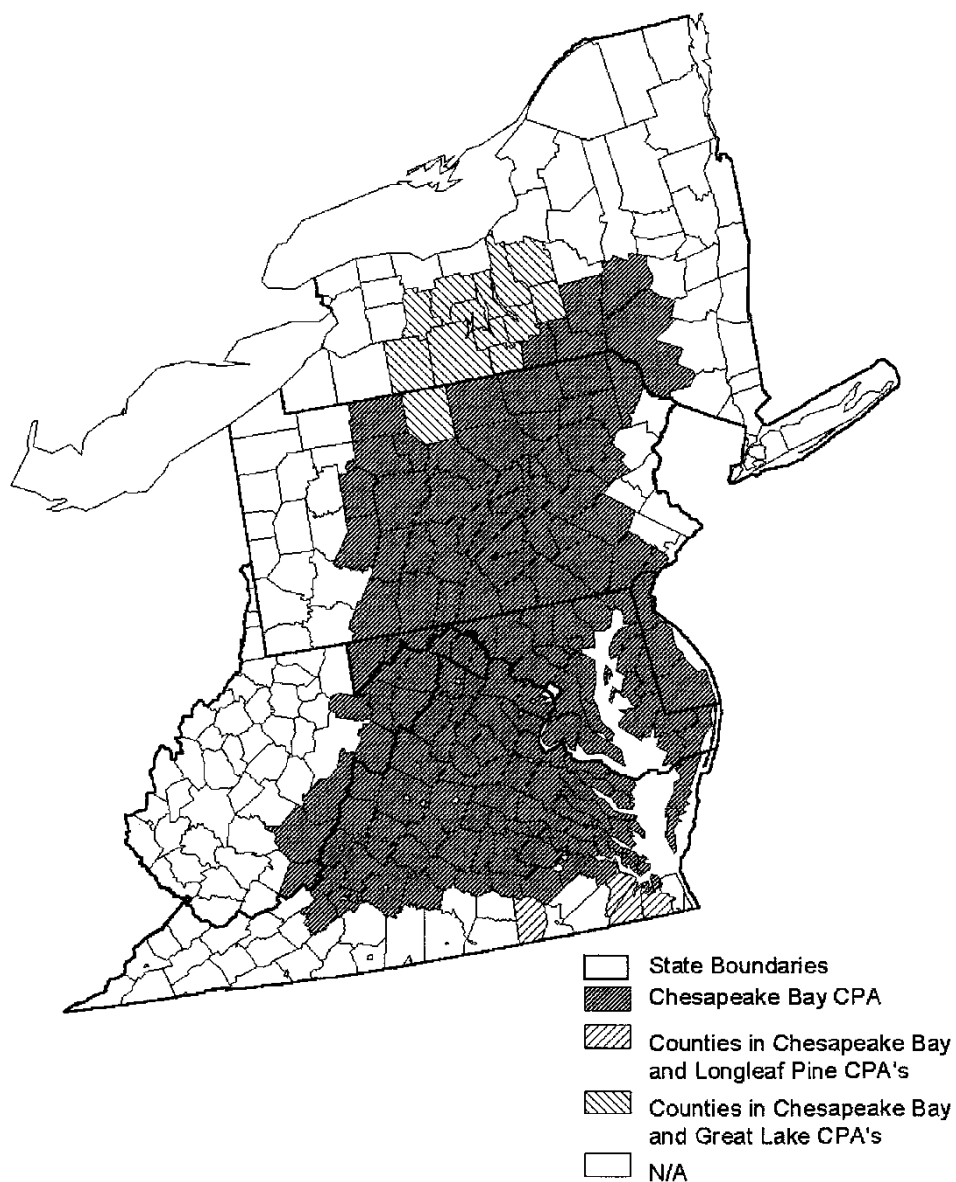
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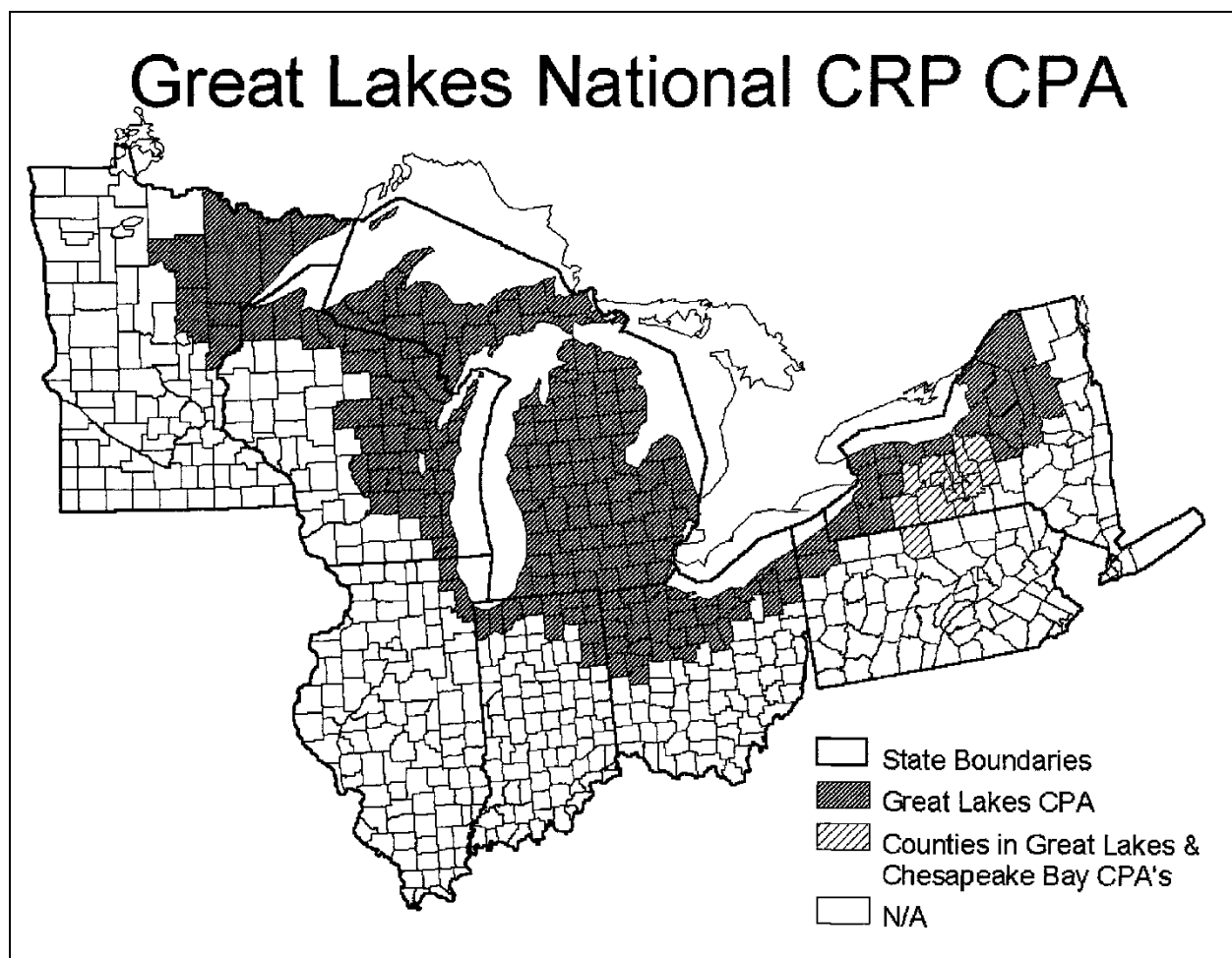
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National CPA's

Chesapeake Bay National CRP CPA



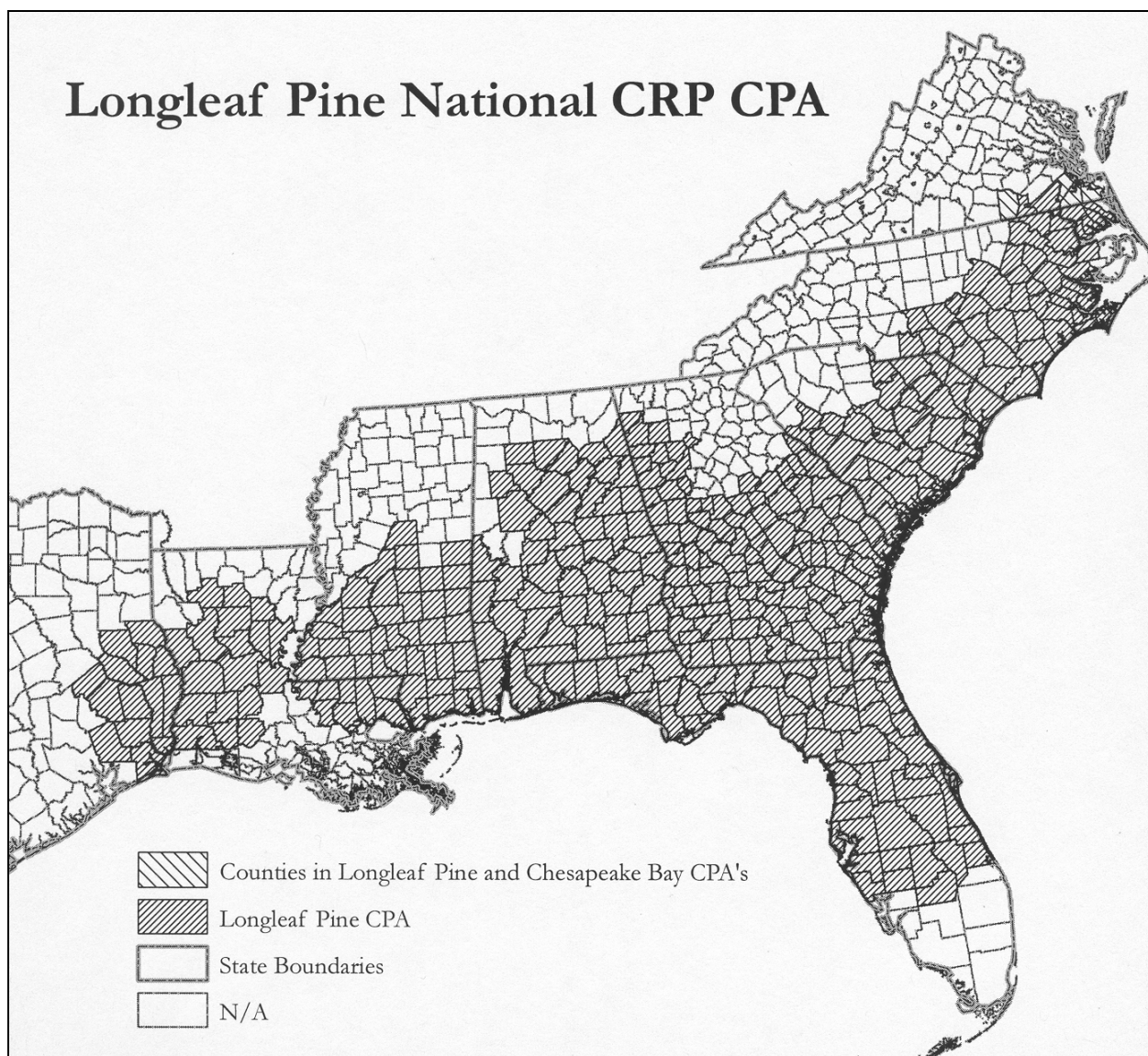
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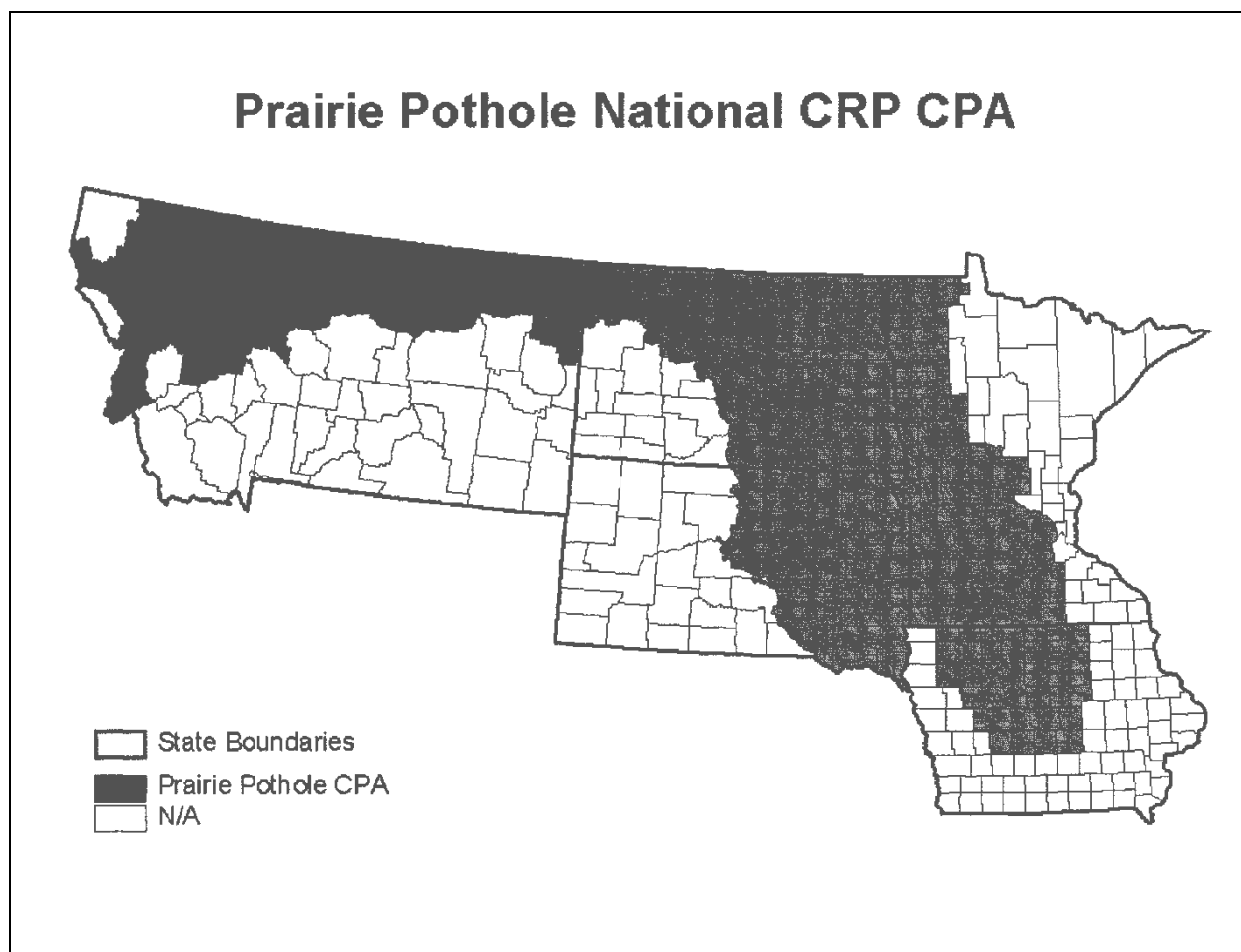
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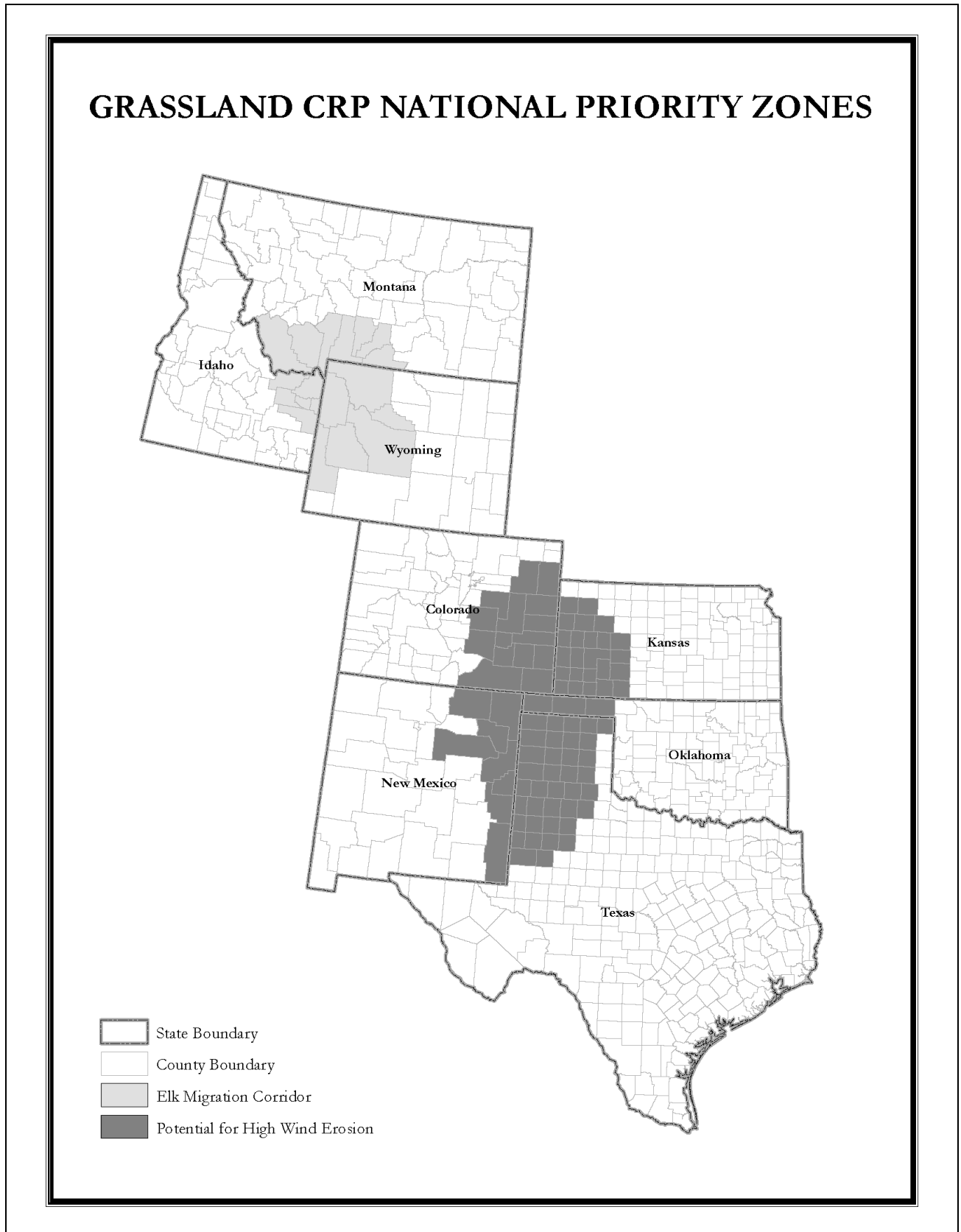


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Grassland CRP National Priority Zone

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CRP Signup Periods

The following provides the number and dates of CRP signup periods by program year.

