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**Amendment Transmittal**

**A Reasons for Amendment**

Paragraph 428 has been amended to provide additional management activity clarification.

Part 19 has been added to provide CRP haying and grazing procedure.

Exhibit 24 has been amended to include changes to ranking factor 1b.

Exhibits 47, 48, 49, 51, 52 and 54 have been added to implement new haying and grazing provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill.

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**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.

**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 should 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 may be used as a management activity 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. Cost-share 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
- can only be used once during a 10-year contract and twice during a 15-year contract
- is not subject to the nonemergency grazing frequency restrictions, however, it does restart the waiting period for nonemergency grazing

**Example:** CRP participant Dana used nonemergency grazing in 2020. Dana could schedule grazing as a management activity in 2021 but would have to wait until 2023 to use nonemergency grazing again. Grazing as a management activity resets the clock for nonemergency haying and grazing.--\*



## 428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

### A Required Management (Continued)

- \*--is not subject to a payment reduction
- is only available outside the PNS
- is available for all CRP contracts in all States and counties, excluding those contracts for land enrolled through CRP Grasslands, Soil Health and Income Protection Program, or SAFE, unless SAFE agreements specifically authorize grazing

**Note:** See applicable CREP agreement for allowed haying and grazing.

If a CRP participant has a management activity scheduled and the county becomes eligible for emergency grazing, the participant can use emergency grazing outside of the primary nesting season to fulfill the management activity requirement provided the participant obtains a modified conservation plan.--\*

Failure to perform planned management activities can result in CRP-1 violation. See paragraph 603 for noncompliance.

NRCS or TSP will work with participants to plan appropriate management activities, such as, light disking, inter-seeding, tree thinning, haying/grazing, or other components applicable to the practice that will create plant diversity for the benefit of wildlife and enhancement of the permanent cover.

For CRP-1's approved before June 3, 2019, the participant may receive up to 50 percent C/S for the management practices not to exceed:

- \$100 per acre for the life of CRP-1 for a 10-year CRP-1
- \$125 per acre for the life of CRP-1 for CRP-1 in excess of 10 years.

Beginning with signup 52, C/S will not be authorized for management practices.



**\*--Part 19 Haying and Grazing of CRP Acres**

**Section 1 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions**

**663 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Eligibility**

**A Types of Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing**

The following are types of non-emergency haying and grazing:

- non-emergency grazing **outside PNS**
- non-emergency grazing **during PNS**
- grazing to control invasive species **outside PNS**
- non-emergency haying including harvesting for biomass **outside PNS**
- beginning farmer grazing **outside PNS**
- incidental grazing **outside PNS**
- gleaning grazing.

**B Practices Eligible for Non-Emergency Haying or Grazing (Excluding Incidental Grazing)**

Acreage eligible for non-emergency haying and grazing includes acreage devoted to all practices except for CP12 and the following tree practices: CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38 (unless authorized by the SAFE agreement), and CP38C.

Acreage will become eligible 12 months after the cover is fully established. Non-emergency haying or grazing is not allowed on CREP unless the CREP agreement specifically permits such activity.

**Exception:** CREP agreements in effect on December 20, 2018, see paragraph 668 for non-emergency incidental grazing practices.

**C Ineligible Acreage**

Acreage ineligible for non-emergency haying and grazing includes acreage devoted to:

- useful life easements if the easement prohibits haying or grazing
- grazing land within 20 feet of a perennial or seasonal/intermittent stream or other permanent waterbody.--\*

**\*--663 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Eligibility (Continued)**

**D Frequency and Payment Reduction**

The following table lists the frequency and applicable payment reduction for each type of permitted activity.

<b>Non-Emergency</b>		
<b>Permitted Activity</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Payment Reduction</b>
Non-emergency grazing <b>outside PNS</b>	Not more than every other year.	25 percent
Non-emergency grazing <b>during PNS</b>	Not more than every other year with a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity.	
Grazing to control invasive species <b>outside PNS</b>	Frequency determined by conservation plan to control Kudzu and other invasive species.	
Non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass <b>outside PNS</b>	Not more than once every 3 years with 25 percent of the acreage unharvested.	
Beginning farmer grazing <b>outside PNS</b>	May be conducted annually by a beginning farmer or rancher with a contract share greater than zero.	None
Incidental grazing <b>outside PNS</b>	May be conducted annually. The intermittent and seasonal use of CLEAR practices that is incidental to the agricultural production on the land adjacent to the buffer conducted after the participant harvests crops from within the surrounding field.	
Gleaning grazing	May be conducted once in the fall of the first year of CRP-1 before the cover is established.	

