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Amendment 7

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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Paragraphs were amended, as appropriate, to update:

- “CRP grasslands” to “grassland CRP”
- references to 6-PL
- all variations of CRP-1 and CRP-2
- “MPL” to “marginal pastureland”
- “CSS User Guide” to “2-EFRP”
- “contract ID” and “contract number” to “CRP-1”
- “cost share” to “C/S”
- “RUSLE” to “RUSLE2”
- “field visits” to “site visits”.

Subparagraph 4 A has been amended to update related handbook references.

Subparagraph 4 C has been amended to update authorization of manual CRP-1’s and CRP-2’s is not authorized.

Subparagraph 5 C has been amended to update casefile guidance to request programmatic relief.

Paragraph 7 has been withdrawn.

Subparagraph 31 A has been amended to update casefile guidance for cases submitted to DAFP.

Subparagraph 31 C has been deleted to remove the requirement to retain easement forms.

Subparagraph 34 B has been amended to add a reference to 6-PL.

Subparagraph 35 A has been amended to add CRP-1S to CED approval requirements.

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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 39 A has been amended to update CED nondelegated responsibilities.

Subparagraph 52 B has been amended to update the reference to RUSLE2.

Subparagraph 52 E has been amended to update the District Conservationist responsibilities table.

Subparagraph 66 A has been amended to update the National Practices and Titles table.

Subparagraphs 66 B and C have been amended to update general CRP signup information.

Subparagraph 66 D has been amended to update:

- PIP
- Rental Rate Percentages
- Climate-Smart Incentive Percentages
- current effective dates
- SAFE practices
- CP39
- CP90.

Paragraph 81 has been amended to update guidance on:

- not exceeding the 25 percent county cropland limit
- CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report
- monitoring the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report weekly
- County Office procedures for counties that have reached the 25 percent limit
- County Office procedures for counties with 20 percent or greater cropland enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE
- submitting waiver requests.

Paragraph 101 has been amended to update incentive and maintenance rates guidance.

Paragraph 102 has been amended to update SRR charts and guidance for an inflationary adjustment at the SSR contract start.

Subparagraph 103 C has been amended to change CRP grasslands to grassland CRP.

Paragraph 104 has been withdrawn.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraphs 126 A, B, C, and D have been amended to update references to 6-PL and grassland CRP.

Subparagraphs 127 A and B have been amended to update the waivers of ownership examples.

Subparagraph 128 A has been amended to add a reference to 6-PL.

Subparagraph 130 C has been amended to clarify binding CRP-1 language.

Paragraph 131 has been amended to update AGI provisions guidance.

Subparagraph 151 B has been amended to update references to CRP signup.

Subparagraph 151 C has been amended to update EQIP contract eligibility for expired land.

Subparagraph 151 D has been amended to update ineligible acreage guidance.

Subparagraph 171 B has been amended to update the example.

Subparagraph 171 C has been amended to update paragraph references for County Office records contract period on CRP-1 and guidance on generating FSA-848A.

Subparagraph 181 C has been amended to update eligibility requirements for marginal pastureland.

Subparagraph 181 F has been amended to update the examples.

Subparagraphs 182 A and B have been amended to clarify the infeasible-to-farm definition and references to CRP.

Paragraph 183 has been added to provide HELI offers guidance.

Paragraph 184 has been added to provide CLEAR30 guidance.

Subparagraph 196 B has been amended to add water quality incentive and Climate-Smart Incentives guidance.

Subparagraph 196 C has been amended to clarify language for per acre maintenance rates for continuous CRP signup practices.

Subparagraph 197 B has been amended to update PIP payment phases and calculation examples.

Subparagraph 198 B has been amended to update the prorated annual rental payment example.

Paragraph 212 has been amended to update CRP-2C information.

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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 213 A has been amended to update CRP payments period information.

Subparagraphs 213 E, F, and G have been amended to update the examples.

Paragraph 214 has been amended to update the allowed pen and ink changes on CRP-1's.