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
1	3-3-86 through 3-14-86	1986
2	5-5-86 through 5-16-86	1986 and 1987
3	8-4-86 through 8-15-86	1986 and 1987
4	2-9-87 through 2-27-87	1987 and 1988
5	7-20-87 through 7-31-87	1987 and 1988
6	2-1-88 through 2-19-88	1988 and 1989
7	7-18-88 through 8-31-88	1988 and 1989
8	2-6-89 through 2-24-89	1989 and 1990
9	7-17-89 through 8-4-89	1989 and 1990
10	3-4-91 through 3-15-91	1991
11	7-8-91 through 7-19-91	1992
12	6-15-92 through 6-26-92	1993
13	9-11-95 through 9-22-95	1996 and 1997
14 *	9-3-96 through 9-30-97	1997 and 1998
15	3-3-97 through 3-28-97	1998 and 1999 <u>1/</u>
16	10-14-97 through 11-14-97	1998 and 1999 <u>2/ 3/</u>
17 *	10-1-97 through 9-30-98	1998 and 1999
18	10-26-98 through 12-11-98	2000
19 *	10-1-98 through 9-30-99	1999 and 2000
20	1-18-2000 through 2-11-2000	2001
21 *	10-1-99 through 4-6-2000	2000 and 2001
22 *	4-6-2000 through 9-30-2000	2000 and 2001
23 *	10-1-2000 through 9-30-2001	2001 and 2002
24 *	10-1-2001 through 9-30-2002	2002 and 2003
25 *	10-1-2002 through 9-30-2003	2003 and 2004
26	5-5-2003 through 6-13-2003	2004 and 2005
27 *	5-5-2003 through 9-30-2003	2003 and 2004
28 *	10-1-2003 through 9-30-2004	2004 and 2005
29	8-30-2004 through 9-24-2004	2006 and 2007

* Denotes continuous signup numbers.

- 1/ Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that expires September 30, 1997, is eligible to be offered for enrollment only with a program year of 1998. See paragraph 151.
- 2/ Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that expires September 30, 1998, is eligible to be offered for enrollment only with a program year of 1999. See paragraph 151.
- 3/ Acreage previously enrolled in CRP that expired September 30, 1997, is eligible to be offered for enrollment with a program year of 1998 or 1999. See paragraph 402.

CRP Signup Periods (Continued)

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
30 *	10-1-2004 through 9-30-2005	2005 and 2006
31 *	10-1-2005 through 9-30-2006	2006 and 2007
32 **	2-1-2006 through 12-31-2006	2008 through 2011
33	3-27-2006 through 4-28-2006	2007
34 *	7-17-2006 through 10-20-2006	2007 and 2008
35 *	10-1-2006 through 9-30-2007	2007 and 2008
36 *	10-1-2007 through 9-30-2008	2008 and 2009
37 *	10-1-2008 through 9-30-2009	2009 and 2010
38 *	10-1-2009 through 9-30-2010	2010 and 2011
39	8-2-2010 through 8-27-2010	2011
40 *	10-1-2010 through 9-30-2011	2011 and 2012
41	3-14-2011 through 4-15-2011	2012
42 *	10-1-2011 through 9-30-2012	2012 and 2013
43	3-12-2012 through 4-6-2012	2013
44 *	5-13-2013 through 9-30-2013	2013 and 2014
45	5-20-2013 through 6-14-2013	2014
46 *	10-1-2013 through 9-30-2014	2014 and 2015
47 *	10-1-2014 through 9-30-2015	2015 and 2016
48 *	10-1-2015 through 9-30-2016	2016 and 2017
49	12-1-2015 through 2-26-2016	2017
50 *	10-1-2016 through 9-30-2017	2017 and 2018
51 *	10-1-2017 through 9-30-2018	2018 and 2019
52 *	6-3-2019 through 8-23-2019	2020
53 *	12-9-2019 through 9-30-2020	2020 and 2021
54	12-9-2019 through 2-28-2020	2021
200	9-1-2015 through 6-1-2018	2016, 2017, or 2018
201	6-4-2018 through 9-30-2018	2019
202	3-16-2020 through 5-15-2020	2021
55 *	10-1-2020 through 9-30-2021	2021 and 2022
56	1-4-2021 through 7-23-2021	2022
203	7-12-2021 through 8-20-2021	2022
57 *	10-1-2021 through 9-30-2022	2022 and 2023
58	1-31-2022 through 4-11-2022	2023
204	4-4-2022 through 5-13-2022	2023
59 *	10-1-2022 through 9-30-2023	2023 and 2024
60	2-27-2023 through 4-7-2023	2024
205	4-17-2023 through 5-26-2023	2024

CRP Signup Periods (Continued)

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
*--61 *	10-1-2023 through 09-30-2024	2024 and 2025
62	03-04-2024 through 03-29-2024	2025
206	06-03-2024 through 06-28-2024	2025
63 *	05-12-2025 through 09-30-2025	2026
64	05-12-2025 through 06-06-2025	2026
207	07-14-2025 through 08-08-2025	2026
65 *	through	2027
66	through	2027
208	through	2027--*

* Denotes continuous signup numbers.

** Denotes REX.

Note: See paragraph 171 for continuous signup number, dates, and program year information.

*** * * CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract**

A * * * CRP-1

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B Example of CRP-1

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6. TRACT NUMBER 7. CONTRACT PERIOD FROM: (MM-DD-YYYY) TO: (MM-DD-YYYY) 8. SIGNUP TYPE:																					
INSTRUCTIONS: RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE. <i>THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (referred to as "CCC") and the undersigned owners, operators, or tenants (referred to as "the Participant"). The Participant agrees to place the designated acreage into the Conservation Reserve Program ("CRP") or other use set by CCC for the stipulated contract period from the date the Contract is executed by the CCC. The Participant also agrees to implement on such designated acreage the Conservation Plan developed for such acreage and approved by the CCC and the Participant. Additionally, the Participant and CCC agree to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Contract, including the Appendix to this Contract, entitled Appendix to CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract (referred to as "Appendix"). By signing below, the Participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Appendix/Appendices for the applicable contract period. The terms and conditions of this contract are contained in this Form CRP-1 and in the CRP-1 Appendix and any addendum thereto. BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: CRP-1; CRP-1 Appendix and any addendum thereto; and, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2G, or CRP-2C30, as applicable.</i>																					
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All Versions of CRP-2

A. CRP-2, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for General Signup)

A computer-generated CRP-2 must be completed for each general CRP-1. It is provided below for display purposes only.

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<i>(See Last Page for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements)</i>									
CRP-2 (01-23-26)					U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency				
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For General Signup)					1. Tract Number		2. Program Year		
					3A. Sign Up Number		3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
4A. County FSA Office Address (Zip Code):					4C. Producer Name and Address (Zip Code):				
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)					4D. Producer Phone No. (Include Area Code)				
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location			6. Contract Number		7. Acres for Enrollment		
					8. Signup Type GENERAL		9. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$		
10. PRACTICES (See Page 3 for additional space):								11. LAND ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY BY ACRES: (Enter the amount eligible for each criterion)	
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Practice Status	D. Acres	E. Estimated Cost Share (\$)	F. Length	G. N1a Point Value	El 8 or Greater		
							National CPA		
							State CPA		
							Expiring CRP		
12. National Ranking Factors:						13. N1 Subfactors:			
N1		N2		N3		N4		N5	
14. N2 Subfactors:				15. N5 Subfactors:					
N2a		N2b		N2c		N5a		N5b	
16. N6 Subfactor:				17. HUC Number:					
N6b									
18. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:									
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate	F. Total Rent			
(1) Primary				x	\$	=	\$		
(2) Secondary				x	\$	=	\$		
(3) Tertiary				x	\$	=	\$		
TOTALS							\$		
19. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 18F total divided by Col. 18D total)				20. Practice Incentive (Result of Item 19 times weighted average applicable incentive percentage for the practice(s))			21. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Result of Item 19 plus the result of Item 20)		
\$				\$			\$		

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A. CRP-2, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for General Signup) (Continued)

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For Items 22 through 25 (See Page 4 for additional space)										
22. Tract No.	23. Current Field No.	24. Current Crop or Land Use	25. Crop Land Use Summary							
			A. Offered Acres	B. Crop History Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____
26. TOTALS ►										
27. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION: <i>By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) All of the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) factors and subfactors N1 through N5 have been explained to me; (2) I have been informed that planting an approved mixture of covers that benefit wildlife, enhancing the existing cover to provide a mixture that benefits wildlife, if applicable, and/or creating and maintaining open areas of approved herbaceous cover, may improve the acceptability of the offer; (3) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (4) I have been informed that offering a per acre rental payment that is less than the calculated annual maximum payment rate may enhance the acceptability of the offer; (5) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (6) I have been informed that certain land enrolled in the EQIP pursuant to regulations at 7 CFR Part 1466 is ineligible for enrollment in the CRP; (7) To the best of my knowledge and belief the acreage of crops and land listed herein, if applicable, are true and correct; and (8) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses, and enter and insect for other purposes, on the above-identified land.</i> <i>I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.</i>										
27A. Signature (By)				27B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity				27C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)		

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B. CRP-2C, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for Continuous Signup)

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CRP-2C (01-23-26) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Continuous Signup)			1. Tract Number 2. Program Year		
			3A. Sign Up Number 3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
4A. County FSA Office Address (Include Zip Code)			4C. Producer Name and Address (Include Zip Code)		
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5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number	
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				8. Signup Type	
				9. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$	
10. Practices (See Page 3 for additional space)					11. HUC Number:
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Acres	D. Estimated C/S	E. Length	12. Land Eligibility Category by Acres: (Enter the amount eligible for each criteria.)
					Marginal Pastureland
					Wellhead Protection Acres
					Expiring CRP
					Infeasible to Farm
					Other Cropland
13. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
					F. Total Rent
(1) Primary					\$
(2) Secondary					\$
(3) Tertiary					\$
TOTALS					\$
14. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 13F total divided by Col. 13D total)				15. Total Incentive (if applicable) (Item 14 times 13D times applicable incentive percentage)	
\$				\$	
16. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations. For Infeasible to Farm Acreage:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
					F. Total Rent
(1) Primary					\$
(2) Secondary					\$
(3) Tertiary					\$
TOTALS					\$
17. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate For Infeasible Farm Acreage (Col. 16F total divided by Col. 16D total)				18. Total Incentive For Infeasible to Farm Acreage (if applicable) (Item 17 times 16D times applicable incentive percentage)	
\$				\$	
19. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate Plus Total Incentive (13F + 15 + 16F + 18) divided by (13D + 16D)			20. Weighted Average Maintenance Rate Per Acre		21. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Item 19 + Item 20)
\$			\$		\$

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Items 22 through 25 (<i>See Page 4 for additional space</i>)											
22. Tract No.	23. Current Field No.	24. Current Crop or Land Use	25. Crop Land Use Summary								
			A. Offered Acres	B. Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____	I. _____
26. TOTAL ▶											
27. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION: <i>By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (2) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (3) To the best of my knowledge and belief the acreage of crops and land listed herein, if applicable, are true and correct; and (4) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses and for other purposes on the above identified land.</i> <i>I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.</i>											
27A. Signature (By)					27B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity				27C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)		

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10. Practices (Continued from Page 1):

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C. CRP-2C30, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for CLEAR30 Continuous Signup)

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CRP-2C30 (01-23-26)			U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Continuous Signup CLEAR30)		
4A. County FSA Office Address (Zip Code)			4C. Producer Name and Address (Zip Code)		
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)			4D. Producer Phone No. (Include Area Code)		
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number	
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		7. Acres for Enrollment	
8A. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$		8B. Producer's maintenance performance: ☐ Completed by participant			9. Signup Type
10. Practices (See Page 3 for additional space)					11. HUC Number:
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Acres	D. Length	12. Land Eligibility Category by Acres: (Enter the amount eligible for each criteria.)	
				Marginal Pastureland	
				Wellhead Protection Acres	
				Expiring CRP	
				Infeasible to Farm	
				Other Cropland	
13. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
(1) Primary				x	\$
(2) Secondary				x	\$
(3) Tertiary				x	\$
TOTALS					\$
14. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 13F total + Col. 16F total divided by Col. 13D total + Col. 16D total) \$				15. Total rental payment adjustment (if applicable (Item 14 times 13D total + 16D total times applicable inflationary adjustment percentage) \$	
16. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations. For Infeasible to farm Acreage:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
(1) Primary				x	\$
(2) Secondary				x	\$
(3) Tertiary				x	\$
TOTALS					\$
17. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate plus total rental payment inflationary adjustment percentage (13F total + 15 + 16F total) divided by (13D total + 16D total) \$				CONTRACT TOTALS	
				18. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Item 17) \$	
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D. CRP-2G, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for Grassland Signup)

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CRP-2G (02-05-24)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency		1. Tract Number	2. Program Year
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Grassland CRP Signup)				3A. Sign Up Number	3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
4A. County FSA Office Address (Include Zip Code)			4C. Producer Name and Address (Include Zip Code)		
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)			4D. Producer Phone Number (Include Area Code)		
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number	
7A. Acres for Enrollment	7B. Cropland Acres	8A. Maximum Payment Rate (Includes Climate-Smart Incentive Rate) \$		8B. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$	
9. Cover/Practices:					
A. Field Number	B. Practice No.	C. Cover	D. Acres	E. Estimated Total Cost Share (C/S)	F. Length
10. Ranking Questions (Ranking Factors: F1a, F1b, F2, F3a, F3b, F3c, F4, F5a, F5b, F5c, F6, F7a, F7b). See Exhibit 24					Points
A. What is the current cover on land being offered? (F4)					
B. Is all or part of the land offered currently under an expiring CRP contract? (F1a) ☐ YES ☐ NO If "YES", please enter the CRP contract no: Is over 50 percent of the offered acres in existing CP2, CP10 or CP-25 cover? (F1b) ☐ YES ☐ NO					
C. Producer Classification (F2): ☐ Beginning Farmer/Rancher ☐ Veteran ☐ Socially Disadvantaged ☐ Limited Resource ☐ N/A					
D. Has the producer certified they are eligible for the Small-Scale Livestock option on the CRP-2G-1? (F6) ☐ YES ☐ NO					
E. Is the land offered in a county under threat of conversion? (F3a) ☐ YES ☐ NO					
F. Is over 50 percent of the land offered in the National Threat of conversion layer? (F3b) ☐ YES ☐ NO					
G. Is offer for 10 or 15 years? (F3c) ☐ 10 Years ☐ 15 Years					
H. Is the land offered currently in a State Wildlife zone? (F5a) ☐ YES ☐ NO Is the land offered currently in a State CRP grassland zone? (F5b) ☐ YES ☐ NO Is the land currently in the National Priority Zone? (F5c) ☐ YES ☐ NO					
I. Cost: Maximum rental rate is less than \$15 (F7a) ☐ YES ☐ NO Cost: Offered rate is less than maximum payment rate (F7b) ☐ YES ☐ NO					
J. Other					K. TOTAL:
11. Remarks					

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D. CRP-2G, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for Grassland Signup) (Continued)

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12. CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (2) All of the Grassland Ranking Factors and subfactors F1 through F7 have been explained to me; (3) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (4) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the acreage of crops and land listed herein are true and correct; (5) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses, and enter for other purposes, on the above-identified land; and (6) If I checked a box in Item 10C other than "N/A," I affirm that I am either: a beginning farmer, rancher, or a veteran; or, a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, as defined in the regulations at 7 CFR Part 718.2 I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.