Under no circumstances may non-emergency haying or grazing be permitted if such activity would cause long-term damage to the vegetative cover on the land, determined on a contract-by-contract basis.--\*

**\*--664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements****A CRP Participant Requirements**

CRP participants:

- must request and receive approval in writing from FSA before grazing
- must specify the number and location of acres to be grazed on digital imagery/map
- must record the intended use to graze on CRP-117 (Exhibit 47)
- must sign the request before the grazing begins (Exhibit 48)
- must obtain a modified conservation plan to include grazing, unless grazing had been included when CRP-1 was approved
- must not hay and graze the same acreage in the program year
- must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of grazing
- may be subject to the noncompliance provisions in subparagraph 670 B, if the conservation plan is not followed.
- may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege
- must be assessed a payment reduction, if applicable, based on the number of acres grazed times the CRP annual rental rate times 25 percent
- not graze **during the PNS** without a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity
- remove livestock no later than the end of the grazing period as stipulated in the conservation plan.--\*

**\*--664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements (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)
- must require fencing livestock at least 20 feet from adjacent water bodies without cost share
- must not allow supplemental feeding of hay, grain, silage, etc.
- may allow use of mineral supplements
- must not allow any haying, grazing, or other activity that would adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice
- must require management of heavy use locations, such as watering facilities and loafing areas, to minimize bare ground conditions and trails
- must require minimum grazing heights and plant regrowth height following grazing before the dormant season
- must not allow grazing of wildlife food plots (CP12) or tree practices, according to subparagraph 663 B.--\*

## \*--664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements (Continued)

**C Commencement and Duration of Grazing**

Non-emergency grazing:

- must not exceed 120 calendar days of grazing
- may begin by the date specified in the conservation plan, but not before March 1
- must end by the date specified in the conservation plan, but not later than November 1
- may begin **before the PNS** and continue **after the PNS** (but not during the PNS), without a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity
- may occur for 1 or more days **during the PNS** as specified in the conservation plan, with a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity **during the PNS**.

**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, 2020, to April 14, 2020, and to graze again beginning July 16, 2020, 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, 2022 subject to an approved conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2020) 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, 2020, 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, 2022, subject to the conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2020) based on the start date of the grazing on the acres actually grazed.--\*

## \*--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
- 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 rent or lease the haying or harvesting for biomass privilege
- limit haying or harvesting for biomass to 1 cutting per program year
- must not hay or harvest for biomass **during the PNS**
- remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 days after baling
- leave 25 percent of the CRP-1 acres as unharvested.--\*



**\*--665 Non-Emergency Haying or Harvesting for Biomass Requirements (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 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 1.

**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, 2020, to April 14, 2020, and to allow haying or harvesting for biomass again beginning July 16, 2020, 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, 2022, subject to an approved conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2020) 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, 2020, 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 2 years. The participant would be able to use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass beginning July 16, 2022, subject to the conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2020) based on the start date of the haying or harvesting for biomass on the acres actually hayed or harvested for biomass.--\*

**\*--666 Non-Emergency Invasive Species Grazing**

**A General Provisions**

Non-emergency grazing to control invasive species on all practices as listed in subparagraph 663 B is authorized **outside the PNS** where Kudzu or other invasive species have infested CRP acreage.

Participants must request a modified conservation plan which includes NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315) and receive approval from FSA before conducting any grazing to control invasive species. Participant must identify the invasive species and dates acreage will be grazed. Non-emergency grazing to control invasive species cannot exceed 30 calendar days between May 1 and September 1.

Land grazed for control of invasive species is ineligible for emergency grazing during the same program year.

A payment reduction of 25 percent must be assessed for acres grazed to control invasive species.--\*

**\*--667 Non-Emergency Beginning Farmer or Rancher Grazing**

**A General Provisions**

A beginning farmer or rancher who is a participant on CRP-1 with a share of the rental payment greater than zero can annually graze all CRP practices **outside the PNS** without a payment reduction.

The beginning farmer or rancher must certify annually as a beginning farmer or rancher on CCC-860 before grazing.

All other requirements in paragraph 664 must be met.--\*

**\*--668 Non-Emergency Incidental Grazing****A General Provisions**

Acreage devoted to CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP37, CP38A, CP38B, and CP43 is eligible for incidental grazing **outside the PNS**, with no payment reduction if all the following are met:

**Important:** Acreage enrolled through a SAFE may only be grazed or allowed as part of the SAFE. CP38 may not be grazed, unless authorized by the SAFE agreement. Non-emergency incidental grazing is not allowed on CREP unless the CREP agreement specifically permits such activity.

- grazing is incidental to the gleaning of the crop residue in a field, or before the harvest of a small grain
- grazing occurs after the participant harvests crops from within the surrounding field
- all livestock must be removed from CRP acreage no later than 60 days after incidental grazing begins
- an NRCS or TSP final status review has been completed for the practice that certifies the approved cover has been established
- grazing will not adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice.

The CRP acreage to be grazed must be immediately adjacent to the acreage harvested to be gleaned or the acreage planted to small grains to be grazed. If the CRP acreage is separated from the cropland to be grazed by a fence, road, stream or other barrier, the CRP acreage cannot not be grazed under the incidental grazing provisions.

The participant must request by filing a CRP-37 for incidental grazing. The participant must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of this incidental grazing, regardless of recommendations or determinations made by NRCS.