Subparagraph 215 B has been amended to update acceptable offers information.

Subparagraph 248 D has been amended to update reference to CRP signup.

Subparagraph 249 C has been amended to include Water Quality and Climate-Smart Practice incentives.

Paragraph 261 has been amended to update references to grassland CRP and include beginning, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmer and rancher provisions.

Paragraph 262 has been amended to provide grassland CRP acreage limitation and approved practice for grassland CRP.

Paragraph 263 has been amended to update land and producer eligibility by:

- clarifying expiring CRP devoted to trees is not eligible for grassland CRP
- clarifying EQIP land eligibility
- updating grassland CRP contract duration of 10 or 15 years
- providing signup numbers and dates of signup.

Paragraph 264 has been amended to update grassland CRP contracts duration.

Subparagraph 265 A has been added to provide general information on grassland CRP and offer process.

Subparagraph 265 B has been amended to update the County Office Responsibilities table.

Paragraph 266 has been withdrawn.

Paragraph 267 has been amended to update CRP-2G and CRP-2G-1 guidance and examples.

Paragraphs 269, 270 and 271 have been amended to update references to CRP.

Paragraph 286 has been amended to:

- remove TERRA User Guide and COLS User Guide and
- update guidance for users to reference 4-CRP.
- update County Office instructions for CRP-1 Appendix.

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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 332 B has been amended to clarify location of cropping history on CRP-2.

Subparagraph 332 C has been amended to include the Climate-Smart Incentive.

Paragraph 333 has been amended to update CRP-2 example.

Paragraph 335 has been amended to update reference to 1-CM for acceptable signature methods.

Paragraph 366 has been amended to require the Conservation District to sign the conservation plan per the guidelines of NRCS and Conservation District policy.

Subparagraph 367 F has been amended to update:

- required environmental documents for CRP-1 approval
- sections of the NRCS-CPA-52 to be completed by NRCS and FSA.

Subparagraph 368 A has been amended to update conservation plan and C/S agreement information.

Paragraph 369 has been amended to update procedures for assembling and filing CRP documents.

Paragraph 401 has been amended to update requirements and guidance for approving and numbering CRP-1.

Paragraph 402 has been amended to update CRP-1 period length of time and effective dates.

Subparagraphs 426 A and E have been amended to update language for establishing approved cover.

Subparagraph 427 A has been amended to update language for maintaining approved cover.

Paragraph 428 has been amended to update procedures for managing approved cover by:

- requiring management activities be listed on the approved conservation plan and clearly identifies the specific year in which the activity must take place
- requiring conservation plans list a management activity when required for a practice
- not allowing a management activity during the last three years of a contract
- providing additional parameters for grazing as a management activity
- allowing for the modification of existing conservation plans to remove required management activities determined to be no longer needed.

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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraphs 429 A and B have been amended to update the language for modifying approved conservation plan.

Paragraphs 431 and 432 have been withdrawn.

Subparagraphs 461 A and D have been amended to add references to 6-PL.

Subparagraphs 462 B and C have been amended to add references to 6-PL.

Subparagraph 462 D has been amended to update PIP payment information.

Subparagraph 464 A has been amended to update language for earned income advising.

Paragraph 490 has been amended to update general C/S policy.

Subparagraph 491 A has been amended to include CP23A.

Paragraph 492 has been amended to update:

- producers starting a practice before environmental review and final approval of CRP-1
- eligibility of C/S payments if ground disturbance below previously disturbed depths occurs before environmental review is completed.

Paragraph 494 has been amended to update national component codes language.

Paragraph 499 has been amended to update FSA-848 requirements for CRP unless the 1155 does not reflect the county or state approved C/S payment rate.

Paragraph 500 has been amended to update guidance on FSA-848A and FSA-848B.

Paragraphs 501 and 504 have been amended to update references to 2-EFRP.

Paragraph 505 has been amended to add references to 6-PL.

