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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Part 9 has been added to include CRP grassland provisions.

Exhibit 5 has been amended to add an example and guidance for using CRP-27 and CRP-28.

Exhibit 24 has been added to include CRP grassland ranking factors.

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--Part 9 CRP Grassland Provisions*261 General CRP Grassland Information****A Background**

CRP grasslands provide 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 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 the Deputy Administrator in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

CRP grasslands were authorized to enroll grasslands 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.

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 these 7 factors.

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 CRP Grassland Information (Continued)**

B Goals

The purpose of CRP grasslands is to provide assistance to landowners and operators to protect grazing uses and related conservation values on eligible private pasture and rangelands. CRP grasslands emphasize support of grazing operations, maintaining and improving plant and animal biodiversity, and protecting grasslands and shrublands 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 CRP grasslands.

D Duplication of Benefits

Cropland enrolled in CRP grasslands cannot receive a payment under the ARC or PLC program. CRP grasslands are potentially eligible for grazing losses because of natural disasters under LFP or ELAP if all eligibility requirements in 1-LFP or 1-ELAP are met.--*

--262 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility*A 25 Percent County Cropland Limitation**

Cropland enrolled in CRP grasslands will count against the 25 percent county cropland limitation.

B CRP Acreage Enrollment Limitation

All land enrolled in CRP grasslands counts against the:

- National CRP acreage limitation
- limit of up to 2 million acres of grassland as defined by statute.

C Authorized Practices

Starting with signup 202 only CP88 is authorized for CRP Grassland. Existing contracts will continue to use practices CP42, CP87, CP87A, CP88, and CP88A if enrolled during signup 200 and practices CP87, CP87A, CP88, and CP88A if enrolled during signup 201. Practices must be determined suitable for the site conditions by the technical agency to be authorized or enrolled.

Notes: See Exhibit 11 for practice writeup for CP88.

CP42 is no longer authorized for CRP Grassland.

263 Land and Producer Eligibility**A States and Counties Authorized for CRP Grasslands**

CRP grasslands are eligible for enrollment in all States and territories.

B Eligibility for Owners and Operators

Persons determined eligible for CRP according to Part 6 may request to enroll certain acreages in CRP grasslands according to this part.--*

--263 Land and Producer Eligibility (Continued)*C Eligibility Requirement**

Eligible land is land on a tract or a portion of a tract that:

- contains forbs or shrubland (including improved rangeland and improved pastureland) for which grazing is the predominant use

Exception: Grasslands with less than 5 percent tree canopy interspersed throughout the offered acreage is eligible.

- is located in an area historically dominated by grasslands
- provides habitat for animal and plant populations of significant ecological value if the land is retained in its current use or restored to a natural condition
- is expiring CRP without tree practices.

The following is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP grasslands:

- forestland
- woodland.

D Small Scale Livestock Grazing Operation

For a small-scale livestock grazing operation, producers will use CRP-2G-1 to self-certify the number of grazing animal units. See subparagraph 267 E for an example of CRP-2G-1 and livestock unit values. If a State needs a value for a type of livestock not listed, contact CD.

Note: CRP procedure limits a producer to 1 offer per tract.

For the small-scale livestock grazing operation, maximum offer acreage will be limited to 200 acres per farm.--*

***--264 Contract Duration and Program Year**

A Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1 period for CRP grasslands must be 10 to 15 years in duration.

The effective date of CRP-1 will start on October 1.

B Program Year

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

C Signup Number

CRP grasslands will use signup number:

- 200 through June 1, 2018
- 201 beginning June 4, 2018
- 202 beginning March 16, 2020, through May 15, 2020.--*

*--265 Processing Offers for CRP Grasslands

A County Office Responsibilities

The following table provides the steps a County Office may follow for CRP grasslands signup. County Offices may adjust the order of events in the following table to provide for a workable signup period.