**Note:** See Exhibit 54 for CRP-37.

**Example:** A participant requests to graze a CP21, Filter Strips, as part of the gleaning of the corn crop residue in the adjacent cropland field. There is a fence between the field with the corn residue and the CP21. Incidental grazing of the CP21 is not allowed.--\*

**\*--669 Non-Emergency Gleaning Grazing****A General Provisions**

COC's or CED's may authorize gleaning of crop residue on acreage enrolled in CRP if all the following requirements are met:

- the acreage is in the first year of a CRP-1
- the acreage was devoted to an agricultural commodity before enrollment in CRP
- mechanical harvesting of the agricultural commodity was not completed in sufficient time for gleaning of the crop residue to be completed before the start date of CRP-1
- the gleaning of the crop residue will not delay the installation of the approved cover
- participant requests, in writing, to glean acreage enrolled in CRP and must agree to all of the following:
  - provide adequate cover to prevent soil erosion
  - remove all livestock no later than 60 days after gleaning begins.

**B Example:**

A participant has an approved CRP signup offer with a start date of October 1. The:

- acreage is currently planted to corn
- approved practice cannot be established until the following spring.

COC may authorize the participant to glean the CRP acreage after October 1 (the start date of CRP-1), provided all the requirements in this subparagraph are met.--\*

**\*--670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions**

**A Participant Provisions**

CRP participants must take the following actions every time they request to use non-emergency haying and grazing provisions.

Step	Action
1	Identify the acreage to be hayed/grazed on digital imagery/map.
2	Obtain a modified conservation plan for the applicable non-emergency haying or grazing provisions.
3	Record intended use on CRP-117. See Exhibit 47.
4	Sign the agreement in Exhibit 48.  <b>Note:</b> All participants are required to sign the agreement before haying or grazing begins.
5	Receive notification of approval in writing from COC or CED 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 <b>must remove:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• livestock from all fields within 1 calendar day of the end of the modified conservation plan end date for grazing</li> <li>• hay from fields within 15 days after baling</li> <li>• all livestock from CRP acreage no later than the end date for invasive species grazing treatment as specified in the conservation plan.</li> </ul>
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.

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**\*--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.

<b>IF the non-emergency haying or grazing occurs on...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
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 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 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.--\*



**\*--670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)**

**E STC Report**

STC or designee must report to the Conservation Division (CD) by accessing the following CD SharePoint site at <https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/policy/Pages/CD%20Policy%20Home.aspx>.

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.

**Note:** Negative reports are required.--\*

**671-680 (Reserved)**



**\*--Section 2 Emergency Haying and Grazing****681 County Eligibility****A 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 682 for practice restrictions if the Drought Monitor meets the LFP trigger threshold.**

- there is at least a 40 percent loss in forage production in the county in which the CRP acreage is physically located; see subparagraph C; 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 D.

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
- any practice **not** listed in subparagraph 682.

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 CD SharePoint site. County Offices can access this listing by selecting “D2/D3 CRP Eligible Emergency Haying and Grazing Counties” in the left menu at

[https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/county\\_office/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/county_office/SitePages/Home.aspx).

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 will have up to 60 days from when the county was approved for emergency haying to harvest one cutting of hay **outside the PNS** subject to a modified conservation plan.

Emergency grazing **during the PNS** is allowed only when all of the following are met:

- payments are authorized for the county under LFP (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4)
- less than 50 percent of the normal carrying capacity
- the participants 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 on the SharePoint site listed in this subparagraph.

If payments are authorized for a county under LFP **outside the PNS**, only certain practices are approved to be hayed according to subparagraph 682 B.--\*

**\*--681 County Eligibility (Continued)**

**C 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 at

**<https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/policy/Pages/CD%20Policy%20Home.aspx>**.

## \*--681 County Eligibility (Continued)

**E Applying for STC or DAFP Authorization**

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 C

All requests for emergency haying or grazing under subparagraph C or 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
- 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 (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 STC Action and Determinations**

STC's will approve or disapprove, as appropriate, County office requests for 40 percent loss of forage production; see subparagraph C

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 at **<https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/policy/Pages/CD%20Policy%20Home.aspx>**.

**\*--681 County Eligibility (Continued)**

**G 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 subparagraphs B, C, or D are still applicable after the PNS

The STC cannot authorize an extension of time for:

- emergency haying
- DAFP approvals.--\*



**\*--682 Practice Restrictions Outside the PNS****A All Practices**

If payments are not authorized for the county under LFP, emergency haying and grazing that is authorized under subparagraphs 681 B, C, and D is allowed on **all practices** including CP38E but only if such activity is specifically authorized in the SAFE agreement. Emergency haying and grazing is not allowed on SAFE acres where the SAFE agreement is silent on emergency haying and grazing.

**Note:** See subparagraph B for restrictions on practices and acres when LFP payments are authorized (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4)

**B Selected Practices**

Haying of all practices is not authorized if payments are authorized for a county under LFP. This information about counties approved for LFP will be provided on the CD SharePoint site in subparagraph 681 B.

If payments are authorized for a county under LFP, emergency haying is restricted to 50 percent of the acreage devoted to practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP18B, CP18C and CP38E but only if such activity is specifically authorized in the SAFE agreement. **No haying is allowed during the PNS.--\***

**\*--683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions****A General Provisions**

Emergency haying or grazing must be confined to the acreage physically located within the boundary of the eligible county, regardless of where the headquarters for the farm is located or the county where the farm is administratively located.

**Note:** A CRP field, which is partially located in an eligible county and partially located in an ineligible county, may be hayed or grazed as part of an eligible county, if all other requirements are met.