12A. Signature (By)	12B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity	12C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)

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E. CRP-2G-1, CRP Grassland Small Livestock Operation Certification (for Grassland Signup)

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CRP-2G-1 (02-05-24)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency	
GRASSLAND CRP SMALL LIVESTOCK OPERATION CERTIFICATION		1. STATE	
		2. COUNTY	
		3. TRACT NUMBER	
4A. Producer Name		4B. Producer Address (Including Zip Code)	
		5. Producer Telephone Number (Including Area Code)	
TYPES OF LIVESTOCK:			
6. Animal Kind/Class	7. Animal Unit Equivalent	8. Number of Animals	9. Total Animal Unit Equivalents
A. Beef/Bufalo/Dry Dairy Cow	1.00 x	=	
B. Dairy Cow	1.40 x	=	
C. Beef/Bufalo Bulls	1.50 x	=	
D. Calf	0.30 x	=	
E. Heifer	0.86 x	=	
F. Yearling Cattle	0.65 x	=	
G. Sheep, Ewe	0.16 x	=	
H. Lamb, Weaned to Yearling	0.14 x	=	
I. Ram (200 lbs.)	0.17 x	=	
J. Goat, Mature	0.15 x	=	
K. Kid, Yearling	0.10 x	=	
L. Llama	0.23 x	=	
M. Other:	x	=	
N. Other:	x	=	
O. TOTAL			
10. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION			
<i>I certify:</i> • my livestock operation has 140 grazing animal units or less • that I will not offer more than 200 acres for CRP Grassland on my farm. <i>By signing this form, the Applicant acknowledges and understands that any false representation or claims are subject to civil and criminal penalties including, but not limited to those under 18 U.S.C. 1001.</i>			
A. PRODUCER SIGNATURE (BY)		B. TITLE RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY	
		C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	
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Grassland CRP Ranking Factors

1 Overview

A Ranking Process and Factor Scoring

The national grassland ranking process and offer size will be used to rank and prioritize offers for enrollment into grassland CRP based on available acres under statutory acreage cap.

Producers **must** be provided a fact sheet describing the grassland CRP ranking factors. FSA will review the fact sheet with producers to ensure that producers are aware of the scoring process used for grassland CRP ranking. Producers will sign CRP-2G to certify that they were informed of grassland CRP ranking factors and opportunities to enhance their score.

County Offices will review grassland CRP ranking factor scoring parameters with the producers and encourage the planting of new or maintaining of existing cover types and conservation measures, if appropriate, that will provide higher environmental benefits.

--The Ranking Factor F2 was removed in SU207. If questions arise on older contracts, contact CD. Information about the ranking factor can be found in 2CRP (Rev. 6) Amendment 9 or the applicable signup notice.--

B Overview of the Grassland CRP Ranking Factors

The national grassland ranking factors include the following:

- F1, Current and Future Use
* * *
- F3, Maximizing Grassland Preservation
- F4, Vegetation Cover
- F5, Environmental Factors
- F6, Small Scale Livestock Initiative
- F7, Cost.

Grassland ranking factors provide a relative ranking of eligible land offered for grasslands CRP, as follows.

$$F1 * * * + F3 + F4 + F5 + F6 + F7 = \text{National Grassland Ranking Factors Score}$$

Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)

1 Overview (Continued)

C Overview of the Grassland CRP Ranking Factors

The following table illustrates the national grassland ranking factors.

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters																		
F1	30	Current use: - F1a if over 50 percent of offer is expiring CRP or expiring GRP within the current FY (0 to 20 points) - F1b if over 50 percent of offer is CP2 or CP10, CP25 cover (0 or 10 points).																		
* * *																				
F3	35	F3a if eligible land is at the greatest risk from the threat of conversion to uses other than grassland (0, 2.5, 5, 7.5, or 10 points). F3b if over 50 percent of offer is in the national threat of conversion GIS layer (0 or 20 points). F3c if the offer is for a 15-year contract (0 or 5 points).																		
F4	30	Vegetation cover (0 to 30 points). F4 based on a weighted average of the following criteria. <table><tr><th>Practice</th><th>Assigned Point Score</th></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes</td></tr><tr><td>Monoculture stand.</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Existing stand of 2 or more species of an introduced grass species.</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Existing stand (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes</td></tr><tr><td>Monoculture stand.</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Existing stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>Existing stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.</td><td>30</td></tr></table>	Practice	Assigned Point Score	Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes		Monoculture stand.	5	Existing stand of 2 or more species of an introduced grass species.	10	Existing stand (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	20	Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes		Monoculture stand.	10	Existing stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.	20	Existing stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.	30
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Existing stand (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	20																			
Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes																				
Monoculture stand.	10																			
Existing stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.	20																			
Existing stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.	30																			

***--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)**

1 Overview (Continued)

C Overview of the Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)--*

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters
F5	45	Environmental factors (0 to 45 points): • F5a if over 50 percent of offer is in the current general CRP signup wildlife zone (0 or 15 points) • F5b if over 50 percent of the offer is in the State grassland CRP zone (0 or 15 points) • F5c if over 50 percent of the offer is in the Grassland CRP National Priority Zone (0 to 15 points).
F6	10	If the producer certifies that they are eligible for the small scale livestock option on CRP-2G-1 (0 or 10 points).
F7	25	Cost factors (0 to 25) F7 not to exceed 25 points where: •*--F7a if the maximum rental rate for a county is less than or equal to \$15 (0 or 15 points) • F7b if the offer is less than the maximum payment rate (0 to--* 25 points).

2 National Ranking Factor F1 for Current Use

A Ranking Factor F1 Summary

The following factor encourages continued usage of the land, and retains most of the environmental benefits of expiring CRP land.

0 to 30 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F1a + F1b = F1$

B Subfactor F1a for Expiring CRP

This factor encourages owners who continue to maintain and use land that is currently in CRP in an environmentally sustainable way. Keeping these acreages in grass covers will help preserve most of the environmental benefits established under general CRP.

Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor F1 for Current Use (Continued)

B Subfactor F1a for Expiring CRP (Continued)

Assign 20 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is currently expiring CRP in the last year of CRP-1 or is expiring GRP within the current FY. If the offer has less than 50 percent of expiring acreage being offered, prorate the 20 points based on the percentage of the offer that is expiring CRP.

Example: If 40 percent of the offer is expiring CRP in the last year of CRP-1, then it would receive 16 points ($20 \times .80$). The .80 was determined by dividing 40 by 50 = .80 rounded to the nearest tenth.

C Subfactor F1b for Existing CRP Cover

This factor provides additional points depending on the current CRP cover. Assign 10 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreages is currently CP2 or CP10, CP25 cover.

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Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)

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4 National Ranking Factor F3

A Ranking Factor F3 Summary

The following factor encourages continued grassland usage of the land, in areas subject to threat of conversion.

0 to 35 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F3a + F3b + F3c = F3$

B National Ranking Factor F3a for Land Under Threat of Conversion (County)

For this factor, assign up to 10 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is in a county under threat of conversion as determined by DAFP. The offer will receive 0, 2.5, 5, 7.5, or 10 points.

Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)

4 National Ranking Factor F3 (Continued)

C National Ranking Factor F3b for Land Under Threat of Conversion (GIS)

For this factor, assign up to 20 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is within the national threat of conversion GIS layer (0 or 20 points) under threat of conversion as determined by DAFP. This factor provides additional points for land with less than 3 percent slopes, which are more likely to be converted to cropland or development.

D National Ranking Factor F3c for Longer Contract Length

For this factor, assign 5 points if the offer is for a 15-year contract (0 or 5 points).

5 National Ranking Factor F4

A National Ranking Factor F4 for Vegetative Cover

The F4 score is the sum of the weighted average scores using the following F4 table. To determine the F4 value, calculate the weighted average value for all practices using the F4 table. Round the result to the nearest whole number using the normal rules of rounding.

--Evaluate this factor based on the covers on the acres offered. FSA or TSP will only allow-- covers that are suitable for the site designated for the offer.

Practice	Assigned Point Score
Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes	
Monoculture stand.	5
Existing stand of 2 or more species of an introduced grass species.	10
Existing stand of (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	20
Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes	
Monoculture stand.	10
Existing stand of (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.	20
Existing stand of (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.	30

Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor F5 for Environmental Factors

A Summary

This factor is designed to help producers address acreages that are known to be in areas of designated candidate, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitat and to provide an incentive for environmentally sensitive areas.

For this factor, 0 to 45 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F5a + F5b + F5c = F5$.

B Subfactor F5a for Wildlife Priority Zones

Grassland CRP will use the existing State wildlife priority zones identified for general CRP signup. For this factor, assign 15 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is within an approved State wildlife priority zone.

C Subfactor F5b for Offers That Meet the State Priority Enrollment Criteria

STC submitted geographic areas (whole counties) to address the specific conservation practices and the species of concern or specific habitat restoration; such as tall grass prairie, that would be addressed by grassland CRP practice and/or components to CD for approval.

For this factor, assign 15 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is in a State grassland CRP zone. Otherwise, assign 0 points.

D Subfactor F5c for Offers Within the National Priority Zone

The subfactor encourages continued usage of the land and to provide an incentive for environmental sensitive areas. If over 50 percent of the offer is in one of the national priority zones the offer will receive 15 points under the F5c factor.

7 Small Scale Livestock Imitative Factor F6

A Summary

For this factor, if the producer certifies that they are eligible for a small scale livestock option on CRP-2G-1, the offer will receive 10 points (0 or 10 points).

8 National Ranking Factor F7 Cost – Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate

A Summary

*--For this factor, 0 to 25 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F7a + F7b = F7$.
F7 cannot exceed 25 points.--*

Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)

8 National Ranking Factor F7 Cost – Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate (Continued)

***--B Subfactor F7a for Cost**

If the maximum grassland CRP rental rate for a county is less than or equal to \$15, the offer will get 15 points.

C Subfactor F7b for Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate

Offers for which the rental rate per acre offered is below the maximum per acre payment rate are awarded points on a percentage basis. The formula to calculate the following--* percentage maximum payment rate is: $1 - (\text{rental rate per acre offered} / \text{maximum payment rate})$. The total for F7 cannot exceed 25 points.

Points will be awarded for whole percent below the maximum payment rate, based on the following. Percentage values are truncated to a whole number.

Percent Below Maximum Payment Rate	F7 Points
1	2
2	4
3	6
4	8
5	10
6	12
7	14
8	16
9	18
10	20
11	21
12	22
13	23
14	24
>=15	25

Example: The maximum payment rate for an offer is \$50 per acre. The producer offers a per acre rental rate of \$45. The offer is 10 percent below the maximum payment rate. The offer is awarded 20 points.

EBI and National Ranking Factors

1 EBI

A Background

EBI has been used by USDA to prioritize and rank CRP offers since signup 10.

B EBI Process and Factor Scoring

The National EBI process will be used to rank and prioritize offers for enrollment into CRP for general signup offers.

*--Producers must be provided a fact sheet describing EBI. FSA will review the fact sheet with producers to ensure that producers are aware of the scoring process used for EBI. Producers will sign CRP-2 certifying they were informed of EBI and opportunities to enhance their score.

FSA will review EBI scoring parameters with the producers and encourage the planting of new or maintaining of existing cover types and conservation measures, if appropriate, that will provide higher environmental benefits. FSA employees will notify producers that submitting--* offers with annual rental payments less than the maximum payment rate will result in higher EBI scores.

C Overview of the National EBI

The National EBI includes 5 environmental ranking factors and a cost factor.

- N1, Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits
- N2, Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff and Leaching
- N3, On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion
- N4, Enduring Benefits
- N5, Air Quality Benefits
- N6, Cost.

EBI provides a relative ranking of estimated environmental benefits and cost for land offered for CRP.

$N1 + N2 + N3 + N4 + N5 + N6 = \text{National EBI Score.}$

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

1 EBI (Continued)

C Overview of the National EBI (Continued)

The following table illustrates the National ranking factors.

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters
N1	100	Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (0 to 100 points) N1 = (N1a + N1b + N1c) where: • N1a is the cover subfactor (0 to 50 points) • N1b is Wildlife enhancements (0, 5, or 20 points) • N1c is Wildlife priority zones (0 or 30 points).
N2	100	Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (0 to 100 points) N2 = (N2a + N2b + N2c) where: • N2a is the water quality zones subfactor (0 or 30 points) • N2b is the groundwater quality subfactor (0 to 25 points) • N2c is the surface water quality subfactor (0 to 45 points).
N3	100	*--On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion (10 to 100 points)--*
N4	50	Enduring benefits point range (0 to 50 points)
N5	45	Air Quality Benefits (3 to 45 points) N5 = N5a + N5b + N5c where: • N5a is the wind erosion impacts subfactor (0 to 25 points) • *--N5b is the air quality zone (0 or 10 points)--* • N5c is carbon sequestration factor (3 to 10 points).
N6	1/	N6 = N6a + N6b where: • N6a is the cost factor • N6b is the offer is less than maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).

1/ Points assigned to cost factor will be determined after signup ends and all the offers are evaluated. This factor will be based on the rental rate offered and the maximum payment rate.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits

A Summary

0 to 100 points determined using subfactors in the formula:

$$N1a + N1b + N1c = N1$$

Wildlife species, both game and nongame, benefit most from the availability of appropriate wildlife habitat. CRP provides the opportunity to develop habitat that will benefit a variety of wildlife species.

Note: Producers with existing cover will be informed that C/S may be available for cover enhancement.

This factor encourages landowners to plant cover on contract acreage that will be beneficial to wildlife. Subfactor N1a assigns a score to the quality of the cover to be applied to the practice.

Existing CRP covers on acreage being offered for re-enrollment may be improved to provide better wildlife habitat and increase the N1a subfactor score for the offer. Subfactor N1a points are awarded based on the weighted average point score associated with the offered acreage by practice point score.

Note: Expiring CRP land with trees loses its cropland status after the expiration of the contract
* * *.

Approved cover is expected to be seeded or planted within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. However, TSP may, in developing the conservation plan, permit an additional 12 months, not to exceed 24 continuous months, to seed the approved cover. This flexibility will be permitted to allow the establishment of approved cover in a manner that will not adversely impact the natural resources of the site or surrounding area.

For each practice, the conservation plan will include:

- management activity or activities to maintain or enhance the plant community diversity and plant vigor, if determined needed by the FSA SED and NRCS State Conservationist
- a schedule of maintenance activities and various maintenance options.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover

Cover and practices beneficial to wildlife (0 to 50 points maximum).

The Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits Factor (N1a) will provide practice seeding mixes and management options that provide habitat for important and declining species of national, regional, State, or local significance in each State. NRCS State Biologist will work with the NRCS State Plant Materials Specialist, State Wildlife Agency and FWS to revise or develop seeding mixes and management recommendations for the above-mentioned species or groups of species.

Nonaggressive introduced species may be used for up to 2 species in the mixes. The number of seeding mixes developed is up to each State. Special seeding mixes and planting rates may be developed for arid areas and areas of limited native seed availability subject to approval by DAFP.

*--Seeding mixes must, to the maximum extent practicable, be comprised of locally collected native "eco-type" (seed mixes native to local area) seed for native seedings.

On the land with existing/expiring CRP acreage, the offer will be ranked on the desired plant--* community that the producer plans on establishing or maintaining for the site.