Step	Action
1	Provide general information about program provisions, such as a fact sheet.
2	Explain program details, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • available practice and applicable C/S rates • COC determinations • land eligibility • national ranking and selection process • payment rate • ranking process.
3	Verify producer eligibility for the offered acres according to Part 6. Note: Determine whether certain producer eligibility requirements are met before submitting data.
4	Delineate acres to be offered on a map and within TERRA.
5	Provide measurement service, if necessary to determine acres to be offered. Paid-for measurement service must be completed for acreage offered before CRP-1 is approved. See paragraph 401. Note: See 2-CP, paragraph 927 for additional guidance.
6	After completing a TERRA scenario, process offers through COLS.
7	Advise producers of the limitation on withdrawing and modifying offers according to paragraph 337.
8	Provide producers CRP-1 Appendix (Exhibit 29) before submitting offers.
9	Have the producer sign completed CRP-1 and CRP-2G. Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC or CED approves CRP-1.
10	File all applicable documents, including CRP-2G, in the producer's folder.

B Materials for Producers

Provide copies of FSA informational material issued by DAFP to each producer submitting an offer. Provide copies of procedures in this handbook, including the formula process, to producers, if requested.--*

***--266 Completing Forms**

A Entering Form Data

All CRP-1 and CRP-2G data must be entered into COLS. CRP grasslands has an acreage limitation, and COLS ensures acreage limitation control, accountability, and program performance data. Data must be loaded in a timely manner.

267 Completing CRP-2G

A Guidance for Completing CRP-2G's

CRP-2G must be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer to:

- make eligibility determinations
- obtain ranking data and statistics on acreage offered for CRP grasslands 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 for display purposes only.--*

*--267 Completing CRP-2G (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2G

The following example of CRP-2G is provided for display purposes **only**. CRP-2G is available at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/forms.html>.

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<i>(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements.)</i>					
CRP-2G (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency		1. Tract Number	2. Program Year
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For CRP Grassland Signup)				3A. Sign Up Number	3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
4A. County FSA Office Address (Include Zip Code)			4C. Producer Name and Address (Include Zip Code)		
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)			4D. Producer Phone Number (Include Area Code)		
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number	
7A. Acres for Enrollment	7B. Cropland Acres	8A. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered	8B. Maximum Payment Rate		
		\$	\$		
9. Cover/Practices:					
A. Field Number	B. Practice No.	C. Cover	D. Acres	E. Estimated Total C/S	F. Length
10. Ranking Questions:					Points
A. What is the current cover of land being offered?					
B. Is all or part of the land offered currently under an expiring CRP contract? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
If "YES", please enter the CRP contract no.: _____					
Is over 50 percent of the offered acres existing CP2 or CP10? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
C. Producer Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Farmer/Rancher <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Socially Disadvantaged <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
D. Has the producer certified they are eligible for the Small-Scale Livestock option on the CRP-2G-1? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
E. Is the land offered in a county under threat of conversion? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
F. Is over 50 percent of the land offered in the National Threat of conversion layer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
G. Is offer for 10 or 15 years? <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Years					
H. Is the land offered currently in a State Wildlife zone? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Is the land offered currently in a State CRP grassland zone? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
I. Cost:					
J. Other:					
K. TOTAL:					
11. Remarks					

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*--267 Completing CRP-2G (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2G (Continued)

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CRP-2G (12-02-19)

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 F6 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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*--267 Completing CRP-2G (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2G (Continued)

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CONTINUATION OF ITEM 9 - Existing Cover/Practices					
A. Field Number	B. Practice No.	C. Cover	D. Acres	E. Estimated Total C/S	F. Length

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--267 Completing CRP-2G (Continued)*C 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 can be downloaded from

<https://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/currentforms.asp>.

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.

D Livestock Animal Unit Values

Following are the livestock animal unit values.

Animal Kind/Class	Animal Unit Equivalent
Beef/Bufalo/Dry Dairy Cow	1.00
Dairy Cow	1.40
Beef/Dairy/Bufalo Bulls	1.50
Calf (> 400 lbs)	0.30
Heifer	0.86
Yearling cattle	0.65
Sheep, ewe	0.16
Lamb, weaned to yearling	0.14
Ram (> 200 lbs)	0.17
Goat, mature	0.15
Kid, yearling	0.10
Llama	0.23

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*--267 Completing CRP-2G (Continued)

E Example of CRP-2G-1

The following is an example of CRP-2G-1.