CRP participant:

- must request and receive approval in writing from FSA before haying or grazing
- must specify the number and location of acres to be hayed or grazed on digital imagery/map
- must record the requested activity (haying or grazing) on CRP-117 (Exhibit 47)
- must sign the request before the emergency haying or grazing begins (Exhibit 52)
- must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying or grazing, that does not permit long-term damage to the vegetative cover

**Note:** The haying or grazing as referenced in the conservation plan **must** be site specific and reflect the local wildlife needs and concerns.--\*

**\*--683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)****A General Provisions (Continued)**

- must not hay and graze the same acreage in the same program year
- **will not** be assessed a payment reduction for approved emergency haying or grazing
- may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege
- may not begin haying or grazing before the date specified in the modified conservation plan
- must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing.

In addition, for grazing only must:

- remove all livestock from all CRP fields no later than the end of the emergency grazing period in the conservation plan
- if applicable graze at one half the carrying capacity **during the PNS.**

In addition, for haying only must:

- not hay **during the PNS,**
- remove all hay from all CRP fields within 15 calendar days after 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 cost share
- 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, <b>outside the PNS</b> , without long-term damage to the cover as determined by NRCS or TSP. The haying or grazing as specified in the conservation plan <b>must</b> 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.  <b>Note:</b> All participants are required to sign the agreement before haying or grazing begins.
5	Receive notification of approval in writing from COC or CED 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 <b>must</b> remove all hay from all fields within 15 calendar days from when the hay is baled.
11	CRP participants <b>must</b> remove all livestock from all fields no later than 1 day after the end of the emergency grazing period.

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**\*--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 emergency haying or grazing per year. Spot checks must be completed within 10 calendar days from when the producer reports the 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.

<b>IF the haying or grazing occurs on...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
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.

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**\*--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 by accessing the following CD SharePoint site at <https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/policy/Pages/CD%20Policy%20Home.aspx>.

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:

- 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.

<b>Haying and Grazing Provisions Table</b>		
<b>Type/Provisions Activity/For</b>	<b>Components</b>	<b>Payment Reduction</b>
Non-Emergency Harvesting for Hay or Biomass	<p><b>Outside the PNS</b>, all practice acres (as listed in subparagraph 663 A) are eligible for non-emergency harvesting for hay or biomass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more frequently than 1 in 3 years.</li> <li>• Emergency haying or grazing restarts the frequency for conducting non-emergency harvesting for hay.</li> <li>• Not authorized <b>during the PNS</b>.</li> <li>• No later than August 31.</li> <li>• Must not hay on 25 percent of the contract acres.</li> <li>• Request approval before harvesting eligible acreage.</li> </ul>	25 percent
Non-Emergency Grazing	<p><b>Outside the PNS</b>, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more frequently than every other year.</li> <li>• Emergency haying or grazing restarts the frequency for conducting non-emergency grazing.</li> <li>• Request an approval before grazing eligible acres.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exception:</b> During the PNS a 50 percent reduction in carrying capacity is required.</p>	25 percent

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\*--687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing (Continued)

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table (Continued)		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Payment Reduction
Non-Emergency Incidental Grazing	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidental to grazing crop residue in the surrounding field.</li> <li>• Not authorized <b>during the PNS</b>.</li> <li>• Authorized up to 60 calendar days after the start of incidental grazing.</li> <li>• Request approval before grazing eligible acreage.</li> </ul>	No payment Reduction
Non-emergency Grazing-Gleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acreage is in the first year of CRP-1.</li> <li>• Acreage was devoted to an agricultural commodity before enrollment into CRP.</li> <li>• Mechanical harvesting not completed in time to glean the crop residue before the start date of CRP-1.</li> <li>• Gleaning the crop residue will not delay establishment of the approved cover.</li> <li>• Authorized up to 60 calendar days after the start of permissive grazing.</li> <li>• Request approval before grazing eligible acreage.</li> </ul>	No Payment Reduction
Non-Emergency Prescribed (Invasive Species) Grazing	<p><b>Outside the PNS</b>, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be grazed according to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315).</li> <li>• Not to exceed 30 calendar days between May 1 and September 1.</li> <li>• Request approval before grazing eligible acreage.</li> </ul>	25 percent

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\*--687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing (Continued)

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table (Continued)		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Percent Payment Reduction
Emergency Haying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside PNS, haying on all practice acres including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement outside the primary nesting period if approved.</li> <li>• Exception, if LFP (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4), haying may only occur on acreage devoted to practice CP1, CP2, CP4D, CP10, CP18B, and CP18C on not more than 50 percent of the acres. Haying is approved for acreage devoted to practice CP38E if haying is specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement.</li> <li>• Producer must request approval before haying eligible acreage.</li> <li>• Producer has up to 60 days to complete one cutting of hay.</li> <li>• County Office must spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.</li> </ul>	No Payment Reduction
Emergency Grazing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outside the PNS</b>, all practices including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Up to 90 days of grazing is allowed.</li> <li>• Producer must request approval before grazing eligible acreage.</li> <li>• County Office must spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved.</li> </ul>	No Payment Reduction