Example 1: A producer with an existing stand of a monoculture of crested wheatgrass would like to reenroll the entire stand. The producer would like to enhance the stand to 4 species of introduced grasses, including at least 1 forb or legume. The offer would be ranked as a 40-point CP1 stand.

*--**Example 2:** A producer with an expiring CRP-1 that was originally planted to a monoculture of western wheatgrass (native grass) would like to reenroll into CRP. During the CRP-1 period of the last 10 years, a number of native grasses, forbs, and--* legumes have naturally generated into the existing CRP cover stand. The producer believes that the site has evolved into a 50-point CP2 cover stand. The producer offers the site as a 50 points CP2 cover. The offer is ranked as a 50-point CP2 cover. During the conservation planning process, a site visit indicates that only 2 native grasses and 1 forb are in the cover. The producer is required to inter-seed into the stand to achieve the 50-point cover for which the offer was scored.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

CP/Cover Matrix

Evaluate this subfactor based on the covers expected to become established. FSA or TSP will only allow those covers that are suitable for the site designated for the offer.

Practice 1/	Assigned Point Score
CP1 Permanent introduced grasses and legumes	
Existing monoculture (1 species) stand of an introduced grass.	0
Existing stand of 2 to 3 species or planting new stand of 2 to 3 species of an introduced grass species.	10
Existing stand or planting mixture (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	40
CP2 Permanent native grasses and legumes	
Existing monoculture (1 species) stand of a native grass.	0
Existing stand (minimum 2 to 3 species) or planting new mixed stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species and at least 1 forb, or legume species beneficial to wildlife.	20
Existing stand or planting mixed stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses and at least 1 shrub, forb, or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	50
CP3 Tree planting (general) 2/	
Southern Pines (Softwoods) - Solid stand of pines/softwoods (existing according to State-developed standards or planted at more than 550 trees per acre).	10
Northern Conifers (Softwoods) - Solid stand of conifers/softwoods (existing according to State-developed standards or planted at more than 850 trees per acre).	
Western Pines (Softwoods) - Solid stand of pines/softwoods (existing according to State-developed standards or planted at more than 650 trees per acre).	

*--1/ Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice.

2/ State Conservationist may revise FOTG on planting rate to be consistent with CRP.--*

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice <u>1</u>/	Assigned Point Score
CP3 Tree planting (general) <u>2</u>/ (Continued)	
Southern Pines (Softwoods) - Pines/softwoods existing or planted at a rate of 500 to 550 per acre depending upon the site index (State-developed standards) with 10 to 20 percent openings managed to a CP4D wildlife cover.	50
Northern Conifers (Softwoods) - Conifers/softwoods existing or planted at a rate of 750 to 850 trees per acre depending upon the site index (State-developed standards) with 10 to 20 percent openings managed to a CP4D wildlife cover.	
Western Pines (Softwoods) - Western Pines (softwoods) - Pines/softwoods existing planted at a rate of 550 to 650 per acre depending upon the site index (State-developed standards) with 10 to 20 percent openings managed to a CP4D wildlife cover.	
Opening for Southern and Western Pines are not to be less than a minimum of 2 acres or a maximum of 5 acres in size for fields of 20 acres and larger. For smaller fields will be based upon percentage. Opening in Northern conifers will be one-half to 2 acres in size. Opening may include buffers on the interior of the field. Field edges (borders) may be used if they are irregular in shape and average 30 feet in width. Natural regeneration of native herbaceous or shrubby vegetation with required maintenance may be permitted within open areas if it is consistent with NRCS technical standards and concurred with by State FWS or U.S. FWS Officials. Open areas of native grasses and/or shrub planting best suited for wildlife in the area will be considered CP3 for EBI scoring and contract purposes.	

*--1/ Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice.

2/ State Conservationist may revise FOTG on planting rate to be consistent with CRP.--*

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice <u>1</u>/	Assigned Point Score
CP3A Hardwood tree planting <u>2</u> /	
Existing or planting solid stand of nonmast producing hardwood species.	10
Existing or planting solid stand of a single hard mast-producing species.	20
Existing or planting mixed stand of hardwood species best suited for wildlife in the area.	30
Existing or planting mixed Stand (3 or more species) of hardwood species best suited for wildlife in the area.	50
Existing or planting longleaf Pine or Atlantic White Cedar - Planted at rates appropriate for the site index.	50

*--1/ Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice.

2/ State Conservationist may revise FOTG on planting rate to be consistent with CRP.--*

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice <u>1</u>/	Assigned Point Score
CP4D Permanent wildlife habitat	
Existing or planting mixed stand (minimum of 4 species) of grasses, trees, shrubs, forbs, or legumes planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for various wildlife species in the area. A wildlife conservation plan must be developed with the participant.	40
Existing or planting mixed stand (minimum of 5 species) of either of predominately native species including grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs, or trees planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited to providing wildlife habitat. Only native grasses are authorized. Introduced grasses are not authorized and shall not be included in cover mixes for 50-point N1a scores for CP4D. A wildlife conservation plan must be developed with the participant.	50

--1/ Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice.--

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice	Assigned Point Score
CP12 Wildlife food plot <u>3/</u>	
Wildlife food plots are small non-C/S plantings in a larger area. Wildlife food plots will never be the predominant cover.	N/A
CP25 Rare and declining habitat restoration <u>4/</u>	
Existing stand or seeding or planting will be best suited for wildlife in the area.	50
Plant species selections will be based upon Ecological Site Description data.	
* * *	
CP42 Pollinator habitat	
Existing stand or planting (minimum of .5 acres) of a diverse mix of multiple species suited for pollinators	50

1/ Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice.

2/ State Conservationist may revise FOTG on planting rate to be consistent with CRP.

3/ CP12 * * * acreage is not included in the weighted average point score. For example, a 50-acre offer with a 45-acre CP25 planting and a 5-acre food plot calculates the weighted average using only the 45 acres of CP25 planting. * * *

45 acres x 50 points (CP25 point score) = 2250 points
2250 points divided by 45 acres = 50 points

4/ Technical practice standards for the selected habitat type must meet applicable standards and be approved by DAFP at least 30 calendar days before the beginning of signup.

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EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

C Subfactor N1b - Cover

Subfactor N1b - Wildlife Improvement (0 to 20 points maximum).

Producers must be notified that, if accepted in CRP, food plots must be maintained for the term of CRP-1. Producers offering food plots must be notified of the planting and maintenance requirements before the offer is submitted.

Points are based on the following table. Maximum point score is 20 points. The factors are **not** additive.

Producers must be informed before signup that the acreage must be maintained for the life of the contract according to practice standards.

--Wildlife Enhancement Signups 62, 64, and 66--		Points
Establishment of pollinator habitat CP42 * * * that remains in the location of CRP-1. The habitat size, shape, and composition must meet the following requirements.		20
Size		
CRP Acreage Offered	Habitat Size Requirement	
Less than 10 acres	At least 1 acre of pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least .5 acre.	
10 acres or greater	At least 10 percent of acreage offered in pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least .5 acre.	

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

C Subfactor N1b - Cover (Continued)

--Wildlife Enhancement Signups 62, 64, and 66--						Points
Annual or permanent food plot (CP12) that remains in the same location for the contract length or rotated food plot for which the location changes during CRP-1 length. CP12 food plots must be consistent with NRCS FOTG up to 10 percent of a field, not to exceed 5 acres per field.						5
Example: A producer would like to enroll 200 acres. Field 1 is 120 acres, Field 2 is 45 acres, and Field 3 is 35 acres.						
Field	Size	NRCS FOTG Limit	10 Percent Limit	5 Acres	Limited CP12 Acres	
1	120	12	12 acres	5	5.0	
2	45	4.5	4.5 acres	5	4.5	
3	35	3.5	3.5 acres	5	<u>3.5</u>	
13.0						
Note: CP12, the NRCS FOTG standard, is limited by the lessor of either 10 percent of the field size or 5 acres/field for the food plot. The 5 acres of food plot may be either one 5-acre food plot or 2 or more food plots where the cumulative total would be ≤ 5 acres.						

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

D Subfactor N1c - Wildlife Priority Zones

Location where proposed land may contribute to restoration of habitat of Threatened or Endangered Species or contribute to the restoration of important and declining species of National, Regional, State, or Local Significance. Restoration of rare and declining native habitat (Long Leaf Pine, Tall Grass Prairie, etc.) may also be addressed. (0 or 30 points maximum)

Assign 30 points if at least 51 percent of the offered acreage is within an approved area and the weighted average N1a score is greater than or equal to 40 points.

--STC will submit geographic areas (whole counties or 8-, 10-, or 12-digit HUC) the specific-- conservation practices and the species of concern or specific habitat restoration, such as tall grass prairie, that would be addressed by the habitat restoration.

Wildlife Priority Zones may be up to 25 percent of the State cropland acres.

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching

A Summary

0 to 100 points determined by adding subfactors using the formula: $N2 = N2a + N2b + N2c$

CRP can improve water quality by reducing:

- sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants from entering the Nation's water courses and aquifers
- downstream flood damage through the restoration of hydrology
- the leaching of nitrates and pesticides into groundwater.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (Continued)

A Summary (Continued)

Water quality benefits are dependent on the:

- extent to which erosion, runoff, and leaching are reduced
- population that may be affected
- location of the CRP acreage:
 - with respect to water resources
 - within priority water quality areas.

B Subfactor N2a - Water Quality Zones

Location where proposed land may contribute to groundwater or surface water quality impairment and to assist in meeting Federal, State, or local water quality laws. (0 or 30 points maximum)

Assign 30 points if at least 51 percent of the offered acreage is within zones recommended by the State Technical Committee and STC and approved by DAFP as high priority water resources.

--STC will:--

- consult with the State Technical Committee in developing recommendations
- take into consideration that a goal of EBI is to provide gradation of offers
- prioritize and approve only the highest priority water resources of the State.

--Only the highest priority zones will be approved.--

A minimum **of at least 51 percent** of the offered acreage must be within the designated area to be awarded points. Otherwise, assign 0 points. Water quality zones may be up to 25 percent of the State's cropland.

C Subfactor N2b - Groundwater Quality

Groundwater quality benefits score (0 to 25 points maximum).

The leach index characterizes the inherent potential for the movement of nutrients and pesticides for a specific soil. The index is based on soil properties, including particle size and organic matter.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (Continued)

C Subfactor N2b - Groundwater Quality (Continued)

The COLS software determines the weighted average leach index for the 3 predominant soils and looks up the appropriate county specific value. Table values are based on:

- leach index for acres offered
- county pesticide leaching potential
- county nitrogen leaching potential
- population obtaining drinking water from wells in each county.

Example: A 110-acre field is offered composed of 2 soil map units. 70 acres have a leach index of 1, and the remaining 40 acres have a leach index of 3. The average leach index is $(70 \times 1) + (40 \times 3) \div 110 = 1.73$, which is rounded to the nearest whole number 2. Based on the following sample table, if the acres were located in Barbour County, Alabama, a value of 12 would be entered for subfactor B.

	--Ground Water Subfactor for Signups 62, 64, and 66--		
	Leach Index		
County	1	2	3
1001 - Autauga	6	13	20
1003 - Baldwin	8	12	16
1005 - Barbour	8	12	16
1007 - Bibb	8	12	20
1009 - Blount	2	8	14

D Subfactor N2c - Surface Water Quality

Surface water quality benefits score. (0 to 45 points maximum)

This subfactor evaluates the:

- potential amount of sediment that is delivered to water courses
- population within the watershed that would benefit most directly from improved surface water quality
- the stream density and estimated sediment loadings that occur because of agriculture.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (Continued)

D Subfactor N2c - Surface Water Quality (Continued)

EPA studies have found that sediment is the primary water quality problem in the majority of rivers and streams.

The COLS software will determine the weighted average water erosion for the 3 predominant soils for the offered acreage. Round water erosion to the nearest whole number using normal rules of rounding. Use the appropriate table value for the watershed in which at least 51 percent of the acreage is physically located.

For example:

	--Surface Water Subfactor - Water Erosion for Signups 62, 64, and 66--				
Watershed	< 4	4 ≤ Water Erosion < 7	7 ≤ Water Erosion < 11	11 ≤ Water Erosion < 23	Water Erosion ≥ 23
01010001	1	7	14	18	22
01010002	7	14	18	22	29
01010003	14	18	25	31	37
01010004	18	25	31	39	43
01010005	22	29	37	43	45

4 National Ranking Factor N3 - On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion

A Summary

On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion. (10 to 100 points maximum)

The score for the weighted average EI for the 3 predominant soils on the land offered is determined by the greater of EI for:

- sheet and rill erosion (based on RUSLE2)
- wind erosion (based on WEPS).

Note: EI must be a whole number. Use normal rules of rounding.

Use the highest EI value (for the 3 predominate soils of the acreage offered) of either sheet and rill or wind erosion (do not add together). Use the table in subparagraph B to award points for the offer based on the highest EI value.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

4 National Ranking Factor N3 – On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion (Continued)

B EI Table

*--EI (higher of wind or water EI). (10 to 100 points maximum)

EI – Sheet and Rill or Wind	Points
0	10
1	10
2	10
3	16
4	16
5	22
6	22
7	22
8	25
9	25
10	25--*
11	29
12	37
13	46
14	56
15	67
16	79
17	92
18	97
19	98
20	99
21 +	100

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

5 National Ranking Factor N4 – Enduring Benefits

A Summary

Enduring Benefits Beyond CRP-1 Period. (0 to 50 points maximum)

The N4 evaluates the likelihood that the practice established will persist and be maintained beyond the life span of CRP-1 and will provide benefits beyond the contract period.

Land established with certain existing vegetation types, such as hardwood trees, softwood trees, or shrubs, is less likely to be returned to crop production after contract expiration. In addition, land re-established to a wetland ecosystem, or rare or declining habitat, is also less likely to return to crop production at the end of the contract period.

The N4 score is the sum of the weighted average scores using the following N4 table. To determine the N4 value, calculate the weighted average value for **all practices** using the N4 table. Round the result to the nearest whole number using the normal rules of rounding.

Use the following table to award N4 points. Score zero points if none of the following practices are offered.

Note: The practice selected must be appropriate for the site. Trees must not be selected on sites where trees are not a part of the ecosystem. For example: A tree stand must not be planted on a site where the climax vegetation for the site is range. The vegetation must be consistent with the ecosystem of the site.

Important: Food plots (CP12) are awarded 0 points.

--N4 Table - Signups 62, 64, and 66--		Points
New hardwood tree (CP3A), longleaf pines, or Atlantic White Cedar plantings or CP25, where the plant community is existing or will be established to primarily trees.		50
Existing or enhanced stand of hardwood Trees, Longleaf pine, and/or Atlantic White Cedar (CP3A).		40
New pine/softwood tree (CP3).		30
CP25, where the plant community is existing or will be established to a primarily grass and/or shrub complex or CP42.		25
Existing pine/softwood tree (original contract signed as CP3).		20
All other conservation practices not listed (CP1, CP2, CP4D).		0

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

5 National Ranking Factor N4 - Enduring Benefits (Continued)

A Summary (Continued)

Determine the weighted average value for enduring benefits using the appropriate value in the N4 table times the appropriate acres. Divide the sum by the total **acres on the offer**. Round the result to the nearest whole number using the normal rules of rounding. The result is the N4 score.

Example: A 100-acre office is comprised of 50 acres of new hardwood planting (CP3A) and 50 acres of existing pine trees (CP3).

The N4 score is:

50 acres of (CP3A) hardwoods (with a practice status of “N”) X 50 points/acre =
2,500 points

50 acres of (CP3) pine (with a practice status of existing) X 20 points/acres =
1,000 points

3,500 points

$3,500 \text{ points} \div 100 \text{ acres} = 35 \text{ points}$

N4 score = 35 points.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion

A Summary

National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion

This factor evaluates air quality improvements from reducing airborne dust and particulate (PM 10) from cropland wind erosion that causes damage to nearby affected population concentrations. In addition, it provides points for the value of CRP land for Carbon Sequestration. (3 to 45 points maximum)

The formula is: $N5 = N5a + N5b + N5c$.

The air quality factor is comprised of 3 components. The first component (N5a) is based on the potential wind erosion, distance weighted population that may be impacted by wind erosion.

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The second component (N5b) evaluates areas:

- where agriculture significantly impacts air quality (nonattainment of air quality standards)
- that are located within 50 miles of Class 1 air quality areas (National Parks with high quality air standards).