Subparagraph 506 C has been amended to add a reference to 2-EFRP.

Subparagraph 507 C has been amended to update multiple contributors language.

Subparagraph 508 A has been amended to update the example.

Paragraph 509 has been amended to update increasing extent or C/S after payment language.

Paragraph 510 has been amended to update eligible items for computing C/S language.

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Paragraph 511 has been amended to update C/S policy for water development and water facilities language

Subparagraph 513 C has been amended to update the C/S payment process table.

Subparagraph 514 B has been amended to update instructions for computing C/S earned.

Paragraph 515 has been amended to update that payments from all sources, including ineligible contributors, must be reported.

Paragraph 516 has been amended to update guidance on computing C/S if ineligible persons have contributed.

Paragraph 517 has been amended to provide clarification for contributions of special interest groups (outside sources) and update examples.

Paragraph 518 has been amended to add references to 6-PL.

Paragraph 519 has been amended to update CRP C/S payments and approval requirements.

Paragraph 521 has been amended to update the reference to 2-EFRP.

Paragraphs 522 has been amended to update guidance on monitoring CRP C/S obligations.

Paragraph 523 has been amended to update National Office monitoring.

Subparagraph 546 J has been amended to update Applicability of CRP-1 Appendix for CRP Offers table.

Subparagraph 546 K has been added to provide guidance on the CCMS pending invalid contract report.

Paragraph 552 has been amended to add references to 6-PL.

Subparagraph 554 G has been added to provide guidance for succeeded contract start date and payment to deceased producers.

Subparagraph 554 H has been added to provide guidance on quarterly deceased producer reporting.

Paragraph 571 has been amended to update guidance on terminations.

Paragraph 576 has been amended to update requests for waiver of refunds language.

Paragraph 577 has been amended to add references to 6-PL.

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Paragraph 579 has been amended to update CRP land in State or federal receivership language.

Subparagraph 605 B has been amended to update references to CRP-1.

Subparagraph 633 C has been amended to update mowing of CRP cover language.

Paragraph 635 has been amended to update the NRCS-CPA-052 environmental impact requirements.

Paragraph 636 has been amended to update participants' responsibilities language.

Subparagraph 665 A has been amended to update that CRP participant may sell harvested hay for non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass.

Subparagraph 665 C has been amended to update the examples.

Subparagraph 669 A has been amended to update non-emergency gleaning grazing general provisions language.

Subparagraph 670 A has been amended to update non-emergency haying and grazing participant provisions.

Subparagraph 681 B has been amended to update CRP participant guidance on allowed harvesting of hay outside the PNS.

Paragraph 683 has been to update emergency haying and grazing general and participant provisions.

Paragraph 801 has been amended to update TIP policy.

Paragraph 802 has been amended to update guidance on eligible land.

Paragraph 803 has been amended to update guidance on eligible producers.

Paragraph 804 has been amended to update guidance on TIP for CRP-1's.

Paragraph 806 has been amended to update guidance on not approving destruction of cover before CRP-1 expiration.

Subparagraph 808 A has been amended to update the example.

Paragraph 810 has been amended to update CRP-1R and instructions.

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Subparagraph 811 A has been amended to update TIP application process guidance.

Paragraph 821 has been amended to update general information for TIP payments.

Paragraph 831 has been amended to update basic SAFE language.

Paragraph 832 has been amended to update SAFE policy language.

Paragraph 833 has been amended to update SAFE proposals language.

Paragraph 834 has been amended to update existing SAFE project agreements language.

Exhibit 2 has been amended to remove the definition of wildlife corridor.

Exhibit 3 has been added to provide steps to manually determine hardwood tree practice re-enrollment eligibility.

Exhibit 5 has been amended to update guidance for letters notifying producers of offer and eligibility status and update CRP-27, CRP-28, CRP-35, and CRP-36.

Exhibit 11 has been amended to update language for haying and grazing for all practices according to Part 19.

Exhibit 19 has been added to include grassland CRP national priority zones.

