

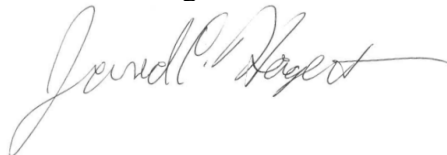
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**Agricultural Resource
Conservation Program
2-CRP (Revision 6)**

Amendment 10

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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Paragraph 39 has been withdrawn.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.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

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.

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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
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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)

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)

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>9/</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>9/</u>	Y	Y	Y	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	Y	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>9/</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, 2021.9/ 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
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>9/</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)**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.

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

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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.
	D	*--Enter total cropland acreage under WRP or ACEP-WRE easement.--*
8	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.

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.

					SPI Adjusted SRR 2/	General CRP 85% SRR 3/	Continuous CRP 90% SRR 3/
State	County	County AVGRT	Map Unit Symbol	SPI 1/			
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.--

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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)

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.

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.

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.--*

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 <u>1/</u>	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.--*

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--* concerns listed for the CRP practice • 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)

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)

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.

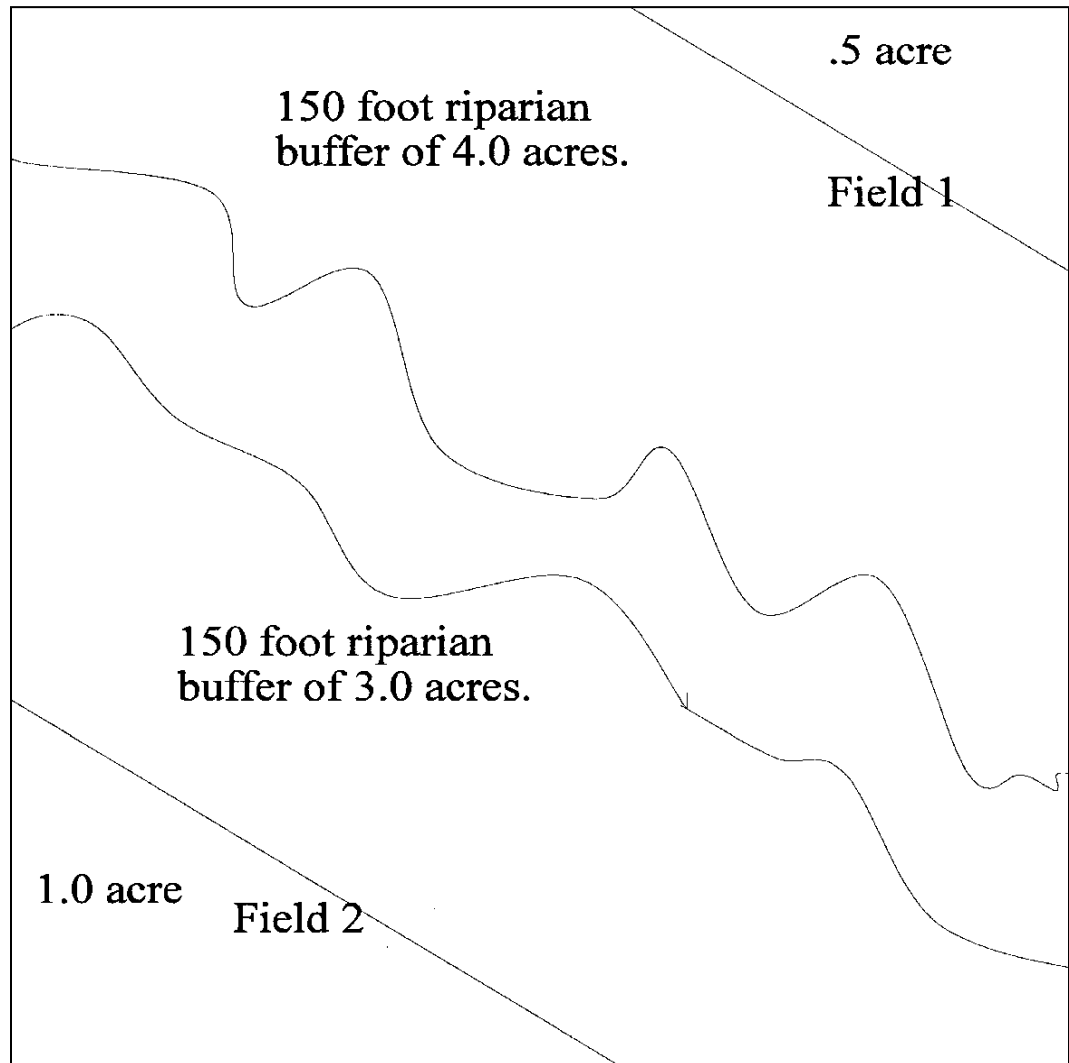
Note: COC is authorized to approve only up to 25 percent of the filter strip or riparian buffer per field as infeasible-to-farm acreage. Producers may request a waiver to enroll infeasible-to-farm acreage in excess of 25 percent. All waivers must be submitted to DAFP. Only DAFP may approve such waivers.