The third component (N5c) provides points based on the relative ability to sequester carbon. This factor is based on the weighted average for the conservation practices using the N5c table.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion (Continued)

B Wind Erosion Impacts, Subfactor N5a

This subfactor evaluates wind erosion impacts. (0 to 25 points maximum)

Determine the county in which the majority of the acreage offered is physically located. Determine the weighted wind erosion factor of the acreage offered. Using the revised county air quality table and the weighted wind erosion factor, the automated system will calculate the air quality points for factor N5a. These tables will **only** be used if the wind erosion equation is equal to or greater than 7. Otherwise, a value of 0 is awarded for N5a subfactor.

Note: The look-up tables reflect the potential wind erosion, the number of potential people that may be impacted, and the distance population is from the source of wind erosion. Population near the source of the wind erosion is weighted significantly higher than downwind population sources. For example, the impacts of wind erosion on 1 person near the site would equal the impacts of 100 people that are located 100 miles from the site.

For example:

	--Air Quality Factor for Signups 62, 64, and 66--				
County	0	1-19	20-39	40-59	60 $\geq$
Anders	0	7	9	12	15
Billings	0	9	12	15	18
Johnson	0	12	15	18	21
Weld	0	15	18	21	25

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion (Continued)

C Air Quality Zones, Subfactor N5b

(0 or 10 points maximum)

--The State Technical Committee working with State and EPA air quality representatives will recommend designated agricultural zones that contribute to the nonattainment of air quality standards to FSA. Air quality zones will be designated on an entire county or HUC basis. FSA will prepare a database of designated air quality zone. Air quality zones may be up to-- 25 percent of the State's cropland and must be located with an approved air quality CPA.

The State Technical Committee may also recommend zones within 50 miles of a Class 1 air designated area in which agricultural crop production could impact air quality standards. Documentation, such as existing monitoring data that agriculture contributes to or has potential to violate existing air quality standards, is required.

*--**Note:** The State Technical Committee will consult with the State air quality official for the--* latest Class 1 designations.

The offer is awarded 10 points if both of the following conditions are met:

- at least 51 percent of the offer must be in the designated zones
- the weighted wind EI must be equal to or greater than 3.0.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion (Continued)

D Carbon Sequestration, Subfactor N5c

N5c Carbon Sequestration Factor (3 to 10 points maximum)

This factor provides a relative index of the projected carbon sequestration benefits of CRP cover types over the expected life of the practice. This is a weighted average for all practices on the contract using the values in the table.

--N5c Carbon Sequestration Table for Signups 62, 64, and 66--	
Practice	Point
CP3, CP3A, CP25 (primarily trees)	10
CP25 (primary grass complex), CP42	5
CP4D	4
CP1, CP2	3
CP12 (must be associated with practices according to Exhibit 11, page 43)	0

7 National Ranking Factor N6 – Cost

A Summary

The points will be determined using the formula: $N6 = N6a + N6b$

The cost factor provides weight to assist in optimizing environmental benefits per dollar of CRP rental payments. Greater weight is provided to offers with lower costs.

B Subfactor N6a - Cost

The number of points will be determined after signup ends and will be based on the producer rental rate offer.

Note: Offers with lower per acre rental rates may increase the probability that the offer will be acceptable.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

7 National Ranking Factor N6 - Cost (Continued)

C Subfactor N6b - Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate

Offers below the maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).

Offers for which the Rental Rate Per Acre Offered is below the maximum per acre payment rate, on a percentage basis, are award points. The formula to calculate the percentage below maximum payment rate is: $1 - (\text{Rental Rate Per Acre Offered} / \text{maximum payment rate})$.

Points will be awarded for **whole percent** below the maximum payment rate, based on the following. Percentage values are **truncated** to a whole number.

Percent Below Maximum Payment Rate	N6b Points
1	2
2	4
3	6
4	8
5	10
6	12
7	14
8	16
9	18
10	20
11	21
12	22
13	23
14	24
>=15	25

Examples: The maximum payment rate for an offer is \$100 per acre. The producer offers a per acres rental rate of \$90. The offer is 10 percent below the maximum payment rate. The offer is awarded 20 points.

The maximum payment rate for an offer is \$100 per acres. The producer offers a per acres rental rate of \$89.10. The offer is 10.9 percent below the maximum payment rate. The offer is awarded 20 points.

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The following is an example of CRP-1 Appendix.

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See CRP-1 for Privacy Act Statement.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

APPENDIX TO FORM CRP-1, CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT

1. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract:

- A. **CRP contract or CRP-1** means the CRP documents including not only form CRP-1, but also the applicable CRP-1 appendix, the conservation plan, any addendums, and the terms of any required easement, if applicable, entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the participant. Such CRP contract shall set forth the terms and conditions for participation in the CRP and receipt of CRP payments.
- B. All other words and phrases, unless the context of subject matter otherwise requires, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the regulations governing the Conservation Reserve Program which are found at 7 CFR Part 1410.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

- A. By signing the CRP-1, the participant, except in the case of persons qualifying solely as a tenant, certifies that such participant will control the land subject to the CRP contract for the contract period and, if applicable, any easement period, and shall, upon demand, provide evidence to CCC demonstrating that such participant will control the land for that period.
- B. Except as allowed by law, land otherwise eligible for the CRP shall not be eligible, except as agreed otherwise by CCC, in writing, if the land is subject to a deed or other restriction prohibiting the production of agricultural commodities or where a benefit has or will be obtained from a Federal agency in return for the participant's agreement not to produce such commodities on the land during the same time as the land would be enrolled in the CRP. By offering land for enrollment, the participant certifies as a condition for payment that no such restrictions apply to such land.

3. RESTRICTIONS ON PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN PERSONS

- A. Any person who enters into this CRP contract at any time, who is not a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et. seq.), shall be ineligible to receive any payments under this CRP contract unless such person meets the requirements of 7 CFR Part 1400, which shall be applicable to this CRP contract.

4. AGREEMENT

A. The participant agrees:

- (1) That form CRP-2, CRP-2C, or CRP-2G, as applicable, and CRP-1 shall be considered an offer to enter into the CRP on the terms specified on the CRP contract. The offer, until revoked, may be accepted by CCC, provided further that liquidated damages may apply in the case of a revocation as specified elsewhere in this Appendix or 7 CFR Part 1410;
- (2) To place eligible land into the CRP for a period of 10 years, or as agreed to by CCC for a longer period not to exceed 15 years from the effective date of the CRP contract executed by CCC;

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- (3) To comply with the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, including implementing the conservation plan in accordance with the schedule of dates in such conservation plan;
- (4) To establish and maintain the practices agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan;
- (5) Not to harvest or sell, nor otherwise make commercial use of, trees or forage (except where authorized for CRP-Grasslands) or other cover on the land subject to this CRP contract including the shearing or shaping of trees for future use as Christmas trees; however, CCC may, in its discretion and only in writing or by publication intended for a general allowance for land enrolled in CRP in particular States or regions, permit, in certain emergencies, certain commercial uses as specified by CCC, which uses may be conditioned on a reduction in CRP payments otherwise payable under this CRP contract;
- (6) Not to undertake any action on land under the participant's control which tends to defeat the purposes of this CRP contract, as determined by CCC;
- (7) To annually certify crop and land use for the farm with the CCC on the appropriate form, accurately listing all land enrolled in CRP on the farm, not later than the final reporting date determined and announced by the Farm Service Agency or successor agency;
- (8) To control on land subject to this CRP contract all weeds, insects, pests and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure that the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover is adequately protected and to provide such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land, taking into consideration water quality, wildlife and other factors;
- (9) Not to disturb the approved cover during the primary nesting season, except as approved by CCC;
- (10) To annually file required forms as requested by CCC for payment limitation determinations; provided, that annual rental payments shall be attributed towards the \$50,000 annual payment limitation; further, that for purposes of the annual payment limitation for each participant, incentive payments, except for Practice Incentive Payments and incentive payments to encourage proper tree thinning and other practices to improve the condition of resources, promote forest management, or enhance wildlife, shall be attributed towards the \$50,000 annual payment limitation; provided further, that Signup Incentive Payments shall also be attributed towards such \$50,000 annual payment limitation and shall be attributed to the Fiscal Year in which the participant's CRP contract was approved by CCC;
- (11) To file applicable forms required by CCC for Adjusted Gross Income determinations;
- (12) That it is understood that any payment or portion thereof due any participant will be made by CCC without regard to any question of title under State law, and without regard to any claim or lien which may be asserted by a creditor, except agencies of the U. S. Government; provided further that offsets for debts owed to agencies of the U. S. Government shall be made prior to making any payments to participants or their assignees;
- (13) To perform management activities specified in the conservation plan;
- (14) To carry out thinning and similar conservation practices, as specified in the conservation plan, to enhance the conservation benefits and wildlife habitat resources applicable to the CRP practice, and to promote forest management on land devoted to trees, excluding windbreaks and shelterbelts;
- (15) To comply with noxious weed laws of the applicable State or local jurisdiction on land subject to this CRP contract; and
- (16) **That the participant is jointly and severally liable, if the participant has a share of the annual rental payment greater than zero, with the other participants on this CRP contract, for compliance with the provisions of such CRP contract, and for any refunds or payment adjustments that may be required for violations of any of the terms and conditions of this CRP contract.**

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B. CCC agrees:

- (1) When CCC determines that cost-sharing is appropriate and in the public interest, to share the cost with owners and operators of installing an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan, except that, in no case may the CCC cost exceed an amount equal to 50 percent of the price at which the land placed in the CRP could be sold for use as farmland at the time at which this CRP contract is signed by the participant, unless the CCC otherwise approves in writing such amount, provided further, that such approval must specifically reference the particular land enrolled in the CRP under this CRP contract;
- (2) To pay the agreed-upon annual rental payment, including any related incentive payment if applicable, based upon the shares specified on the CRP-1 for a period of years not in excess of the contract period;
- (3) To pay to the participant, to the extent required by CCC regulations, an interest penalty on any payments not made by the date, as determined by CCC, that the payment is due;
- (4) To make annual rental payments after October 1 of each year of the contract period.
- (5) To make other payments not listed above, as appropriate and applicable.

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

A. Subject to the approval of CCC, the conservation plan will include the following information and requirements:

- (1) The CRP practice and approved cover to be established on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (2) A tree planting plan or forest stewardship plan, developed in cooperation with the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency, if trees are to be established as the approved cover on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (3) A schedule of operations, activities, and completion dates for establishment of the approved cover on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (4) The level of environmental benefits which must be attained on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (5) Any other practices required for the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover on the land subject to this CRP contract including control of weeds, insects, pests, and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure that the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover is adequately protected, and such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land as determined appropriate by CCC, taking into consideration the needs of water quality, wildlife concerns, and other factors.
- (6) The approved cover will not be disturbed during the primary nesting season except as approved by CCC.
- (7) Management activities described in paragraph 6 of this Appendix.

B. By signing the conservation plan, the participant agrees to implement the CRP practices specified in such conservation plan on the land subject to this CRP contract.

6. MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Except for land enrolled under a CRP-grassland signup, management activities designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources must be conducted as needed throughout the contract period as specified in the conservation plan. However, the planned management activity is not required to be completed in the case where a natural disaster or adverse weather event occurs that has the same effect of the planned management activity, as determined by CCC. CCC will not provide any cost-share payment for any management activities.

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7. COST-SHARE PAYMENTS

- A. CCC cost-share payments shall be made available upon a determination by CCC that an eligible practice, or an identifiable unit thereof, has been installed in compliance with the conservation plan and with appropriate standards and specifications.
- B. CCC will not make cost-share payments in excess of 50 percent of the actual or average cost of installing the eligible practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan, as determined by CCC. It is understood that:
- (1) all cost-share payments from all sources must be reported to CCC, and that a reduction in the CCC cost-share payment may be made if there are other cost-share payments received; provided further that such reductions will be made to the extent required or allowed by the CRP regulations;
 - (2) CCC cost-share payments, including practice incentive payments, made to a participant will not exceed the participant's actual contribution to the eligible costs of installing the practice;
 - (3) CCC will not make cost-share payments with respect to this CRP contract if any other Federal cost-share assistance has been, or is being, made with respect to the land subject to this CRP contract, provided further that participant must refund to CCC all cost-share payments received if other Federal cost-share assistance is received with respect to the land subject to this CRP contract;
 - (4) the amount of the CCC cost-share payments, including practice incentive payments, may not be an amount that, when added to such assistance from other sources, exceeds 100 percent of the actual cost of installing the practice;
 - (5) cost-share payments for eligible seed related to the installation of approved cover will not exceed 50 percent of the actual cost of the eligible seed mixture; and
 - (6) a practice incentive payment may be made available, in accordance with CRP regulations and policies, to a participant to whom CCC has made a cost-share payment, after a determination by CCC that an eligible CRP practice, or an identifiable unit thereof if approved by CCC, has been installed in compliance with the appropriate standards and specifications; provided further that the practice incentive payment will be considered a cost-share payment.
- C. Except as otherwise provided for in CRP regulations, cost-share assistance may be made available under the CRP only for the installation of an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan. In order to receive cost-share assistance, the participant, upon completion of the practice, must file the appropriate form approved by CCC, for approval by CCC.

8. PROVISIONS RELATING TO TENANTS AND LANDLORDS

- A. Payments shall not be paid under this CRP contract if CCC determines that:
- (1) The landlord or operator has:
 - (a) when the acreage offered is not enrolled in the CRP at the time of signup:
 - (i) not provided the operator and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered at the time of signup an opportunity to participate in the benefits of the CRP; or
 - (ii) reduced the number of tenants on the farm as a result of, or in anticipation of, enrollment in the CRP.
 - (b) when the acreage offered is enrolled in the CRP at the time of signup, not provided tenants with an interest in the CRP contract acreage an opportunity to participate in the benefits of the CRP if:
 - (i) the tenants are otherwise involved in farming other acreage, as determined by CCC, on the farm at the time of signup; or
 - (ii) the tenants have an interest in the acreage being offered on the effective date of the new CRP contract.

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(2) The landlord or operator has deprived any tenant of any benefits to which such tenant would otherwise be entitled.

If any conditions identified in 8.A (1) or (2) occur or are discovered after payments have been made, all or any part of such payments, as determined by CCC, must be refunded with interest and no further payments will be made.

B. After this CRP contract is approved, the operator or tenant may, with the approval of CCC, be replaced for purposes of this CRP contract and for payments to be made under this CRP contract if such tenant or operator, as determined by CCC:

- (1) terminates their tenancy voluntarily or for some reason other than being forced to terminate their tenancy by the landowner or operator in anticipation of, or because of, participation in the CRP;
- (2) fails to maintain tenancy, as determined by CCC, throughout the contract period;
- (3) files for bankruptcy and the trustee or debtor in possession fails to affirm this CRP contract;
- (4) dies during the contract period and the administrator of the operator or tenant's estate (or a similar person with authority to administer the affairs of the operator or tenant) fails to succeed to this CRP contract within the time required by CCC; or
- (5) was removed for cause, as determined by CCC.

C. The removal of an operator or tenant from a CRP contract shall not release the operator or tenant from liabilities for actions arising before such removal.

9. ERRONEOUS REPRESENTATION AND SCHEME AND DEVICE

- A.** A participant who is determined to have erroneously represented any fact affecting a determination with respect to this CRP contract or a determination made by CCC pursuant to CRP regulations, adopted any scheme or device which tends to defeat the purposes of this CRP contract, or made any fraudulent representation with respect to this CRP contract will not be entitled to payments or any other benefits made in accordance with this CRP contract and the participant must refund to CCC all payments received by such participant, plus interest and liquidated damages thereon, with respect to this CRP contract. Such liquidated damages will be determined in accordance with paragraph 10 of this Appendix.
- B.** Unless CCC regulations provide otherwise, refunds determined to be due and owing to CCC in accordance with this CRP contract will bear interest at the rate which CCC was required to pay for its borrowings from the United States Treasury on the date of the disbursement by CCC of the monies to be refunded. Interest will accrue from the date of such disbursement by CCC.
- C.** The remedies provided under paragraph 9A of this Appendix shall be applicable in addition to any remedies under criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 U.S.C. 287, 371, 641, 1001; 15 U.S.C. 714m; and 31 U.S.C. 3729, or any other remedy available under law.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

It is mutually agreed that in the event this CRP contract is breached by the participant, the CCC will suffer substantial damages which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to the refund of payments received plus interest due for breach of contract prescribed in this CRP contract, the participant agrees to pay an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying: (1) 25 percent of the rental payment rate per acre on the CRP-1 by, (2) the number of acres on which the breach of contract occurred, as determined by CCC. Such amount shall be due as liquidated damages in addition to such other damages or amounts as may be due, and not as a penalty.

11. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

CCC agrees that, if any changes of any terms and conditions of this CRP contract, including changes necessary to reconcile the practices listed on the CRP-1 to those specified in the conservation plan, become necessary prior to the date that this CRP contract is approved on behalf of CCC, CCC will notify the persons signing the CRP-1 of such change and such person will be given 10 days from the date of notification in which to agree to the revised terms and conditions or to withdraw from the offer. The participant agrees to notify the CCC of an intention to withdraw from the offer within 10 days from the date of the issuance of such notice and further agrees that failure to notify the CCC will constitute agreement to the revised terms and conditions.

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12. CORRECTIONS

CCC reserves the right to:

- (1) Correct all errors arising from the entering of data or making of computations for this CRP contract;
- (2) Modify this CRP contract to correct any payment amount for or related to this CRP contract upon a determination by CCC that such payment amount is the result of error or miscalculation.

13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT; JOINT LIABILITY

If a participant fails to carry out the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, then CCC may either terminate this contract in whole or in part, and require such participant to refund, with interest, any or all payments that were made by CCC under this CRP contract, or require the participant to accept such adjustments in subsequent payments as are determined to be appropriate by CCC. Even if CCC determines that such failure does not warrant termination in whole or in part, CCC may still require such participant to refund, with interest, any or all payments that CCC made under this CRP contract, or require the participant to accept such adjustments in subsequent payments as are determined to be appropriate by CCC. Participants that sign this CRP contract with zero percent interest in the annual rental payment shall not be held responsible for contract compliance.

14. CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

A. CCC may modify this CRP contract to add or substitute certain practices when:

- (1) The installed practice failed to adequately control erosion through no fault of the participants;
- (2) The installed practice has deteriorated because of conditions beyond the control of the participants; or
- (3) Another practice will achieve at least the same level of environmental benefits.

B. Concurrence of NRCS and the conservation district may be obtained by CCC when modifications to this CRP contract involve a technical aspect of a participant's conservation plan.

C. CCC may modify this CRP contract at any time by reducing the number of acres enrolled under this CRP contract if CCC determines that doing so is necessary to remain in compliance with any statutorily-set maximum number of acres that can be enrolled in the CRP during any fiscal year(s), in a manner that CCC determines is in the best interest of the CRP. This provision does not apply to acreage enrolled in CRP pursuant to a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreement.

15. EFFECTIVE DATE AND CHANGES TO CRP CONTRACT

A. Within the dates established by CCC, the CRP contract must be signed by all required participants.

B. This CRP contract is effective when, as determined by CCC, it has been signed by the participants and an authorized representative of CCC. Except as otherwise determined by CCC, as permitted by regulations or other law, this CRP contract may not be revoked or revised unless by mutual agreement of the participants and an authorized representative of CCC. If, after the effective date of this CRP contract, CCC determines that any portion of the land subject to this CRP contract was erroneously enrolled or otherwise ineligible for enrollment, CCC may terminate this CRP contract in whole or in part. Such termination shall not affect payments already made to the participants as of the time of termination.

C. In the event that a statute is enacted during the period of this CRP contract which would materially change the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, the CCC may require the participants to elect between acceptance of modifications in this CRP contract consistent with the provisions of such statute or termination of this CRP contract.

16. TRANSFER OF LAND

A. If a new owner or operator purchases or obtains the right and interest in, or right to occupancy of, the land subject to this CRP contract, such new owner or operator, upon the approval of CCC, may become a participant to this CRP contract with CCC under the same terms and conditions covering such transferred land.

B. With respect to the transferred land, if the new owner or operator becomes a successor to this CRP contract, the new owner or operator shall assume all obligations under this CRP contract of the previous participant, unless otherwise approved by CCC.

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- C. If the new owner or operator becomes a successor to this CRP contract with CCC:
- (1) Cost-share payments shall be made to the participant who installed the practice; and
 - (2) Annual rental payments to be paid during the fiscal year when the land was transferred shall be divided between the participants, as determined by CCC.
- D. The participant certifies that no person has, or will, obtain an interest in the property that would render the new owner or operator to be ineligible to succeed to this CRP contract under the provisions of this paragraph. The existence or acquisition of such an interest by another person shall be considered a breach of this CRP contract for which the CCC may terminate this CRP contract and enforce the remedies provided in this Appendix.
- E. If a participant transfers all or part of the right and interest in, or right to occupancy of, the land subject to this CRP contract, and the new owner or operator does not become a successor to such contract within 60 days, or such other time as determined appropriate by CCC, of such transfer, such contract will be terminated with respect to the affected portion of such land and the original participant must:
- (1) Forfeit all rights to any future payments with respect to such land;
 - (2) Refund all or part of the payments made with respect to such contract plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC; and
 - (3) Pay liquidated damages to CCC as specified in paragraph 10 of this Appendix.

17. REGULATIONS TO PREVAIL

The regulations in 7 CFR Part 1410 for the CRP are incorporated herein. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and the terms of this Appendix, the provisions of the regulations will prevail.

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CRP-1 Period

This exhibit lists the CRP-1 effective date and the corresponding CRP-1 expiration date.

CRP-1 Effective Date	Contract Year	Expiration at 10 Years	Expiration at 15 Years
10-1-85	1986	9-30-95	
10-1-86	1987	9-30-96	
10-1-87	1988	9-30-97	
10-1-88	1989	9-30-98	
10-1-89	1990	9-30-99	
10-1-90	1991	9-30-00	9-30-05
10-1-91	1992	9-30-01	9-30-06
10-1-92	1993	9-30-02	9-30-07
10-1-93	1994	9-30-03	9-30-08
10-1-94	1995	9-30-04	9-30-09
10-1-95	1996	9-30-05	9-30-10
10-1-96	1997	9-30-06	9-30-11
10-1-97	1998	9-30-07	9-30-12
10-1-98	1999	9-30-08	9-30-13
10-1-99	2000	9-30-09	9-30-14
10-1-00	2001	9-30-10	9-30-15
10-1-01	2002	9-30-11	9-30-16
10-1-02	2003	9-30-12	9-30-17
10-1-03	2004	9-30-13	9-30-18
10-1-04	2005	9-30-14	9-30-19
10-1-05	2006	9-30-15	9-30-20
10-1-06	2007	9-30-16	9-30-21
10-1-07	2008	9-30-17	9-30-22
10-1-08	2009	9-30-18	9-30-23
10-1-09	2010	9-30-19	9-30-24
10-1-10	2011	9-30-20	9-30-25
10-1-11	2012	9-30-21	9-30-26
10-1-12	2013	9-30-22	9-30-27
10-1-13	2014	9-30-23	9-30-28
10-1-14	2015	9-30-24	9-30-29
10-1-15	2016	9-30-25	9-30-30
10-1-16	2017	9-30-26	9-30-31
10-1-17	2018	9-30-27	9-30-32
10-1-18	2019	9-30-28	9-30-33
10-1-19	2020	9-30-29	9-30-34
10-1-20	2021	9-30-30	9-30-35
10-1-21	2022	9-30-31	9-30-36
10-1-22	2023	9-30-32	9-30-37
10-1-23	2024	9-30-33	9-30-38
*--10-1-24	2025	09-30-34	09-30-39
10-1-25	2026	09-30-35	09-30-40
10-1-26	2027	09-30-36	09-30-41--*

Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists

A Instructions

County Offices will:

- obtain CCC-770 CRP-1, CCC-770 CRP-1C, CCC-770 CRP-1G, CCC-770 CRP-AR, and CCC-770 CRP-CS from <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/forms.html>
- complete the applicable CCC-770 according to policy in paragraphs 7, 33, 35, and 401
- prepare applicable CCC-770 and file original in participant's CRP folder
- ensure that preparer and CED (and DD, if requiring DD review) sign and date applicable signature line.--*

Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

B CCC-770 CRP-1, General CRP Contract Checklist

The following is an example of CCC-70 CRP-1.

CCC-770 CRP-1 (04-15-26)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. Administrative State <i>Name Code</i>	2. Administrative County <i>Name Code</i>			
GENERAL CRP CONTRACT CHECKLIST						
		3. Primary Producer Name				
		4. Tract Number	5. Contract Number <i>(Added after approval)</i>			
INSTRUCTIONS: If this review is completed <i>before</i> contract approval, and any question has a "No" response, STOP the CRP process and complete necessary corrective actions to update the response with a "Yes" or "N/A". If this review is completed <i>after</i> contract approval, document all responses; corrective actions <i>may</i> be required for questions with a "No" response.						
PART A – PROCESSING						
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
6. Has the producer owned or operated the land for at least 12 months before the close of the signup, or has an authorized exception been approved?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 126</i>	☐	☐			
7. Have Landlord and Tenant provisions been met?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 130</i>	☐	☐	☐		
8. Have all land eligibility requirements, including cropping history, been met?	<i>2-CRP, Subparagraph 151</i>	☐	☐			
9. Does the offer meet one or more of the land eligibility categories? ☐ Weighted average EI is 8 or greater ☐ Located within a National or approved State-designated CPA ☐ Expiring CRP	<i>2-CRP, Subparagraph 151B</i>	☐	☐			
10. Has the county office verified the county cropland limit has not been exceeded?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 81</i>	☐	☐			
11. Has the County Office provided the producer with EBI information and general CRP fact sheets and explained the EBI, maximum payment rates, and ranking process?	<i>2 CRP, Paragraph 286 B, Exhibit 26, and CRP Notices</i>	☐	☐			
12. Was at least one valid signature obtained from a producer with a share greater than zero on the COLS generated CRP-1 and CRP-2 and was the submission date loaded in COLS by the end of signup?	<i>4-CRP, Part 4 2-CRP, Subparagraph 332E, CRP Notices</i>	☐	☐			
13. For practices devoted to hardwood trees: Does the acreage devoted to the following practices meet the requirement of no more than one re-enrollment? - CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting - CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat (<i>Hardwood Trees Only</i>)	<i>2-CRP, Subparagraph 151D and Exhibit 3</i>	☐	☐	☐		
14. Was the producer provided the CRP-23 Notice of Acceptable Offer and a copy of the CRP-1 Appendix?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraphs 334 and 341, Exhibit 5</i>	☐	☐			
15. Did the County Office complete a paid for measurement service, if requested by the producer?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 401</i>	☐	☐	☐		
16. If the producer elects to change CRP practices prior to contract approval, have all the following been met: - Original offer was accepted; - CRP-1 has not been approved; and - The EBI score of the new practice is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the prior practice.	<i>2-CRP, Subparagraphs 401A</i>	☐	☐	☐		

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

B CCC-770 CRP-1, General CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

CCC-770-CRP-1 (04-15-26)		Page 2 of 3				
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
17. Has the required base redistribution or base reduction been initiated if base acres plus conservation acres (including new CRP acres) exceed DCP cropland plus double crop acres on the tract?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
18. Has a complete conservation plan (CPO) been developed with all required elements for all eligible practices listed on the CRP-1 and signed by all required signatories (CRP-1 signatories, NRCS/TSP, Conservation District, and COC/CED)?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 366, 367, 368, and 401	☐	☐			
19. Does the planned practice(s) conform to practice standards described in Exhibit 11?	2-CRP, Exhibit 11	☐	☐			
20. Have all required signatures been obtained on the CRP-1 and CRP-2?	2-CRP, Paragraph 335, Subparagraph 366B, and Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
21. Has compliance with NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and related acts been documented on NRCS-CPA-052 or State approved equivalent form (including review and signature by authorized NRCS and FSA employees) and have all required permits and consultations been obtained?	2-CRP, Subparagraphs 367F and 401	☐	☐			
22. Have all required producers (including members of legal entities) with a share greater than zero filed the adjusted gross income certification?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 131 and 401	☐	☐	☐		
23. Has a second party review of all eligibility requirements and maximum payment rate (including applicable incentive) calculations been conducted?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
PART B – CONTRACT APPROVAL CONCURRENCE						
If all the above applicable questions have been answered "Yes", the COC or CED will approve the CRP-1 as long as the contract is within COC approval authority per 2-CRP subparagraph 401D.						
24A. Preparer Signature				24B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
25A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
25B. CED Signature				25C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
26A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
26B. DD Signature				26C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
27. Remarks						

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

B CCC-770 CRP-1, General CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

CCC-770-CRP-1 (04-15-26)		Page 3 of 3				
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
PART C – POST CONTRACT APPROVAL ACTIONS						
<i>The following actions must be completed immediately after contract approval.</i>						
28. Was the producer provided the CRP-24 Notice of Contract Approval, copy of the approved CRP-1, and copy of all contract support documents?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401, Exhibit 5	☐	☐			
29. Has the COC approval date and contract effective date been recorded in COLS?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401 4-CRP	☐	☐			
30. Has the County Office entered the system assigned contract number on the CRP-1 and CRP-2?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
31. Have FSA-848A's been generated in CSS for all practices, cost share, and management activities within the timeframe required by policy after CRP-1 approval?	2-CRP, Paragraph 500	☐	☐	☐		
32. Have all CRP field(s) been delineated accurately in the CLU in CRM Farm Records? ☐ By practice ☐ Using the TERRA Scenario to match boundaries and acreage	10-CM, Paragraphs 22, 209, 223	☐	☐			
33. Has the CRP Data Assignment block in CRM Farm Records been updated to include all relevant data? ☐ CRP Contract Number ☐ Expiration Date ☐ Practice Number ☐ Practice Description	10 CM, Paragraph 233	☐	☐			
34A. Signature of Preparer				34B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
35A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.		☐ Concur		☐ Do Not Concur		
35B. CED Signature				35C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
36A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.		☐ Concur		☐ Do Not Concur		
36B. DD Signature				36C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
37. Remarks						

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

C CCC-770 CRP-1C, Continuous CRP Contract Checklist

The following is an example of CCC-70 CRP-1C.

CCC-770 CRP-1C U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (04-15-26) Commodity Credit Corporation CONTINUOUS CRP CONTRACT CHECKLIST	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Administrative State <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i></td> <td style="width: 50%;">2. Administrative County <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">3. Primary Producer Name</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Tract Number</td> <td>5. Contract Number (Added after approval)</td> </tr> </table>	1. Administrative State <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>	2. Administrative County <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>	3. Primary Producer Name		4. Tract Number	5. Contract Number (Added after approval)
1. Administrative State <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>	2. Administrative County <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>						
3. Primary Producer Name							
4. Tract Number	5. Contract Number (Added after approval)						
INSTRUCTIONS: If this review is completed <i>before</i> contract approval, and any question has a "No" response, STOP the CRP process and complete necessary corrective actions to update the response with a "Yes" or "N/A". If this review is completed <i>after</i> contract approval, document all responses; corrective actions <i>may</i> be required for questions with a "No" response.							
PART A – PROCESSING							
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date	
6. Has the producer owned or operated the land for at least 12 months before the date the offer is submitted, or has an authorized exception been approved?	2-CRP, Paragraph 126	☐	☐				
7. Have Landlord and Tenant provisions been met?	2-CRP, Paragraph 130	☐	☐	☐			
8. If the offer contains cropland, have all cropland requirements, including cropping history, been met?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 181A and 151A	☐	☐	☐			
9. If the offer contains marginal pastureland, have all marginal pastureland requirements been met, including that the applicable buffer practice is immediately adjacent and parallel to an eligible stream, wetland, or water body?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 181C and D	☐	☐	☐			
10. Has the county office verified that county cropland limit has not been exceeded?	2-CRP, Paragraph 81	☐	☐				
11. Did the COC or CED determine all eligibility criteria were met (producer, land, practice, re-enrollment hardwood tree limitations) prior to submitting the unsigned CRP-2C to NRCS/TSP for practice suitability, needs and feasibility determinations?	2-CRP, Paragraph 151, 181, 215	☐	☐				
12. If the offer contains new land (not currently enrolled in CRP) or re-enrollment with a change in conservation practice (including changes in signup type from General CRP to Continuous CRP) is the appropriate practice and site-specific Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet signed and dated by NRCS/TSP on file documenting that the conservation practice: ☐ Is feasible and needed, and it will solve or address the primary resource concerns for the acreage offered. ☐ Existing cover is not already addressing the resource concern(s). ☐ Is suitable for installation on the acreage offered.	2-CRP, Paragraph 181, 211, 215, 401 Exhibit 11	☐	☐	☐			
13. If the offer contains land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment to the same conservation practice, is a status review or other appropriate form or worksheet on file, signed and dated by NRCS/TSP, documenting that the conservation practice: ☐ Approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan. ☐ Is resolving or addressing the primary resource concern(s) and meets the purpose of the practice. ☐ Has been applied in a way that meets the purpose of CRP, and the practice meets the current practice standards.	2-CRP, Paragraph 181, 211, 215, 401 Exhibit 11	☐	☐	☐			