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688-770 (Reserved)

Part 20 (Reserved)

771-800 (Reserved)

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

## Forms (Continued)

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CRP-2	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For General Signup)	333	Text, Ex. 11, 21, 26
CRP-2C	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For Continuous Signup)	212	Text, Ex. 5, 21
CRP-2G	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For CRP Grassland Signup)	267	Text, Ex. 21, 24
CRP-2G-1	CRP Grassland Small Livestock Operation Certification	267	263, Ex. 11, 24
CRP-20	Notice of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract Termination		551
CRP-23	Notice Regarding Acceptable CRP Offers	Ex. 5	171, 215, 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, 286, 341
CRP-27	Notice Regarding Acceptable CRP Grassland Offers	Ex. 5	269
CRP-28	Notice of Unacceptable Offer	Ex. 5	269
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
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## Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

## Forms (Continued)

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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
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FSA-860	2009 Crop Assistance Program (CAP) Application		Ex. 48
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SF-LLL-A	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet	Ex. 6	6

1/ SF-424-1 is obsolete.

## \*--CRP Grassland 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 CRP grasslands based on available acres under statutory acreage cap.

Producers **must** be provided a fact sheet describing the CRP grassland ranking factors. FSA shall review the fact sheet with producers to ensure that producers are aware of the scoring process used for CRP grassland ranking. Producers shall sign CRP-2G to certify that they were informed of CRP grassland ranking factors and opportunities to enhance their score.

County Offices will review CRP grassland 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.

#### B Overview of the CRP Grassland Ranking Factors

The national grassland ranking factors include the following:

- F1, Current and Future Use
- F2, Beginning, Socially Disadvantaged, or Veteran Farmers or Ranchers
- 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 CRP grasslands, as follows.

$$F1 + F2 + F3 + F4 + F5 + F6 + F7 = \text{National Grassland Ranking Factors Score--*}$$

CRP Grassland Ranking Factors (Continued)

1 Overview (Continued)

C Overview of the CRP Grassland Ranking Factors

The following table illustrates the national grassland ranking factors.

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters																		
F1	30	<p>Current use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F1a if over 50 percent of offer is expiring CRP (0 to 20 points)</li> <li>*--F1b if over 50 percent of offer is CP2, CP38E-2, CP10, CP38E-10, CP25, or CP38E-25 (0 or 10 points).--*</li> </ul>																		
F2	10	At least 50 percent of the producers on an offer are beginning, socially disadvantaged, or veteran farmers or ranchers (0 or 10 points).																		
F3	35	<p>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).</p> <p>F3b if over 50 percent of offer is in the national threat of conversion GIS layer (0 or 20 points).</p> <p>F3c if the offer is for a 15-year contract (0 or 5 points).</p>																		
F4	30	<p>Vegetation cover (0 to 30 points). F4 based on a weighted average of the following criteria.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="565 1199 1442 1713"> <thead> <tr> <th>Practice</th> <th>Assigned Point Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monoculture stand.</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Existing stand of 2 or more species of an introduced grass species.</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Existing stand (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes</b></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> </tbody> </table>	Practice	Assigned Point Score	<b>Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes</b>		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	<b>Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes</b>		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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**\*--CRP Grassland Ranking Factors (Continued)**

**1 Overview (Continued)**

**C Overview of the CRP Grassland Ranking Factors (Continued)**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Equation/Scoring Parameters</b>
F5	30	Environmental factors (0 to 30 points): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F5a if over 50 percent of offer is in the current CRP general signup wildlife zone (0 or 15 points)</li> <li>• F5b if over 50 percent of the offer is in the State CRP grassland zone (0 or 15 points).</li> </ul>
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) $F7 = F7a + F7b$ not to exceed 25 points where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F7a if the maximum CRP grassland rental rate for a county is \$15 or less, the offer will get 15 points</li> <li>• F7b if the offer is less than the maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).</li> </ul>

**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.--\*

## CRP Grassland 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. If the offer has less than 50 percent of expiring acreage being offered, prorate the 20 points based on the percentage of the offer that is expiring CRP.

**Example:** If 40 percent of the offer is expiring CRP in the last year of CRP-1, then it would receive 16 points ( $20 \times .80$ ). The .80 was determined by dividing 40 by 50 = .80 rounded to the nearest tenth.

#### C Subfactor F1b for Existing CRP Cover

This factor provides additional points depending on the current CRP cover. Assign 10 points \*--if over 50 percent of the offered acreages is currently CP2, CP38E-2, CP10, CP38E-10, CP25, or CP38E-25.--\*

### 3 National Ranking Factor F2 for Beginning, Veteran, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

#### A Overview

For this factor, assign 10 points if at least 50 percent of the producers on the offer receiving a share meet 1 of the following definitions as determined by CCC-860.

#### B Beginning Farmer or Rancher

Beginning farmer or rancher means a person or legal entity (for legal entities to be considered a beginning farmer or rancher, all members **must** be related by blood or marriage and all members **must** be beginning farmers or ranchers) for which both of the following are true for the farmer or rancher:

- has **not** operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years
- materially and substantially participates in the operation.