This form is available electronically.

CRP-2G-1 (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency		1. STATE
CRP GRASSLAND SMALL LIVESTOCK OPERATION CERTIFICATION				2. COUNTY
				3. TRACT NUMBER
4. Producer Name and Address (Including Zip Code)			5. Producer Telephone Number (Including Area Code)	
TYPES OF LIVESTOCK:				
6. Animal Kind/Class	7. Animal Unit Equivalent		8. Number of Animals	9. Total Animal Unit Equivalents
A. Beef/Bufalo/Dry Dairy Cow	1.00	x	=	
B. Dairy Cow	1.40	x	=	
C. Beef/Bufalo Bulls	1.50	x	=	
D. Calf	0.30	x	=	
E. Heifer	0.86	x	=	
F. Yearling Cattle	0.65	x	=	
G. Sheep, Ewe	0.16	x	=	
H. Lamb, Weaned to Yearling	0.14	x	=	
I. Ram (200 lbs.)	0.17	x	=	
J. Goat, Mature	0.15	x	=	
K. Kid, Yearling	0.10	x	=	
L. Llama	0.23	x	=	
M. Other: _____		x	=	
N. Other: _____		x	=	
O. TOTAL				
10. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION				
<i>I certify:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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***--268 Processing Offers**

A Reviewing Offers

COC or CED **must** ensure that:

- producers have submitted offers for CRP-1 by tract and year
- CRP-2G and CRP-1 were signed by at least 1 eligible producer
- after the conclusion of the ranking period, offers that have been determined **not** acceptable will **not** be kept for consideration under the next ranking period.

B Submitting Offers for National Office Ranking

County Offices **must** ensure that all offers are submitted no later than COB of the last day of the signup period.

269 Notifying Producers

A Eligibility Review

COC or CED must:

- review the list of acceptable offers to ensure that all eligibility criteria have been met for all offers listed as acceptable by the National or State Office
- not approve CRP-1 if the producer or offered acreage does not meet eligibility criteria even though the offer is listed as acceptable by the National or State Office.

Note: Provide NRCS or TSP a list of acceptable offers.

B Offer Not Acceptable

If the offer is not acceptable, notify the producer of the unacceptable offer according to subparagraph C.--*

--269 Notifying Producers (Continued)*C Procedure for Notifying Producers**

COC or CED will notify producers, using CRP-27 and CRP-28 (Exhibit 5), of the status of their offer as soon as the list of acceptable offers is received, and an eligibility review was conducted.

D Offer Acceptable and Clearly Eligible

If the offer is determined acceptable by national ranking, advise the producer:

- to notify the County Office if the producer wants the offer approved

Note: The producer's notification to the County Office is not required to be in writing. The County Office must notate the producer's notification and include the notation in the producer's CRP folder.

- that a conservation plan must be developed by NRCS or TSP and approved by the Conservation District before CRP-1 can be approved by COC or CED

Note: County Offices must provide to NRCS or TSP all documents necessary to complete the conservation plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

- CRP-1
 - CRP-2G
 - maps.
- of provisions for starting practices. See Part 11.

E Rescoring Offers Where the Grass Cover Does Not Support the Ranking Score

For acceptable CRP grassland offers where NRCS is unable to verify the number of grasses claimed by the producer, allow the offer to be re-ranked based on the information NRCS provides and if the score is:

- still acceptable continue to conservation plan development and CRP-1 approval
- **not** acceptable based on the national batching period acceptable score allow the producer to voluntarily withdraw the offer without liquidated damages.--*

***--270 Payments**

A CRP Grassland Payments

CRP grassland practices are not eligible for SIP and PIP. CRP grassland participants will receive annual rental payments.

B C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing CRP grassland practices.

271 Contract Activities

A CRP Grassland Permitted Activities

For CRP grasslands, 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 that is 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 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 the Deputy Administrator in consultation with the State Technical Committee
- fire pre-suppression, fire-related rehabilitation, and construction of fire breaks
- grazing-related activities, such as fencing and livestock watering facilities.--*

272-285 (Reserved)

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 (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification		35, 462, 519, 602, 806, 811, 821
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		465
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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
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CCC-770 CRP3	CRP Annual Rental Payment Checklist		7
CCC-770 CRP4	CRP PIP, CP23, CP23A, CP37 and SIP Payment Checklist		7
CCC-860	Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification		Ex. 24

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CCC-926 <u>1/</u>	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement		131
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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		Text
CRP-1 Continuation	Continuation to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract		211
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 CRP contracts.