Exhibit 20 has been amended to add signups 57, 58, and 204.

Exhibit 21 has been amended to include CRP-2C30.

Exhibit 24 has been amended to update grassland CRP ranking factors.

Exhibit 26 has been amended to remove SAFE practices from the EBI scoring criteria, remove N5b, and renumber remaining subfactors.

Exhibit 29 has been amended to update the CRP-1 Appendix.

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4 Related Handbooks, Manuals, and Forms

A Related Handbooks and Manuals

The following provides handbooks and manuals related to CRP.

Handbook or Manual	Purpose
1-APP	Appeals
1-ARCPLC	Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage.
1-AS	Supplementing CRP provision.
3-AS	Clearing forms.
32-AS	Records management.
1-CM	Common management and operating provisions.
9-CM	Common Payment System.
10-CM	Farm records and reconstitutions for 2013 and subsequent years.
1-COR	Quality control.
2-CP	Acreage compliance determinations.
6-CP	Highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions
7-CP	Finality rule and misaction/misinformation
4-CRP	TERRA and COLS
5-CRP	Conservation Contract Maintenance System and Conservation Payment Application
--2-EFRP	Emergency Forest Restoration Program Automation--
1-EQ	Environmental Quality Programs
50-FI	Prompt payment interest rates
58-FI	Handling claims
61-FI	Prompt payment provisions
62-FI	Nonresident alien income tax
63-FI	Assignments and joint payments
64-FI	National Receipts and Receivables System collections and receivables
1-GIS	Geospatial Information Systems

4 Related Handbooks, Manuals, and Forms (Continued)

A Related Handbooks and Manuals (Continued)

Handbook or Manual	Purpose
2-INFO	Providing information to the public
3-INFO	Privacy Act
1-PL	Common payment limitation provision for CRP-1's approved after July 31, 1988, and before October 1, 2008
3-PL (Rev.2)	Web-based subsidiary files for 2009 and subsequent years
4-PL	Common payment limitation provision for CRP-1's approved after September 30, 2008
5-PL	Payment eligibility, payment limitation, and average adjusted gross income - Agricultural Act of 2014
--6-PL	Payment Limitation, Payment Eligibility, and Average Adjusted Gross Income--
National Planning Procedures Handbook	Conservation planning requirements
National Food Security Act Manual	Highly erodible land and wetland determinations and delineations
General Manual 180, Part 409	Conservation Planning Policy
General Manual 190, Part 410	Compliance with NEPA
Field Office Technical Guides	Technical criteria

4 Related Handbooks, Manuals, and Forms (Continued)

B Adding or Withdrawing Provisions

State supplements to the handbook must **not** be less or more restrictive than the provisions of this handbook; however, State-specific amendments may be made that are consistent with CRP provisions. For permanent directives, the following guidelines **must** be followed:

- issue a permanent State Office directive **only** as a supplement to this handbook

Note: Do **not** create a separate State handbook.

- do **not** rewrite or elaborate on unclear or incomplete national instructions
- do **not** modify national wording when adding supplemental information.

State Offices may supplement these handbook instructions according to 1-AS.

Note: Periodically, the National CRP Program Manager may select State amendments for review.

C Using Forms

Use national forms when applicable.

Other forms used for CRP may be:

- modified, according to the applicable exhibits
- developed as needed
- submitted for clearance and approval according to 3-AS.

***--Important:** Use of manual CRP-1's and CRP-2's used for all CRP signup types are not--* authorized.

5 Access to Farm and Farm Records, Relief Actions, and Appeals

A Access to Farm and Farm Records

Authorized representatives of the Secretary must have access to a participating farm and farm records to:

- make eligibility determinations
- determine compliance with this handbook's provisions.

B Procedure Waiver by DAFP

Unless prohibited by statute, DAFP may waive any provision in this handbook.

Exception: The waiver provision is **not** a substitute for:

- appeal provisions in 1-APP
- misaction or misinformation provisions in 7-CP.