\*--CRP-117, Request to Participate in Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage

The following is an example of CRP-117. CRP participants requesting haying or grazing on CRP acreage must designate the request on CRP-117. Instruct participants to complete CRP-117, columns 4, 5, 6, 10, and 16.

This form is available electronically.

CRP-117 (12-2-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency				1. STATE				3. CROP YEAR		
REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN HAYING AND GRAZING OF CRP ACREAGE						2. COUNTY						
4. CRP PARTICIPANT	5. CONTRACT NO.	HAYING				GRAZING				14. TOTAL PAYMENT REDUCTION	15. PAYMENT REDUCTION COLLECTED OR OFFSET	16. RECEIVED AND SIGNED TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR HAYING AND GRAZING <i>(Producer's Signature and Date)</i>
		6. ACRES REQUESTED	7. ACRES APPROVED	8. DOLLAR/ACRE PAYMENT REDUCTION	9. HAYING PAYMENT REDUCTION	10. ACRES REQUESTED	11. ACRES APPROVED	12. DOLLAR/ACRE PAYMENT REDUCTION	13. GRAZING PAYMENT REDUCTION			

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**Note:** Only 1 CRP participant needs to sign this document.--\*



**\*--Terms and Conditions for Non-Emergency Haying (Including for Biomass) and Grazing of CRP Acreage**

The following must be signed by the CRP participant prior to any non-emergency haying or grazing.

**Note:** Exhibit 48 will be available in a fillable format at <https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/>. CLICK “Employee Forms” and CLICK “Find Current Forms Using Our Form Number Search”. For “Form Number”, ENTER “2-CRP”.

**Conservation Reserve Program**

**Terms and Conditions for Non-Emergency Haying (Including for Biomass) and Grazing of CRP Acreage**

I/We hereby request authority for non-emergency haying (including for Biomass) or non-emergency grazing of approved cover on CRP acreage.

I/We agree to:

- (1) obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying/grazing, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Technical Service Provider (TSP) and approved by FSA;
- (2) re-establish, at my/our own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating under this authority, regardless of recommendations or determinations made by NRCS or the TSP;
- (3) not hay and graze the same acreage per program year;
- (4) For non-emergency grazing:
  - remove livestock for non-emergency grazing no later the end date of the grazing period as stipulated in the conservation plan
  - not to **graze during the Primary Nesting Season (PNS)** unless a 50 percent reduction in the carrying capacity is applied
  - a payment reduction
- (5) For grazing to control invasive species, **outside the PNS**:
  - remove all livestock from CRP acreage no later than the end date for invasive species grazing treatment as specified in the conservation plan
  - a percent payment reduction
- (6) For non-emergency haying or harvesting of biomass, **outside the PNS**:
  - remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 days after baling
  - maintain 25 percent of the total CRP contract acres unharvested, in accordance with a conservation plan that provides for wildlife cover and shelter.

Check the payment reduction option applicable to the CRP-1 identified below:

- The participant has requested beginning farmer grazing, outside the PNS (not including grazing to control invasive species) and has certified on FSA-860 to meeting definition of beginning farmer or rancher and **no payment reduction applies.**
- The payment reduction has been paid in advance.
- The FY \_\_\_\_ annual rental payment, scheduled to be made after October 1, will be reduced by the number of acres actually hayed/grazed, times 25 percent of the CRP annual per acre payment rate.

The CRP contract is subject to termination or other penalties as may be authorized by the CRP contract and regulations should there be any violation of this haying/grazing authority of CRP acreage.

If the payment reduction has not been paid in advance, all signatories on CRP-1 must sign these conditions before haying/grazing begins.

CRP-1 Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Acres to be Hayed: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres to be Grazed: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature(s)	Date	Participant's Signature(s)	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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**\*--CRP-118, Certification of Participation in Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage**

The following is an example of CRP-118. CRP-118 is used to record the participant’s actual number of acres hayed or grazed. Instruct participants to complete CRP-118, columns 4, 6, 9, and 16.

This form is available electronically.

CRP-118 (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency						1. STATE		3. CROP YEAR		
		CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION IN HAYING AND GRAZING OF CRP ACREAGE						2. COUNTY				
4. CRP PARTICIPANT	5. CONTRACT NO.	HAYING			GRAZING			12. TOTAL PAYMENT REDUCTION	13. TOTAL PAYMENT REDUCTION FROM CRP-117, ITEM 14	14. BALANCE DUE/ AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED	15. PAYMENT REDUCTION COLLECTED OR OFFSET	16. I CERTIFY THAT LINE DATA AS GIVEN IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT. <i>(Producer's Signature and Date)</i>
		6. ACRES ACTUALLY HAYED 1/	7. DOLLAR/ ACRE PAYMENT REDUCTION	8. HAYING PAYMENT REDUCTION	9. ACRES ACTUALLY GRAZED 1/	10. DOLLAR/ ACRE PAYMENT REDUCTION	11. GRAZING PAYMENT REDUCTION					

*1/ If acres actually hayed, or acres actually grazed is greater than acres approved on CRP-117, participant is out of compliance. Calculate and assess unauthorized haying or grazing, as applicable.*

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**\*--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report**

**A Completing CRP-42 for Emergency Haying or Grazing of CRP Acreage**

County Offices requesting emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage for non D2 conditions must complete CRP-42 when submitting their request.

