

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Agricultural Resource Conservation Program 2-CRP (Revision 5)	Amendment 13
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Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reason for Amendment

Subparagraph 691 E has been amended to add that for emergency haying, county eligibility is based on COC submitting evidence that the county is designated as level "D2 Drought-Severe" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Note: All other provisions of paragraph 691 apply.

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691 County Eligibility (Continued)**C Applying for National Authorization (Continued)**

COC shall ensure that an eligible livestock producer, to whom the acreage is rented or leased, is located in an approved county or part of a county, as applicable.

All requests and CEPD determinations, and STC determinations, as applicable, shall be recorded in the COC minutes.

COC shall clearly document in the COC minutes the following:

- justification for the request to release CRP 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.

STC, or designee, shall thoroughly review COC requests for completeness and make a recommendation before submitting requests to CEPD. Failure to submit complete requests with STC, or designee, recommendation will delay the CEPD response.

After CEPD approves COC's request, COC shall notify all participants in the county or part of the county, as applicable, of the authorization to hay or graze CRP acreage by the fastest means possible.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all emergency haying authorizations shall end August 31, and all emergency grazing authorizations shall end September 30.

691 County Eligibility (Continued)

D STC Determinations

COC's may request emergency haying or grazing for all or part of a county to STC using the U.S. Drought Monitor.

STC shall:

- make determinations on a county-by-county basis
- report approvals to CEPD by COB each day.

Note: STC approval notification shall be in the following format.

County Name	Date Grazing Approved	Date Haying Approved

STC shall **not** approve counties for emergency haying or grazing based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the primary nesting and brood rearing season.

STC approvals of emergency haying shall end no later than August 31, and approvals of emergency grazing shall end no later than September 30.

E County Eligibility Criteria for STC Determination

--For emergency haying and grazing, county eligibility is based on COC submitting-- evidence that the county is designated as level "D2 Drought-Severe" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

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The U.S. Drought Monitor is available on the internet at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.