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

C CCC-770 CRP-1C, Continuous CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

CCC-770-CRP-1C (04-15-26)		Page 2 of 4				
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
14. Has the CED/COC reviewed the Suitability and Feasibility worksheets and/or status reviews, as applicable, and verified that all acreage in the offer meets eligibility criteria to be considered an acceptable offer?	2-CRP, Paragraph 215 and 401	☐	☐			
15. Was the CRP-1 and CRP-2C signed within 30 calendar days of the date the CED or COC notified the producer that all eligibility criteria were met?	2-CRP, Paragraph 215	☐	☐			
16. Was at least one valid signature obtained from a producer with a share greater than zero on the COLS generated CRP-1 and CRP-2C and was the submission date loaded in COLS by the signup deadline?	4-CRP, Section 4 and CRP Notices	☐	☐			
17. Was the producer provided the CRP-23 Notice of Acceptable Offer and a copy of the CRP-1 Appendix?	2-CRP, Paragraph 214 and 215	☐	☐			
18. Will the CRP-1 be approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs the CRP-2C or CRP-2C30?	2-CRP, Paragraph 213 B	☐	☐			
19. Did the County Office complete a paid for measurement service, if requested by the producer?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐	☐		
20. Has the required base redistribution or base reduction been initiated if base acres plus conservation acres (including new CRP acres) exceed DCP cropland plus double crop acres on the tract?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐	☐		
21. Has a complete conservation plan (CPO) been developed with all required elements for all eligible practices listed on the CRP-1 and signed by all required signatories (CRP-1 signatories, NRCS/TSP, Conservation District, and COC/CED)?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 366, 367, 368, and 401	☐	☐			
22. Does the planned practice(s) conform to practice standards described in Exhibit 11?	2-CRP, Exhibit 11	☐	☐			
23. Have all required signatures been obtained on the CRP-1 and CRP-2C or CRP-2C30?	2-CRP, Paragraph 335, Subparagraph 366B and Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
24. Has compliance with NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and related acts been documented on NRCS-CPA-052 or State approved equivalent form (including review and signature by authorized NRCS and FSA employees)? Have all required permits and consultations been obtained?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 367F and 401	☐	☐			
25. If the conservation plan contains components eligible for C/S, are they within the COC approval authority for location and cost share or has proper authorization been obtained from STC or DAFP?	2-CRP, Paragraph 511	☐	☐	☐		
26. Have all required producers (including members of legal entities) with a share greater than zero filed the adjusted gross income certification?	2-CRP, Paragraph 131 and 401	☐	☐	☐		
27. Has a second party review of all eligibility requirements and soil rental payment rate (including applicable incentive and maintenance rates) calculations been conducted, verifying the offered rate does not exceed applicable per acre maximum SRR based on the soils in TERRA and any applicable CRP signup maximum payment rate?	2-CRP, Paragraph 101 and 401	☐	☐			

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

C CCC-770 CRP-1C, Continuous CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

CCC-770-CRP-1C (04-15-26)		Page 3 of 4				
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
28. For offers under Wellhead Protection provisions: Is the offered acreage confirmed to be at least 51 percent within an approved wellhead protection area as documented on the TERRA report and have all other requirements been met?	<i>2-CRP, Subparagraph 181B</i>	☐	☐	☐		
29. For offers under HELI : Does the offered acreage meet the minimum weighted erodibility index requirements for HELI based on the three predominant soils (determined by TERRA) and have all other requirements been met?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 183</i>	☐	☐	☐		
30. For offers under FWP : Have all requirements for FWP been met? This includes but is not limited to: ☐ FWP specific cropping history requirements. ☐ FWP specific acreage limitations. ☐ Practice requirements.	<i>2-CRP, Part 8</i>	☐	☐	☐		
31. For offers under CLEAR30 : Have all requirements for CLEAR30 been met? This includes but is not limited to: ☐ The expiring practice is in compliance at the time it is offered into CLEAR30. ☐ SRR is calculated correctly with applicable incentive payments and does not exceed the maximum SRR.	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 184</i>	☐	☐	☐		
32. For offers under an approved SAFE agreement : Have all additional SAFE eligibility requirements been met? This includes but is not limited to: ☐ The offer is within the SAFE project area as verified by the TERRA report. ☐ All additional SAFE specific eligibility, size, and practice criteria are met.	<i>2-CRP, Part 22 and State Amendments</i>	☐	☐	☐		
33. For offers under an approved CREP agreement : Have all additional CREP specific criteria been met? This includes but is not limited to: ☐ The offer is within the CREP project area as verified by the TERRA report. ☐ All additional CREP specific eligibility, size, and practice criteria are met.	<i>2-CRP State Amendments</i>	☐	☐	☐		
PART B – CONTRACT APPROVAL CONCURRENCE						
<i>If all of the above applicable questions have been answered "YES", the COC or CED will approve the CRP-1 as long as the contract is within COC approval authority per 2-CRP subparagraph 401D.</i>						
34A. Preparer Signature				34B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
35A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
35B. CED Signature				35C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
36A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
36B. DD Signature				36C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
37. Remarks						

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C CCC-770 CRP-1C, Continuous CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

CCC-770-CRP-1C (04-15-26)		Page 4 of 4				
PART C – POST CONTRACT APPROVAL ACTIONS						
<i>The following actions must be completed immediately after contract approval.</i>						
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
38. Was the producer provided the CRP-24 Notice of Contract Approval, copy of the approved CRP-1, and copy of all contract support documents?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401, Exhibit 5	☐	☐			
39. Has the COC approval date and contract effective date been recorded in COLS?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401 4-CRP	☐	☐			
40. Has the County Office entered the system assigned contract number to the CRP-1 and CRP-2C?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
41. Have FSA-848A's been generated in CSS for all practices, cost share, and management activities within the timeframe required by policy after CRP-1 approval?	2-CRP, Paragraph 500	☐	☐	☐		
42. If applicable, has the signup incentive payment (SIP) been calculated correctly, and has a 2nd party review been completed?	2-CRP, Subparagraphs 197A-B, 462D, 462E, Exhibit 11	☐	☐	☐		
43. If applicable, has payment eligibility and payment limitation documentation been verified prior to issuing SIP?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 461B	☐	☐	☐		
44. If applicable and there is more than one participant eligible for a share of the SIP, have the payment shares been calculated correctly?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 197 and 462, Exhibit 11	☐	☐	☐		
45. If applicable, will the SIP payment(s) be issued within 30 days of the date when the payment was earned? Date SIP earned MM/DD/YYYY) If no, payment can still be processed Prompt payment interest must be processed through OLP.	2 CRP Subparagraph 462E, 61-FI	☐	☐	☐		
46. Have all CRP field(s) been delineated accurately in the CLU in CRM Farm Records? ☐ By practice ☐ Using the TERRA Scenario to match boundaries and acreage	10-CM, Paragraphs 22, 209, 223	☐	☐			
47. Has the CRP Data Assignment block in CRM Farm Records been updated to include all relevant data? ☐ CRP Contract Number ☐ Expiration Date ☐ Practice Number ☐ Practice Description	10 CM, Paragraph 233	☐	☐			
48A. Signature of Preparer				48B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
49A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
49B. CED Signature				49C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
50A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
50B. DD Signature				50C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
51. Remarks						

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

D CCC-770 CRP-1G, Grassland CRP Contract Checklist

The following is an example of CCC-70 CRP-1G.

CCC-770 CRP-1G (04-15-26)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. Administrative State <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>	2. Administrative County <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>
GRASSLAND CRP CONTRACT CHECKLIST		3. Primary Producer Name	
		4. Tract Number	5. Contract Number (Added after approval)

INSTRUCTIONS: If this review is completed *before* contract approval, and any question has a "No" response, STOP the CRP process and complete necessary corrective actions to update the response with a "Yes" or "N/A". If this review is completed *after* contract approval, document all responses; corrective actions *may* be required for questions with a "No" response.

PART A – PROCESSING						
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
6. Has the producer owned or operated the land for at least 12 months before the close of the signup, or has an authorized exception been approved?	2-CRP, Paragraph 126	☐	☐			
7. Have Landlord and Tenant provisions been met?	2-CRP, Paragraph 130	☐	☐	☐		
8. Has all land eligibility criteria been met?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 263C and CRP Notices	☐	☐			
9. Has the county office verified that county cropland limit has not been exceeded?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 81 and 262	☐	☐			
10. If the producer is applying as a small-scale livestock operator, is the CRP-2G-1 complete and on file before the offer is submitted?	2-CRP, Paragraph 267	☐	☐	☐		
11. Has the County Office provided the producer with grassland ranking information and working lands grassland fact sheets and explained the maximum payment rates, and ranking process?	2 CRP, Paragraph 332 and CRP Notices	☐	☐			
12. Was at least one valid signature obtained from a producer with a share greater than zero on the COLS generated CRP-1 and CRP-2G and was the submission date loaded in COLS by the end of signup?	4-CRP, and 2-CRP, Subparagraph 268, CRP Notices	☐	☐			
13. Was the producer provided the CRP-23 Notice of Acceptable Offer and a copy of the CRP-1 Appendix?	2-CRP, Paragraph 269 and CRP Notices	☐	☐			
14. For acceptable grassland CRP offers where NRCS later determines the number of grasses certified by the producer is different than offered, was the offer updated in COLS and reranked by the National Office based on the information provided by NRCS?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 269E and CRP Notices	☐	☐	☐		
15. Did the County Office complete a paid for measurement service, if requested by the producer?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐	☐		
16. Has the required base redistribution or base reduction been initiated if base acres plus conservation acres (including new CRP acres) exceed DCP cropland plus double crop acres on the tract?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐	☐		
17. Has a complete conservation plan (CPO) been developed with all required elements for and eligible practices listed on the CRP-1, and signed by all required signatories (CRP-1 signatories, NRCS/TSP, Conservation District, and COC/CED)?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 366, 367, 368 and 401	☐	☐			
18. Does the planned practice conform to practice standards described in Exhibit 11?	2-CRP, Exhibit 11	☐	☐			

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

D CCC-770 CRP-1G, Grassland CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

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Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date	
19. Have all required signatures been obtained on the CRP-1 and CRP-2G?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 366B and Paragraph 401	☐	☐				
20. Has compliance with NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and related acts been documented on NRCS-CPA-052 or State approved equivalent form (including review and signature by authorized NRCS and FSA employees) and have all required permits and consultations been obtained?	2-CRP, Subparagraphs 367F and 401	☐	☐				
21. If the conservation plan contains components eligible for C/S, are they within the COC approval authority for location and cost or has proper authorization been obtained from STC or DAFP?	2-CRP, Paragraph 511	☐	☐				
22. Have all required producers (including members of legal entities) with a share greater than zero filed the adjusted gross income certification?	2-CRP, Paragraph 131 and 401	☐	☐	☐			
23. Has a second party review of all eligibility requirements and maximum payment rate calculations been conducted?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐	☐			
PART B – CONTRACT APPROVAL CONCURRENCE							
<i>If all the above applicable questions have been answered "YES", the COC or CED will approve the CRP-1 as long as the contract is within COC approval authority per 2-CRP subparagraph 401D.</i>							
24A. Preparer Signature				24B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)			
25A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur			
25B. CED Signature				25C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)			
26A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur			
26B. DD Signature				26C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)			
27. Remarks							
PART C – POST CONTRACT APPROVAL ACTIONS							
<i>The following actions must be completed immediately after contract approval.</i>							
28. Was the producer provided the CRP-24 Notice of Contract Approval, copy of the approved CRP-1, and copy of all contract support document?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401, Exhibit 5	☐	☐				
29. Has the COC approval date and contract effective date been recorded in COLS?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401 4-CRP	☐	☐				

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

D CCC-770 CRP-1G, Grassland CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

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Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A	Initials	Date
30. Has the County Office entered the system assigned contract number to the CRP-1 and CRP-2G?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐			
31. Have all FSA-848A's been generated in CSS for all practices, cost share, and activities within the timeframe required by policy after CRP-1 approval?	2-CRP, Paragraph 500	☐	☐	☐		
32. Have all CRP field(s) been delineated accurately in the CLU in CRM Farm Records? ☐ By practice ☐ Using the TERRA Scenario to match boundaries and acreage	10-CM, Paragraphs 22, 209, 223	☐	☐			
33. Has the CRP Data Assignment block in CRM Farm Records been updated to include all relevant data? ☐ CRP Contract Number ☐ Expiration Date ☐ Practice Number ☐ Practice Description	10 CM, Paragraph 233	☐	☐			
34A. Signature of Preparer				34B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
35A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
35B. CED Signature				35C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
36A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.				☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
36B. DD Signature				36C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
37. Remarks						

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

E CCC-770 CRP-AR, CRP Annual Rental Payment Checklist

The following is an example of CCC-770 CRP-AR

CCC-770 CRP-AR (05-20-25)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. Administrative State Name Code	2. Administrative County Name Code
CRP ANNUAL RENTAL PAYMENT CHECKLIST		3. Producer Name	
		4. Contract Number	5. FY of Payment
INSTRUCTIONS: If this review is completed <i>before</i> payment, and any question has a "No" response, STOP the CRP process and complete necessary corrective actions to update the response with a "Yes" or "N/A". If this review is completed <i>after</i> payment, document all responses; corrective actions <i>may</i> be required for questions with a "No" response.			
PART A – PROCESSING			
Question		Applicable References	Yes
No		N/A	
6. Has the payment year FSA-578 or CCC-817U been signed and submitted by an eligible participant on the CRP-1? ☐ Owner on CRP-1 ☐ Operator in CRP-1 ☐ Person authorized by power of attorney for one of the above		2-CRP, Paragraph 602	☐
7. Is a valid CRP-1 on file that is or was active and approved for all or a portion of the payment fiscal year? This may include contracts that have expired or were terminated with prorated payment due.		CRP Notices	☐
8. Have applicable payment reductions or payment prorations for violations, successions, or managed haying and grazing been loaded in the payment software?		2-CRP, Paragraphs 604 and 605, Sections 18 and 19, 5-CRP, Paragraph 370	☐
9. If the payment recipient is deceased, missing, or incompetent, have proper provisions been taken to ensure that the payment is issued for the correct amount and, if applicable, has an FSA-325 been prepared if the payment is requested to be issued to a name other than that of the deceased, disappeared, or incompetent participant?		2-CRP, Paragraph 468	☐
10. Has payment eligibility and payment limitation documentation been verified according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable (adjusted gross income certification, AD-1026, CCC-902/CCC-903, etc.)?		2-CRP, Subparagraphs 461B and 462B	☐
11. Has the County Office verified that the customer's financial profile is up to date with current banking information or hardship waiver?		63-FI, Part 2	☐
PART B – ANNUAL RENTAL PAYMENT			
If all the above applicable questions have been answered "Yes", the COC or CED will issue the payment.			
12A. Signature of Preparer		12B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
13A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.		☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur	
13B. CED Signature		13C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
14A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.		☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur	
14B. DD Signature		14C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
15. Remarks			

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

F CCC-770 CRP-CS, CRP Cost Share Payment Checklist

The following is an example of CCC-770 CRP-CS.