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

Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

The following lists approved abbreviations not listed in 1-CM.

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
ACEP	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	Ex. 2
ACEP-ALE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement	553, 571, 630
ACEP-WRE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easement	81, 82, 151, 332, 553, 571, 575, 630
ARC	Agriculture Risk Coverage	261, 604, Ex. 5
ARD	acreage reporting deadline	602
CARS	Crop Acreage Reporting System	602
CCMS	Conservation Contract Maintenance System	171, 286, 522, 546
CD	Conservation Division	31, 511, 576, 821, Ex. 11, 24, 51
CIB	cumulative impact bonus	821
COLS	Conservation Online System	Text, Ex. 26
CP	conservation practice	Text, Ex. 11, 26
CPO	Conservation Plan of Operation	367
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program	151, 640, 804, 806
EBI	environmental benefits index	286, 293, 339, 401, 426, 429, Ex. 26
EFCRP	Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program	522, 546, 821, Ex. 11
EI	erodibility index	81, 151, 286, Ex. 2, 11, 26
ESA	Endangered Species Act	366, 367
FOTG	Field Office Technical Guide	52, 102, 366, 511, 633, 635, 363, 806, Ex. 2, 11, 26
FWP	Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program	66, Part 8, Ex. 11
HFRP	Healthy Forest Restoration Program	553, 571, 575, 630
HUC	hydrologic unit code	Ex. 26
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	366, 367
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	367
PIP	practice incentive payment	Text, Ex. 11
PLC	Price Loss Coverage	261, 604, Ex. 5
PLS	pure live seed	426, 490
PNS	primary nesting season	Text

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

Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM (Continued)

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
RA	regional attorney	130, 335, 431, 546, 554, 579, 580
REX	re-enrollments and extensions	546, Ex. 20
RKLS	Gross Potential Erosion or Potential Erosion	Ex. 26
RUSLE	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation	52, 151, Ex. 26
SAFE	State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement	Text, Ex. 26
SDMS	Soils Database Management System	102
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer	367
SIP	Signup Incentive Payment	Text, Ex. 11
SRC	State Resource Conservationist	Ex. 11
RTCP	Reimbursement Transportation Cost Program	821
TERRA	Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment	Text
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	367
TIP	Transition Incentive Program	126, 401, 576, 577, Part 21
TSP	Technical Service Provider	Text, Ex. 2, 11, 26, 48, 52
USLE	Universal Soil Loss Equation	151
WEQ	Wind Erosion Equation	52, 151
WESL	Wind Erosion Soils List	Ex. 26
WRI	Wetland Restoration Incentive	574, 821, Ex. 11

Delegations of Authority

The following table lists delegations of authority in this handbook.


Delegation	Reference
STC may delegate an official representative to sign documents.	31

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

*--I Example of CRP-27

This is an example of CRP-27. County Offices may adapt CRP-27 to fit the situation according to 1-APP.

Note: This is only an example.

 <p>United States Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Farm Production and Conservation</p>	<p>Farm Service Agency</p>	<p>State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code</p>
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NOTICE REGARDING ACCEPTABLE CRP GRASSLANDS OFFERS

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

This notice is to inform you that your offer on tract _____ under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands has been determined acceptable. Your contract will begin on October 1, 2020.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Technical Service Provider (TSP) must develop a plan, approved by the Conservation District, 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 this offer. Your offer cannot be approved by the County Committee without an approved conservation plan.

Practices to be carried out under CRP Grasslands may be started with the understanding that cost-share payments will not be made if the practice is not included in the approved conservation plan.

Your CRP contract must be signed by all signatories and approved by FSA by close of business **September 30, 2020**.