C Request for Programmatic Relief

STC may authorize programmatic relief to an applicant based on a producer's request, documented justification, and COC recommendation **only** within the authorities delegated to it by the CRP regulations or this handbook.

COC may submit to STC fully documented requests for relief from complying with the CRP-1 terms and conditions.

Case files must include the following:

- *--copy of participant's written request for relief
- copy of COC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification related to the case being submitted with all other actions redacted
- copy of all applicable forms and documents in the case file, including but not limited to CRP-1's, CRP-2's, copy of digital imagery/map, FSA-848's, C/S receipts, land deeds, etc.
- conservation plan, implementation requirements, and other supporting documentation
- FSA-321, as applicable
- all documentation used by COC during review, including all correspondence from participant(s) relative to the case
- narrative of the case in chronological order.--*

6 Restrictions on Lobbying Activities (Continued)

D Forwarding and Filing Forms

County Offices must:

- forward a copy of the completed forms to Office of Advocacy and Outreach, through State Offices and DAFO
- file the original of the completed forms in the County Office in folder entitled “CRPF-2-d Contract Folders”.

E Disbursing Payments

County Offices must not:

- disburse CRP C/S payments exceeding \$100,000 until the applicant has returned the completed applicable form to the County Office
- issue multiple payments to avoid the requirements in subparagraph B.

F Unusual Situations

County Offices must contact FMD, through State Offices and DAFO, for assistance if situations arise that are not covered in this paragraph.

7 (Withdrawn--Amend. 7)

8-17 (Reserved)

Section 2 FSA Administrative Responsibilities

31 STC Administrative Responsibilities

A STC Responsibility

Within the authorities and limitations in this handbook, STC must:

- direct the administration of CRP
- document actions taken in minutes or other written records
- handle appeals according to 1-APP
- determine whether meritorious relief is applicable on a case-by-case basis

Notes: All cases submitted to DAFP for relief must contain the following:

- copy of participant's written request for relief
- copy of COC and STC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification
- copy of all applicable forms and documents in the case file, including but not limited to CRP-1's, CRP-2's, copy of digital imagery/map, * * * FSA-848's, C/S receipts, land deeds, etc.
- *--conservation plans, implementation requirements, and other supporting documentation
- FSA-321, as applicable--*
- all documentation used by COC and STC during review
- narrative of the case in chronological order.

Incomplete case files may delay response.

See paragraph 490 and Exhibit 11.

- upon recommendation from the County Office, designate areas of the State where the use of tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices are warranted and cost-effective on CP3A, * * * CP5A, CP16A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, *--CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP31, CP36, CP39, CP40, CP41, or applicable CP38's--*
- establish PNS.

Note: Establishment of PNS must not be delegated to COC's or County Offices.

31 STC Administrative Responsibilities (Continued)

A STC Responsibility (Continued)

If STC does not establish dates as recommended by the State Technical Committee, STC **must:**

- submit dates to CD for approval
- include justification to support the dates not recommended by the State Technical Committee.

B STC Delegating Responsibility

STC may delegate an official representative to sign documents. This delegation must be documented in the STC minutes.

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32 SED Responsibilities for CRP

A SED Responsibilities

SED's must:

- ensure that all County Offices follow provisions in this handbook
- require reviews to ensure that County Offices comply with requirements established by the National and State Office handle appeals according to 1-APP
- ensure that County Offices publicize CRP provisions
- review monthly CRP C/S obligation monitoring reports and communicate corrective action according to paragraph 522
- review 7-CP for equitable relief provisions.

33 DD Responsibilities for CRP

A DD Responsibilities

DD's must:

- ensure that COC's and CED's follow provisions in this handbook
- review County Office procedures to ensure that County Offices comply with requirements established by the National and State Office
- provide SED with a written report of all reviews
- review and approve CRP-1's according to paragraphs 401 and 519
- review monthly CRP C/S monitoring reports provided by County Offices
- contact the County Offices that do not provide a report by the 15th of each month
- provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office at the end of each month according to paragraph 522.