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)

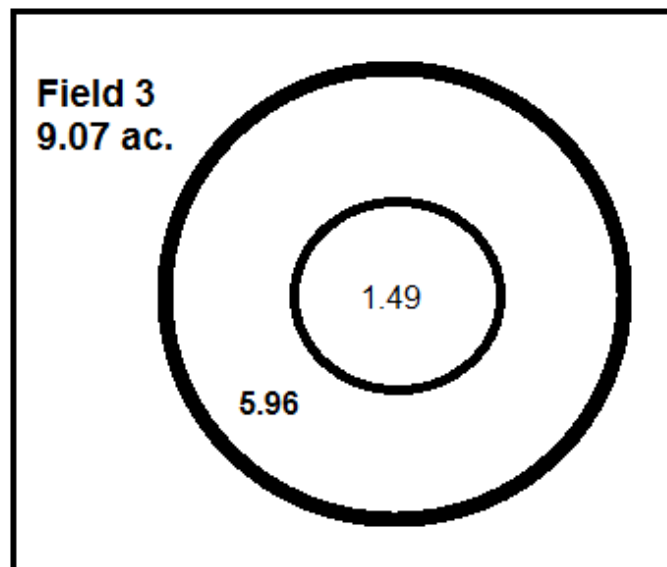
B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy (Continued)

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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183 Heli Offers (Continued)

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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

***--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

*--Weighted Average SRR = $\$956/9.5 \text{ acres} = \$100.63/\text{acre}$

Total rental payment adjustment (22.2 + 20 = 42.2 percent) = $\$100.63 \times 0.422 = \$42.47/\text{acre}$

Weighted Average SRR, plus total rental payment adjustment = $\$100.63 + \$42.47 = \$143.10/\text{acre}$

Annual Rental Payment = 10 acres X $\$143.10/\text{acre} = \$1,431/\text{year}$ 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.--*

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)***--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--I CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities	
7	IF land offered for enrollment is...	THEN...
	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.	

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--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”.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--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.--*

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)***--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)***--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.

184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)***--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 long0term 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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184 CLEAR30 * * * (Continued)

***--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.

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See CRP-1 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements.

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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. **CRP contract or CRP-1** 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. **Maintenance, or Maintain,** 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).

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Conservation Reserve Program Contracts Under the CLEAR30 * * * Program
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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.

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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

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***--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.

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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 ($\$400 \times .325$).

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 ($\$400 \times .325$).

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 x .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.

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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.

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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.--*

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.

* * *

***--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.

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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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.--*

- 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)

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 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.

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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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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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
- **Note:** This is not applicable to continuous CRP signup CRP-1's.
- 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.

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.--*

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.--*

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)

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.

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.

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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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.

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.

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)

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	
continuous signup 48	2016 and 2017	one of the following:
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	December 9, 2019.
continuous signup 53	2020 and 2021	
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
April 30th	May 5th	June 1st
July 31st	August 5th	September 1st
October 31st	November 5th	December 1st

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.

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.--*

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.

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)

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.

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).

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.

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*--**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)

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.

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***--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.

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.

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.

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--* approved.	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--* approved.	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.

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)

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

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

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

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

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.

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:

- Great grandparent;
- Grandparent;
- Parent;
- Child, including a legally adopted child;
- Grandchild;
- Great Grandchild;
- Sibling of the family member in the farming operation; and
- 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)

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.

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
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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)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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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
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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)

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
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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