County Offices will send the completed CRP-42 in addition to all other supporting documentation to STC for review. STC, or its designee, must review CRP-42 and ensure it is complete and accurate, and use the data provided plus all other supporting information provided to determine if all the eligibility requirements for emergency haying and grazing activities are met.

The following table provides instructions to complete CRP-42 non-drought (D2) requests for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acreage.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
1	Enter State name.
2	Enter county name.
3	Enter date or dates the disaster occurred. For long-term droughts, enter the month and year the drought began.
4	Place "X" in the appropriate box for the disaster type. For "Other", provide a description of the natural disaster.
5	Place "X" in the appropriate box. For "Other", provide a description of the assistance requested.
6B	Enter monthly total precipitation for the applicable months and the current month to date.  Enter current year total at the bottom of the column.
6C	Enter monthly normal precipitation for the applicable months and the current month to date.  Enter normal total at the bottom of the column.
6D	Enter current year percent of normal, rounded to the nearest whole number, for each month reported.
7A	Enter normal monthly average temperature for each month for which precipitation data is provided.
7B	Enter current year monthly average temperature for each month for which precipitation data is provided.
8	Place "X" in the appropriate box. If answering "Yes", provide an explanation.
9	Place "X" in the appropriate box. If answering "Yes", provide the number of animals being liquidated because of the disaster and the percentage above normal being liquidated.

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**\*--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report (Continued)**

**A Completing CRP-42 for Emergency Haying or Grazing of CRP Acreage (Continued)**

Item	Instructions
10	Enter beginning and ending dates of the PNS for the county.
11	Enter each type of pasture and normal grazing crop growing in the county. If none is grown, ENTER "None".
12	Enter the total acres for each type of pasture or normal grazing crops planted and growing in the county in the current year.
13	Enter acres per animal unit established by COC according to LFP.
14	Enter normal grazing days remaining in this program year for each type of pasture and grazing. The grazing period shall not be greater than 120 calendar days.
15	Enter cost per animal unit per day for pasture and normal grazing.
16	Calculate value of normal production. Divide acres grown entered in column 12 by the AC/AU entered in column 13, times the normal grazing days entered in column 14, times the cost per animal unit entered in column 15.
17	Enter percent of loss caused by the disaster for each type of pasture and normal grazing.
18	Calculate value of production loss by multiplying the value of normal production entered in column 16 times the percent of loss entered in column 17.
19	No entry.
20	Enter total acres for each type of alfalfa and other hay growing in the county in the current program year.
21	Enter approved established yield in tons per acre.
22	Enter approved established cost per ton, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
23	Calculate value of normal production by multiplying the acres grown entered in column 20, times the normal yield entered in column 21, times the cost per ton entered in column 22.
24	Enter percent of loss caused by the disaster for alfalfa each type of hay.
25	Calculate value of production loss by multiplying the value of normal production entered in column 23 times the percent of loss entered in column 24.
26a	Enter total of all entries in columns 16 and 23.
26b	Enter total of all entries in columns 18 and 25.
26c	Calculate weighted average loss by dividing the value of production loss entered in item 26b by the value of normal production entered in item 26a.
27 through 42	Repeat steps 11 through 26 for feed grain crops, small grains normally grazed, and other roughage.
43	Enter date of the COC meeting when emergency haying or grazing was requested.
44	CED must sign and enter the date of the request.
45	For 40 percent loss of forage production, the SED, or designee, must sign and approve/disapprove, all other request will be concurrence/nonconcurrence and enter the action recommended by STC and the date of the recommendation.

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\*--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report (Continued)

B Example of CRP-42

The following is an example of a CRP-42.

This form is available electronically.

<b>CRP-42</b> (09-01-20)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation		1. STATE		
<b>COUNTY PRECIPITATION AND FEED AND FORAGE LOSS REPORT</b>				2. COUNTY		
3. DATE(S) OF DISASTER		4. TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF NATURAL DISASTER				
		DROUGHT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESSIVE MOISTURE <input type="checkbox"/> 40% LOSS OF FORAGE PRODUCTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (List) <input type="checkbox"/>				
5. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED EMERGENCY						
HAYING AND GRAZING OF CRP ACREAGE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (List) _____ <input type="checkbox"/>						
6. PRECIPITATION (County Average)				7. TEMPERATURE (Average Monthly)		
A. MONTH	B. CURRENT YEAR TO DATE	C. NORMAL	D. CURRENT YEAR % OF NORMAL	A. NORMAL	B. CURRENT YEAR	
January	+	=				
February	+	=				
March	+	=				
April	+	=				
May	+	=				
June	+	=				
July	+	=				
August	+	=				
September	+	=				
October	+	=				
November	+	=				
December	+	=				
E. Totals (Col. 6B, 6C and 6D)						
8. Has the natural disaster required additional supplemental feeding? If "YES", to what extent?					YES	NO
_____ _____ _____						
9. Is livestock being liquidated and/or culled heavier as a direct result of the natural disaster?						
If "YES", provide an estimate of the additional numbers _____ and % above normal _____						
10. Identify the primary nesting and brood rearing season restricted period for haying and grazing as determined by the STC.:						