CCC-770 CRP-CS (04-15-26)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. Administrative State <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>	2. Administrative County <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>	
CRP COST SHARE PAYMENT CHECKLIST		3. Producer Name(s)		
		4. Contract Number	5. FY of Payment	
INSTRUCTIONS: If this review is completed <i>before</i> payment, and any question has a "No" response, STOP the CRP process and complete necessary corrective actions to update the response with a "Yes" or "N/A". If this review is completed <i>after</i> payment, document all responses; corrective actions <i>may</i> be required for questions with a "No" response.				
PART A – PROCESSING				
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A
6. Are all cost share components on the FSA-848B approved for use by the STC or representative?	2 CRP, Paragraphs 495 thru 497	☐	☐	
7. Are the components on the FSA-848 limited to the practice extent needed on the CRP-1 and conservation plan and to eligible components for the practice?	2-CRP, Paragraph 510 and Exhibit 11	☐	☐	
8. Is the cost share calculation limited to eligible costs and have all ineligible costs and components been excluded?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 510 through 520 and Exhibit 11	☐	☐	
9. Did the producer certify completion on the FSA-848B in items 9 and 10?	2 CRP, Paragraphs 500 through 508	☐	☐	
10. For practice establishment and other activities that require TSP verification, has NRCS, FS, or TSP certified that the components are installed according to NRCS standards and specifications (or for a partial payment that the completed components are a reasonable attainment toward completing the practice) by completing FSA-848B items 12 through 15?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 500, 507, 508	☐	☐	☐
11. For management activities or other certifications that do not require TSP verification, has the producer self-certified performance in FSA-848B item 15 according to policy?	2 CRP, Paragraphs 500, 506, 507	☐	☐	☐
12. Has the COC or CED obtained necessary documents (<i>receipts, seed tags, etc.</i>) to determine proper payment and payment share, and have all documents been reviewed, date stamped, copied, and retained on file as supporting documentation?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 510 and 513	☐	☐	
13. If cost shareable components include watering facilities, water developments, pipeline, and fence, are these components within the COC approval authority for location and cost or has proper authorization been obtained from STC or DAFP, if required?	2-CRP, Paragraph 511	☐	☐	☐
14. Have manual calculations of eligible producer costs and eligible extent performed been completed correctly, and has a second party review been completed?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 510 through 520	☐	☐	
15. Is the person requesting cost-sharing eligible to receive payment?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 513 through 518	☐	☐	
16. Has the COC or CED verified that the sum of all payments from other funding sources (including PIP, if applicable) will not exceed 100 percent of the total actual cost of establishing the practice? Payments from other sources (if received) must be recorded in CSS and CSS will apply validations to the payments.	2-CRP Paragraph 514	☐	☐	
17. Will the payment be issued within 30 days after the later of the following dates? • Date Documents received MM/DD/YYYY • Producer Signature Date MM/DD/YYYY • Payment eligibility documentation filed MM/DD/YYYY If no, payment can still be processed but prompt payment interest is applicable and must be calculated and processed through OLP.	6-CRP, 61-FI	☐	☐	

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

F CCC-770 CRP-CS, CRP Cost Share Payment Checklist (Continued)

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PART B – COST SHARE PAYMENT				
<i>If all the applicable questions have been answered "YES", the COC or CED will issue the payment as long as the contract is within COC approval authority per 2-CRP.</i>				
18A. Signature of Preparer		18B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
19A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.		☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
19B. CED Signature		19C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
20A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.		☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
20B. DD Signature		20C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
21. Remarks				
PART C – PRACTICE INCENTIVE PAYMENT (PIP)				
<i>After cost share payment is issued and only for practices eligible for PIP. The PIP rules vary depending on the signup type and when the original CRP-1 was approved.</i>				
Question	Applicable References	Yes	No	N/A
22. FOR PIP issued from CSS: If PIP is applicable, have all practice establishment requirements been met to be eligible for PIP? This includes, but not limited to, verifying: ☐ Requirements for partial payment met, if authorized. ☐ PIP limited to eligible acres, practices, costs, and producers.	2 CRP, Subparagraph 197B, Exhibit 11 5-CRP, 6-CRP	☐	☐	☐
23. FOR CREP PIP issued from Conservation Payments: If PIP is applicable, have all practice establishment requirements been met to be eligible for PIP? This includes, but not limited to, verifying: ☐ Eligible PIP percentage rate. ☐ Requirements for partial payment met, if authorized. ☐ PIP limited to eligible acres, practices, costs, and producers. ☐ PIP limited to producer out-of-pocket costs. ☐ Manually calculated PIP second party reviewed.	2 CRP, Subparagraph 197B, Exhibit 11, State Amendments, 5-CRP	☐	☐	☐
24. Will the PIP be issued within 30 days of the date when the payment was earned? Date PIP earned (MM/DD/YYYY): If no, payment can still be processed but prompt payment interest is applicable and must be calculated and processed.	2 CRP, Subparagraph 462E, 6-CRP Subparagraph 320C, 61-FI	☐	☐	☐

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Completing CCC-770-CRP's, CRP Checklists (Continued)

F CCC-770 CRP-CS, CRP Cost Share Payment Checklist (Continued)

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<i>If all the applicable questions have been answered "YES", the COC or CED will issue the payment.</i>		
25A. Signature of Preparer	25B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
26A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated. ☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
26B. CED Signature	26C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
27A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated. ☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
27B. DD Signature	27C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
28. Remarks		

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***--Terms and Conditions for Non-Emergency Haying (Including for Biomass) and Grazing of
CRP Acreage**

The following must be signed by the CRP participant prior to any non-emergency haying or grazing.

Note: Exhibit 48 will be available in a fillable format at <https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/>. CLICK “Employee Forms” and CLICK “Find Current Forms Using Our Form Number Search”. For “Form Number”, ENTER “2-CRP”.

Conservation Reserve Program

Terms and Conditions for Non-Emergency Haying (Including for Biomass) and Grazing of CRP Acreage

I/We hereby request authority for non-emergency haying (including for Biomass) or non-emergency grazing of approved cover on CRP acreage.

I/We agree to:

- (1) obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying/grazing, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Technical Service Provider (TSP) and approved by FSA;
- (2) re-establish, at my/our own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating under this authority, regardless of recommendations or determinations made by NRCS or the TSP;
- (3) not hay and graze the same acreage per program year;
- (4) For non-emergency grazing:
 - remove livestock for non-emergency grazing no later the end date of the grazing period as stipulated in the conservation plan
 - not to **graze during the Primary Nesting Season (PNS)** unless a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity is applied
 - a payment reduction
- (5) For grazing to control invasive species, **outside the PNS**:
 - remove all livestock from CRP acreage no later than the end date for invasive species grazing treatment as specified in the conservation plan
 - a percent payment reduction
- (6) For non-emergency haying or harvesting of biomass, **outside the PNS**:
 - remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 days after baling
 - maintain 25 percent of the total CRP contract acres unharvested, in accordance with a conservation plan that provides for wildlife cover and shelter.

Check the payment reduction option applicable to the CRP-1 identified below:

- ☐ The participant has requested beginning farmer grazing, outside the PNS (not including grazing to control invasive species) and has certified on FSA-860 to meeting definition of beginning farmer or rancher and **no payment reduction applies**.
- ☐ The payment reduction has been paid in advance.
- ☐ The FY ____ annual rental payment, scheduled to be made after October 1, will be reduced by the number of acres actually hayed/grazed, times 25 percent of the CRP annual per acre payment rate.

The CRP contract is subject to termination or other penalties as may be authorized by the CRP contract and regulations should there be any violation of this haying/grazing authority of CRP acreage.

If the payment reduction has not been paid in advance, all signatories on CRP-1 must sign these conditions before haying/grazing begins.

CRP-1 Number: _____ Tract Number: _____ Field Number(s): _____
Acres to be Hayed: _____ Acres to be Grazed: _____

Participant's Signature(s)	Date	Participant's Signature(s)	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
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***--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report**

A Completing CRP-42 for Emergency Haying or Grazing of CRP Acreage

County Offices requesting emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage for non D2 conditions must complete CRP-42 when submitting their request.

County Offices will send the completed CRP-42 in addition to all other supporting documentation to STC for review. STC, or its designee, must review CRP-42 and ensure it is complete and accurate, and use the data provided plus all other supporting information provided to determine if all the eligibility requirements for emergency haying and grazing activities are met.

The following table provides instructions to complete CRP-42 non-drought (D2) requests for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acreage.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter State name.
2	Enter county name.
3	Enter date or dates the disaster occurred. For long-term droughts, enter the month and year the drought began.
4	Place "X" in the appropriate box for the disaster type. For "Other", provide a description of the natural disaster.
5	Place "X" in the appropriate box. For "Other", provide a description of the assistance requested.
6B	Enter monthly total precipitation for the applicable months and the current month to date. Enter current year total at the bottom of the column.
6C	Enter monthly normal precipitation for the applicable months and the current month to date. Enter normal total at the bottom of the column.
6D	Enter current year percent of normal, rounded to the nearest whole number, for each month reported.
7A	Enter normal monthly average temperature for each month for which precipitation data is provided.
7B	Enter current year monthly average temperature for each month for which precipitation data is provided.
8	Place "X" in the appropriate box. If answering "Yes", provide an explanation.
9	Place "X" in the appropriate box. If answering "Yes", provide the number of animals being liquidated because of the disaster and the percentage above normal being liquidated.

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***--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report (Continued)**

A Completing CRP-42 for Emergency Haying or Grazing of CRP Acreage (Continued)

Item	Instructions
10	Enter beginning and ending dates of the PNS for the county.
11	Enter each type of pasture and normal grazing crop growing in the county. If none is grown, ENTER "None".
12	Enter the total acres for each type of pasture or normal grazing crops planted and growing in the county in the current year.
13	Enter acres per animal unit established by COC according to LFP.
14	Enter normal grazing days remaining in this program year for each type of pasture and grazing. The grazing period shall not be greater than 120 calendar days.
15	Enter cost per animal unit per day for pasture and normal grazing.
16	Calculate value of normal production. Divide acres grown entered in column 12 by the AC/AU entered in column 13, times the normal grazing days entered in column 14, times the cost per animal unit entered in column 15.
17	Enter percent of loss caused by the disaster for each type of pasture and normal grazing.
18	Calculate value of production loss by multiplying the value of normal production entered in column 16 times the percent of loss entered in column 17.
19	No entry.
20	Enter total acres for each type of alfalfa and other hay growing in the county in the current program year.
21	Enter approved established yield in tons per acre.
22	Enter approved established cost per ton, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
23	Calculate value of normal production by multiplying the acres grown entered in column 20, times the normal yield entered in column 21, times the cost per ton entered in column 22.
24	Enter percent of loss caused by the disaster for alfalfa each type of hay.
25	Calculate value of production loss by multiplying the value of normal production entered in column 23 times the percent of loss entered in column 24.
26a	Enter total of all entries in columns 16 and 23.
26b	Enter total of all entries in columns 18 and 25.
26c	Calculate weighted average loss by dividing the value of production loss entered in item 26b by the value of normal production entered in item 26a.
27 through 42	Repeat steps 11 through 26 for feed grain crops, small grains normally grazed, and other roughage.
43	Enter date of the COC meeting when emergency haying or grazing was requested.
44	CED must sign and enter the date of the request.
45	For 40 percent loss of forage production, the SED, or designee, must sign and approve/disapprove, all other request will be concurrence/nonconcurrence and enter the action recommended by STC and the date of the recommendation.

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--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report (Continued)*B Example of CRP-42**

The following is an example of a CRP-42.

This form is available electronically.				1. STATE		
CRP-42 (09-01-20)				2. COUNTY		
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation						
COUNTY PRECIPITATION AND FEED AND FORAGE LOSS REPORT						
3. DATE(S) OF DISASTER		4. TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF NATURAL DISASTER				
		DROUGHT ☐				
		EXCESSIVE MOISTURE ☐				
		40% LOSS OF FORAGE PRODUCTION ☒				
		OTHER (List) ☐				
5. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED EMERGENCY						
HAYING AND GRAZING OF CRP ACREAGE ☐						
OTHER (List) ☐						
6. PRECIPITATION (County Average)						
A. MONTH	B. CURRENT YEAR TO DATE	C. NORMAL	D. CURRENT YEAR % OF NORMAL	7. TEMPERATURE (Average Monthly) A. NORMAL	B. CURRENT YEAR	
January	+	=				
February	+	=				
March	+	=				
April	+	=				
May	+	=				
June	+	=				
July	+	=				
August	+	=				
September	+	=				
October	+	=				
November	+	=				
December	+	=				
E. Totals (Col. 6B, 6C and 6D)						
8. Has the natural disaster required additional supplemental feeding? If "YES", to what extent?					YES	NO
9. Is livestock being liquidated and/or culled heavier as a direct result of the natural disaster?						
If "YES", provide an estimate of the additional numbers _____ and % above normal _____						
10. Identify the primary nesting and brood rearing season restricted period for haying and grazing as determined by the STC.:						
In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.						
Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.						
To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.aisar.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.						

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*--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report (Continued)

B Example of CRP-42 (Continued)

CRP-42 (09-01-20) Page 2 of 2							
FEED LOSS ASSESSMENT							
11. PASTURE AND NORMAL GRAZING	12. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	13. AC/AU	14. NORMAL GRAZING (DAYS)	15. COST PER (AU)	16. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 12 - 13 X 14 X 15)	17. PERCENT OF LOSS	18. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 16 X Col. 17)
a. Meadow	+	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$
b. Tame	+	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$
c.	+	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$
19. HAY	20. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR		21. NORMAL YIELD (TONS)	22. COST PER (TONS)	23. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 20 X 21 X 22)	24. PERCENT OF LOSS	25. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 23 X Col. 24)
a. Alfalfa	x		x	\$	\$	x	% = \$
b. Other Hay	x		x	\$	\$	x	% = \$
26. SUBTOTALS:					26a. Col. 16 and 23		26b. Col. 18 and 25
26c. Emergency Haying and Grazing Weighted Average Loss (subtotal Col. 26b ÷ subtotal Col. 26a = _____ %)					\$		\$
27. FEED GRAIN CROPS	28. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	29. NORMAL YIELD (Bu./Cwt.)	30. COST PER (Bu./Cwt.)	31. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 28 X 29 X 30)	32. PERCENT OF LOSS	33. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 31 X Col. 32)	
a.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
b.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
c.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
d.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
e.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
f.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
34. OTHER ROUGHAGE	35. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	36. NORMAL YIELD (TONS)	37. COST PER (TONS)	38. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 35 X 36 X 37)	39. PERCENT OF LOSS	40. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 38 X Col. 39)	
a.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
b.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
c.	x	x	\$	\$	x	% = \$	
41. TOTALS:					41a. Col. 26a, 31, and 38 \$		41b. Col. 26b, 33, and 40 \$
					42. WEIGHTED AVERAGE LOSS (Total Column 41b ÷ Total Column 41a) %		
COC AND STC CERTIFICATION							
43. Date of COC meeting when determination was made that a natural disaster has occurred and to request authority for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage: _____							
44. I certify that the above data is complete and factual to the best of my ability.				A. SIGNATURE OF CED		B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	
45. SIGNATURE OF SED				A. APPROVED YES ☐ NO ☐		B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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***--Terms and Conditions for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage**

The following must be signed by the CRP participant prior to any emergency haying and/or grazing.

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Conservation Reserve Program

**Producer Request for Emergency Haying and
Grazing of CRP Acreage**

The undersigned hereby request authority for emergency haying or grazing of approved cover on CRP acreage.

The undersigned agree to: (1) obtain a modified conservation plan to permit haying and/or grazing from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or an approved Technical Service Provider (TSP); (2) re-establish, at my/our own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating under this authority, regardless of recommendations made by NRCS or a TSP; (3) remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 days after baling and remove all livestock from CRP acreage no later than 1 day after the end of the emergency grazing period (4) limit haying of CRP acreage to one cutting; (5) **not** hay and graze the same acreage.

The undersigned agree if acreage hayed or grazed is more or less than originally intended, the undersigned will notify FSA at the local county office.

The CRP contract is subject to termination or other appropriate actions as may be authorized by the CRP contract and regulations should there be any violation of this haying or grazing authority of CRP acreage.

CRP-1 Contract Number:	_____	Farm Number:	_____
Tract Number:	_____	Field Number:	_____
Acres Hayed:	_____		
Acres Grazed:	_____		

Participant's Signature	Date
_____	_____
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*--Using CRP-37

The following is an example of CRP-37. Use CRP-37 when requesting to graze certain practices as part of the incidental grazing in a field. File a copy in the producer's CRP folder.

This form is available electronically.

CRP-37 (09-01-20)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	
REQUEST FOR INCIDENTAL GRAZING			
1. RETURN TO: (County FSA Office Name and Address) Lancaster County USA 6030 Trade Center Capital City, NE 68516		2. CRP Contract Number 217	
		3. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 9/1/2020	

4. For the 2021 crop year, I (we) request authority to:

☒ Conduct incidental grazing in Field Number(s) 1, 4 in conjunction with the gleaning of crop residue or grazing a small grain before harvest beginning 10/15/2020 (MM-DD-YYYY).

I (we) understand and agree that:
Only acreage enrolled under practices CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP33, CP37, CP38A, CP38B (CP38's if allowed by the SAFE agreement,) and CP43 may be grazed under this authority

- All livestock shall be removed from CRP acreage no later than 60 days after the date provided above
- I (we) shall re-establish, at my (our) own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participation under this authority, as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation regardless of recommendations or determinations made by Natural Resources Conservation Service.

5. Only the participant(s) making the request is (are) required to sign.

A. Participant's Signature (By) /s/ James Brown	B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)	C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 9/1/2020
A. Participant's Signature (By) /s/ Betty Smith	B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)	C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 9/1/2020
A. Participant's Signature (By)	B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)	C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
6A. Signature of CCC Representative	6B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	6C. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including ZIP Code)
		6D. Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) and 7 CFR Part 1410. The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program.

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3846(b)(1). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

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