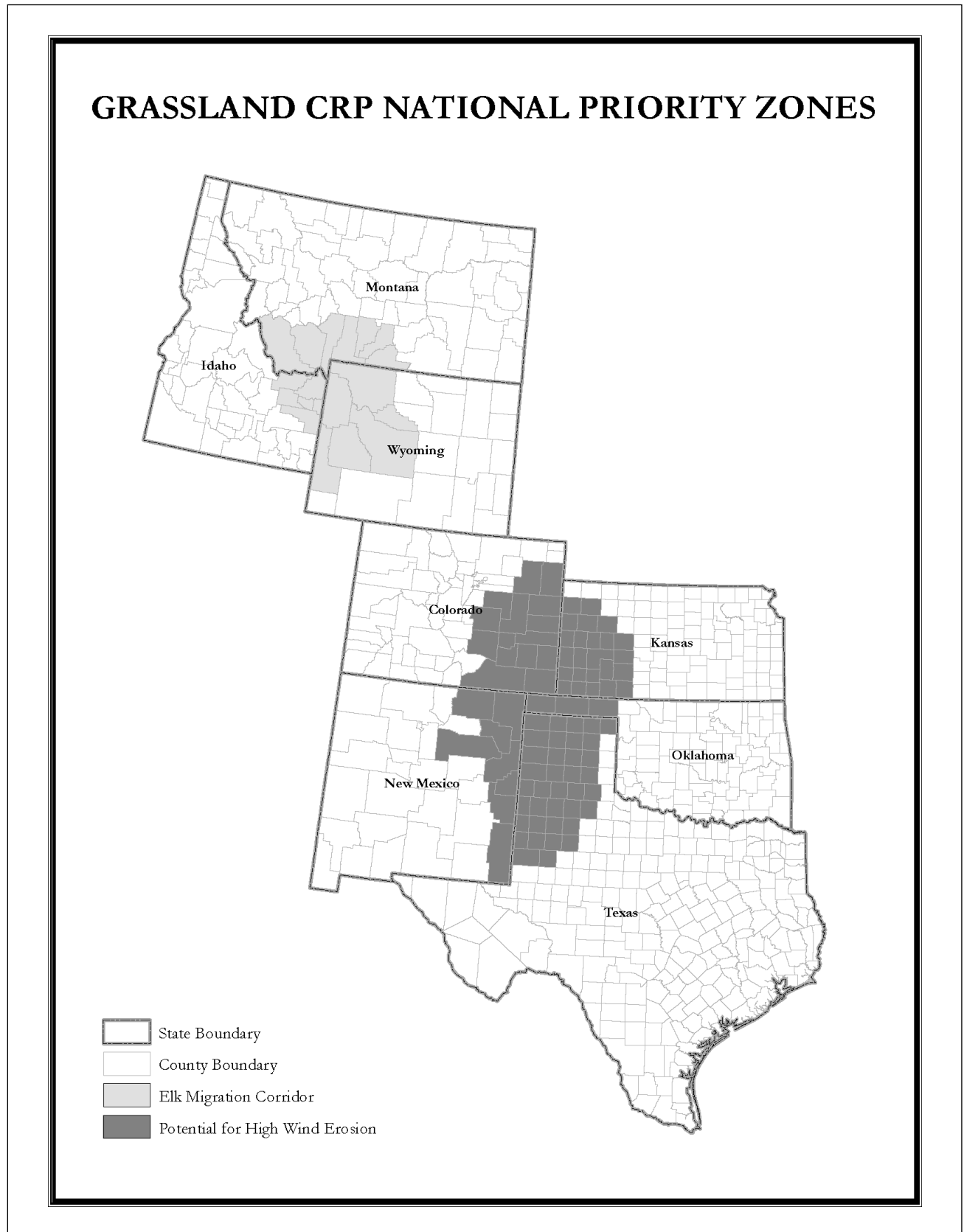
CRP-26 (12-13-24)

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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 *	02-12-2026 through 09-30-2026	2027
66	03-09-2026 through 04-17-2026	2027
208	05-04-2026 through 05-29-2026	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

CRP-1 must be completed for each CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP-2G, and practices with different lifespans.

CRP-1 is:

- a computer-generated form
- provided for display purposes only.

*** * * CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract (Continued)**

B Example of CRP-1

The following is an example of a * * * CRP-1.

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CRP-1 (01-23-26) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT	1. ST. & CO. CODE & ADMIN. LOCATION 2. SIGN-UP NUMBER 3. CONTRACT NUMBER 4. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT 5A. COUNTY FSA OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) 5B. COUNTY FSA OFFICE PHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code):																				
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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NOTE: <i>Privacy Act Statement: 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), the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22), the American Relief Act, 2025 (Pub. L. 118-158), Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119-37), and the Conservation Reserve Program 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.</i> Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3846(b)(1). Non-Discrimination Statement: 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, 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 State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). 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 https://www.usda.gov/oaspc/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint 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, Mail Stop 9410, 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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*** * * CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract (Continued)**

B Example of CRP-1 (Continued)

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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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CRP-2 (01-23-26)									
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency									
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For General Signup)									
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	EI 8 or Greater		
							National CPA		
							State CPA		
							Expiring CRP		
12. National Ranking Factors:						13. N1 Subfactors:			
N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N1a	N1b	N1c		
14. N2 Subfactors:				15. N5 Subfactors:					
N2a	N2b	N2c	N5a	N5b	N5c				
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. Acre s	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)		
\$				\$			\$		

Date Printed:

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All Versions of CRP-2 (Continued)

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)		

Date Printed:

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All Versions of CRP-2 (Continued)

A. CRP-2, Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for General Signup) (Continued)

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All Versions of CRP-2 (Continued)

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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)		
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	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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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 ►																																													
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				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
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
					F. Total Rent
(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
					F. Total Rent
(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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Items 19 through 22 (See Page 4 for additional space)											
19. Tract No.	20. Current Field No.	21. Current Crop or Land Use	22. Crop Land Use Summary								
			A. Offered Acres	B. Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____	I. _____
23. TOTAL ►											

24. PRODUCER'S 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) I have been informed that if I decline cost share assistance, then I will be ineligible for cost share assistance; (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; and (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.