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\*--Completing CRP-42, County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report (Continued)

B Example of CRP-42 (Continued)

CRP-42 (09-01-20)								Page 2 of 2	
FEED LOSS ASSESSMENT									
11. PASTURE AND NORMAL GRAZING	12. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	13. AC/AU	14. NORMAL GRAZING (DAYS)	15. COST PER (AU)	16. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 12 - 13 X 14 X 15)	17. PERCENT OF LOSS	18. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 16 X Col. 17)		
a. Meadow	+	x	x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$		
b. Tame	+	x	x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$		
c.	+	x	x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$		
19. HAY	20. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR		21. NORMAL YIELD (TONS)	22. COST PER (TONS)	23. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 20 X 21 X 22)	24. PERCENT OF LOSS	25. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 23 X Col. 24)		
a. Alfalfa			x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$		
b. Other Hay			x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$		
<b>26. SUBTOTALS:</b>					26a. Col. 16 and 23				26b. Col. 18 and 25
26c. <i>Emergency Haying and Grazing Weighted Average Loss</i> (subtotal Col. 26b + subtotal Col. 26a = _____ %)					\$				\$
27. FEED GRAIN CROPS	28. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	29. NORMAL YIELD (Bu./Cwt.)	30. COST PER (Bu./Cwt.)	31. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 28 X 29 X 30)	32. PERCENT OF LOSS	33. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 31 X Col. 32)			
a.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
b.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
c.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
d.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
e.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
f.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
34. OTHER ROUGHAGE	35. ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	36. NORMAL YIELD (TONS)	37. COST PER (TONS)	38. VALUE NORMAL PRODUCTION (Col. 35 X 36 X 37)	39. PERCENT OF LOSS	40. VALUE PRODUCTION LOSS (Col. 38 X Col. 39)			
a.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
b.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
c.		x	x \$	= \$	x	%= \$			
<b>41. TOTALS:</b>					41a. Col. 26a, 31, and 38				41b. Col. 26b, 33, and 40
					\$				\$
					42. WEIGHTED AVERAGE LOSS (Total Column 41b ÷ Total Column 41a)				
					%				
COC AND STC CERTIFICATION									
43. Date of COC meeting when determination was made that a natural disaster has occurred and to request authority for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage: _____									
44. I certify that the above data is complete and factual to the best of my ability.					A. SIGNATURE OF CED			B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	
45. SIGNATURE OF SED					A. APPROVED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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**\*--Terms and Conditions for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage**

The following must be signed by the CRP participant prior to any emergency haying and/or grazing.

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**Conservation Reserve Program**  
**Producer Request for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage**

The undersigned hereby request authority for emergency haying or grazing of approved cover on CRP acreage.

The undersigned agree to: (1) obtain a modified conservation plan to permit haying and/or grazing from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or an approved Technical Service Provider (TSP); (2) re-establish, at my/our own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating under this authority, regardless of recommendations made by NRCS or a TSP; (3) remove all hay from CRP acreage within 15 days after baling and remove all livestock from CRP acreage no later than 1 day after the end of the emergency grazing period (4) limit haying of CRP acreage to one cutting; (5) **not** hay and graze the same acreage.

The undersigned agree if acreage hayed or grazed is more or less than originally intended, the undersigned will notify FSA at the local county office.

The CRP contract is subject to termination or other appropriate actions as may be authorized by the CRP contract and regulations should there be any violation of this haying or grazing authority of CRP acreage.

CRP-1 Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acres Hayed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acres Grazed: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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\*--Using CRP-37

The following is an example of CRP-37. Use CRP-37 when requesting to graze certain practices as part of the incidental grazing in a field. File a copy in the producer's CRP folder.

This form is available electronically.

<b>CRP-37</b> (09-01-20)	<b>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b> Commodity Credit Corporation	
<b>REQUEST FOR INCIDENTAL GRAZING</b>		
<b>1. RETURN TO: (County FSA Office Name and Address)</b> Lancaster County USA 6030 Trade Center Capital City, NE 68516	<b>2. CRP Contract Number</b> 217	<b>3. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)</b> 9/1/2020

4. For the 2021 crop year, I (we) request authority to:

Conduct incidental grazing in Field Number(s) 1,4 in conjunction with the gleaning of crop residue or grazing a small grain before harvest beginning 10/15/2020.  
(MM-DD-YYYY)

I (we) understand and agree that:

Only acreage enrolled under practices CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP33, CP37, CP38A, CP38B (CP38's if allowed by the SAFE agreement,) and CP43 may be grazed under this authority

- All livestock shall be removed from CRP acreage no later than 60 days after the date provided above
- I (we) shall re-establish, at my (our) own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participation under this authority, as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation regardless of recommendations or determinations made by Natural Resources Conservation Service.

5. Only the participant(s) making the request is (are) required to sign.

A. Participant's Signature (By) <i>/s/ James Brown</i>	B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)	C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 9/1/2020
A. Participant's Signature (By) <i>/s/ Betty Smith</i>	B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)	C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 9/1/2020
A. Participant's Signature (By)	B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)	C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
6A. Signature of CCC Representative	6B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	6C. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including ZIP Code)
		6D. Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

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