

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

**Agricultural Resource
Conservation Program
2-CRP (Revision 5)**

Amendment 29

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reason for Amendment

Subparagraph 602 A has been amended to change shall to must and to provide that effective in 2017, once certified, a CRP acreage report is considered continuous unless there is a contract revision.

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601 General Provisions (Continued)

C FSA County Office Action

FSA County Offices shall:

- file the annual status review copies in CRP folders
- follow up on noncompliance cases
- conduct annual spot checks according to 2-CP **after** NRCS or TSP certifies on a final status review that the practice is established
- conduct annual spot checks on at least 10 percent of CRP-1's, including CREP, approved for:
 - spot treatment during the primary nesting season of birds in the local area that are economically significant, in significant decline, or conserved according to Federal or State law according to paragraph 427
 - early land preparation according to paragraph 637.

***--Note:** States may establish policy for additional spot checks, when appropriate.--*

If NRCS or TSP certifies that a practice has not been established in the final performance review, COC shall determine necessary action. Action may include, but is not limited to:

- terminating CRP-1 according to paragraph 571
- determining that erosion is being controlled adequately with existing cover according to subparagraph 603 D
- participant working with NRCS or TSP to establish an approved cover.

602 Certifying Compliance**A Certification of Compliance**

--Before** CRP annual rental payments are issued, a certification of compliance 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 shall not develop substitute forms for FSA-578 or CRP-817U.

--Effective in 2017, once certified, a CRP acreage report is considered continuous unless-- there is a CRP contract revision. Annual reports on FSA-578 or CRP-817U are not required.

CRP continuous certification does not require additional action on the part of the participant, unless:

- there is a change to the CRP-1, farm, or acreage
- CRP contract expires
- CRP contract is terminated.

--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.