The same acreage cannot be enrolled under the CRP and ARC or PLC. In addition, the total land participating in CRP and the total base acres on a farm cannot exceed the total eligible land for the program on the farm. The owner of the land enrolling land into CRP may be required to reduce all or a portion of the base acres on a farm before contract (CRP-1) can be approved. Please contact the _____ County FSA office for more information.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Enclosures

CRP-27 (02-13-20)


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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

*--J Example of CRP-28

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NOTICE OF UNACCEPTABLE CRP GRASSLANDS OFFERS

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

Thank you for your offer to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands. Your offer to participate in the _____ (year) CRP Grasslands was not accepted because:

- Grassland Ranking Score Too Low
- Land Determined Ineligible
- County Cropland Limitation Has Been Reached
- Existing Restrictive Easement
- 1-Year Ownership/Operatorship Eligibility Not Met
- Landowner/Tenant Provision Not Met
- Other

If you feel that all the facts have not been considered in your case, you must contact this office.

You need to provide factual information and reasons why you believe this determination is not correct.

It may be possible that your offer for CRP grasslands sign-up may be modified to increase the ranking score and the likelihood of acceptance in future signup periods.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Enclosures

CRP-28 (02-13-20)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

***--J Using CRP-28**

County Offices will:

- use CRP-28 to notify producers that their CRP offer was unacceptable
- check appropriate box on CRP-28
- modify CRP-28 to provide appropriate appeal rights under 1-APP

Note: Modifications include:

- number of days to appeal or request mediation
 - appeal rights to COC only; to COC, STC, or NAD; or the right to request mediation.
- reproduce CRP-28 locally

Note: Include the form number and the date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-28 in duplicate, and distribute as follows:
 - mail the original to the producer
 - file a copy with the offer.--*

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

*--J Using CRP-28 (Continued)

County Offices may adapt CRP-28 to fit the situation.

Examples: Following are examples of adapting CRP-28 to different situations.

- Including the producer's ranking score and the national cutoff score.


Note: Offers in counties that have met the 25-percent cropland limitation may have an effective cutoff score that is different than the national average ranking factor cutoff score.

- Explaining why the acreage or producer was determined ineligible.
- Including the maximum payment rate and the producer's offered amount.--*

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

K Example of CRP-35

This is an example of CRP-35.

 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 OFFER RECONSIDERATION

Date: *(MM-DD-YYYY)* _____

Dear: _____

A change in the technical determination recently provided to the Farm Service Agency by the Natural Resources Conservation Service or Technical Service Provider (TSP) regarding your Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) offer warrants the reconsideration of your offer for a CRP contract.

The change that was provided for your offer may make it acceptable to FSA. After it is re-evaluated by the National FSA Office, you will be notified as soon as possible of the final acceptance or rejection determination of your offer.

I regret any inconvenience that this may have caused you.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-35 (10-22-15)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

K Using CRP-35

County Offices shall:

- use CRP-35 to notify producers that their CRP offer has been changed because of a change in the technical determination by NRCS or TSP
- adapt CRP-35 to fit the situation
- reproduce CRP-35 locally


Note: Include the form number and date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-35 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with the offer.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

L Example of CRP-36

This is an example of CRP-36.

 <p>United States Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Farm Production and Conservation</p>	<p>Farm Service Agency</p>	<p>State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code</p>
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NOTICE REGARDING LATE-FILED OFFER

Date: *(MM-DD-YYYY)* _____

Dear: _____

The _____ County FSA Office will not consider your offer under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Offers under the CRP must be received by the County FSA Office no later than close of business that last day of signup, which was _____. Your offer was received in the County FSA Office on _____.

If you do not agree with this determination, you may request reconsideration, appeal, or both, in writing to the County Committee at the above address within 30 days of this letter.

If you have any other questions about the program, please call this office or contact your County FSA Committee member.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Date *(MM-DD-YYYY)*

CRP-36 (10-22-15)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

L Using CRP-36

County Offices shall:

- use CRP-36 to notify producers that their CRP offer was **not** received in a timely manner
- adapt CRP-36 to fit the situation, according to 1-APP
- reproduce CRP-36 locally

Note: Include the form number and date on the reproduction.

- prepare CRP-36 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with the offer.