I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.

24A. Signature (By)	24B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity	24C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)

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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 CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Grassland CRP 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)		
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: ☐ YES ☐ 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		1. STATE	
GRASSLAND CRP SMALL LIVESTOCK OPERATION CERTIFICATION				2. COUNTY	
				3. TRACT NUMBER	
				5. Producer Telephone Number (Including Area Code)	
4A. Producer Name		4B. Producer Address (Including Zip 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).																		
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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>Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes</td><td></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>Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes</td><td></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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***--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 acreage 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

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 <u>1</u> /	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) <u>2</u> /	
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 <u>></u>
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.

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?	2-CRP, Paragraph 126	☐	☐			
7. Have Landlord and Tenant provisions been met?	2-CRP, Paragraph 130	☐	☐	☐		
8. Have all land eligibility requirements, including cropping history, been met?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 151	☐	☐			
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	2-CRP, Subparagraph 151B	☐	☐			
10. Has the county office verified the county cropland limit has not been exceeded?	2-CRP, Paragraph 81	☐	☐			
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?	2 CRP, Paragraph 286 B, Exhibit 26, 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-2 and was the submission date loaded in COLS by the end of signup?	4-CRP, Part 4 2-CRP, Subparagraph 332E, CRP Notices	☐	☐			
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>)	2-CRP, Subparagraph 151D and Exhibit 3	☐	☐	☐		
14. Was the producer provided the CRP-23 Notice of Acceptable Offer and a copy of the CRP-1 Appendix?	2-CRP, Paragraphs 334 and 341, Exhibit 5	☐	☐			
15. Did the County Office complete a paid for measurement service, if requested by the producer?	2-CRP, Paragraph 401	☐	☐	☐		
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.	2-CRP, Subparagraphs 401A	☐	☐	☐		

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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)

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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							

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		1. Administrative State <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>		2. Administrative County <i>Name</i> <i>Code</i>		
CONTINUOUS CRP CONTRACT CHECKLIST		3. Primary Producer Name		5. Contract Number <i>(Added after approval)</i>		
		4. Tract Number				
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)

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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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C CCC-770 CRP-1C, Continuous CRP Contract Checklist (Continued)

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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?	2-CRP, Subparagraph 181B	☐	☐	☐		
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?	2-CRP, Paragraph 183	☐	☐	☐		
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.	2-CRP, Part 8	☐	☐	☐		
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.	2-CRP, Paragraph 184	☐	☐	☐		
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.	2-CRP, Part 22 and State Amendments	☐	☐	☐		
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.	2-CRP State Amendments	☐	☐	☐		
PART B – CONTRACT APPROVAL CONCURRENCE						
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.						
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)

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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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D CCC-770 CRP-1G, Grassland CRP Contract Checklist

The following is an example of CCC-70 CRP-1G.

CCC-770 CRP-1G U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (04-15-26) Commodity Credit Corporation GRASSLAND 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 <i>(Added after approval)</i></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 <i>(Added after approval)</i>
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 <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?	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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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						
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						
PART C – POST CONTRACT APPROVAL ACTIONS						
The following actions must be completed immediately after contract approval.						
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 <i>Name Code</i>	2. Administrative County <i>Name Code</i>	
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	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 602</i>	☐	☐	
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.	<i>CRP Notices</i>	☐	☐	
8. Have applicable payment reductions or payment proration for violations, successions, or managed haying and grazing been loaded in the payment software?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraphs 604 and 605, Sections 18 and 19, 5-CRP, Paragraph 370</i>	☐	☐	☐
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?	<i>2-CRP, Paragraph 468</i>	☐	☐	☐
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.)?	<i>2-CRP, Subparagraphs 461B and 462B</i>	☐	☐	
11. Has the County Office verified that the customer's financial profile is up to date with current banking information or hardship waiver?	<i>63-FI, Part 2</i>	☐	☐	
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>I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.</i>		☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
13B. CED Signature		13C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
14A. <i>I concur/do not concur the above items have been verified and updated.</i>		☐ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur		
14B. DD Signature		14C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)		
15. Remarks				

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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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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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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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