Note: These reports are available from the CSS Reports Menu.

34 COC Policies and Responsibilities

A Establishing and Maintaining Policy

COC must establish local policies that conform to National and State CRP policies.

National practices **must** be offered in the State unless STC determines that the practice is not applicable to the State. See Exhibit 11.

Practice specifications will be maintained for all practices.

B COC Responsibilities

COC must:

- fully comply with National and State CRP policies
- document actions taken in COC minutes
- handle appeals according to 1-APP
- document recommendations for relief to STC according to this handbook
- *--ensure that successors-in-interest to CRP-1's meet requirements in 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
- ensure that County Office employees adhere to provisions and instructions in this handbook
- ensure that participants are taking necessary actions to establish scheduled conservation practices timely
- ensure that producers receive complete, accurate, and timely program information about CRP by providing information through:
 - program factsheets, newsletters, and print media
 - meetings
 - radio, television, and video

34 COC Policies and Responsibilities (Continued)

B COC Responsibilities (Continued)

- document actions taken in COC minutes and include the following:
 - all factors considered
 - justification of all determinations
 - reference to applicable handbook procedures
- review CED approvals of CRP-1's and CRP-1R at each COC meeting and record CRP-1 numbers in COC minutes

Note: See paragraph 603 for noncompliance

35 CED Responsibilities for CRP

A CED Responsibilities

CED's must:

- approve FSA-848A for the following:
 - conservation practices
 - changes in extent and C/S, including increases if supported by NRCS or TSP
- extend the time to complete practice or report performance
- approve FSA-848B for partial payment and final payment
- determine the following:
 - sufficiency of signatures
 - authority of persons signing in a representative capacity
 - contributions of individual or individuals sharing in establishing the practice
 - estimate for report of accomplishment
 - eligible cropland acres
 - eligible marginal pastureland acres
 - reviewing and verifying documentation submitted to determine cropping history
- approve conservation plans

35 CED Responsibilities for CRP (Continued)**A CED Responsibilities (Continued)**

- *--approve CRP-1, CRP-1S, and CRP-1R, except for CRP-1's involving lands owned by SED, STC, COC, CED, State Office employees including DD's or other County Office employees
- review CRP-1, CRP-1S, and CRP-1R's (including revisions) with COC and--* document review (including CRP-1 numbers) in the COC minutes in the same manner as delegated authorities according to 16-AO
- approve CRP-1G Addendum
- ensure that County Offices follow provisions issued by COC, DD, STC, State Offices, and this handbook
- ensure that all automated processes are completed in a timely manner
- ensure that monthly County Office CRP C/S monitoring reports and actions are carried out by County Office staff according to paragraph 522
- report incorrect software calculations, discrepancies, and problems to SED, through DD
- report to SED and the State Office Program Specialist, through DD, incomplete or incorrect procedures in this handbook
- ensure that all pertinent information and program deadlines are publicized
- ensure that signature deadlines are carefully monitored for reconstituted farms, designating payment shares, and necessary supporting documentation, such as AD-1026, CCC-502, CCC-526C, CCC-901, CCC-902, CCC-931C, or CCC-941, as applicable.

36 PT Responsibilities for CRP

A PT Responsibilities

PT's must:

- follow the provisions in this handbook
- report the following to CED:
 - incorrect software calculations and discrepancies
 - incomplete or incorrect procedures in this handbook
- prepare reports as requested by SED, DD, CED, COC, and State Offices
- complete monthly CRP C/S monitoring responsibilities * * * according to paragraph 522.

37 Written Documentation

A COC Actions

COC must document determinations by recording in the COC minutes and completing any of the following as applicable:

- having a member sign the form
- making a note on the document
- attaching COC member's signed statement to the document
- ensuring that a statement is in COC minutes.

B County Office Employee Action

County Office employees must ensure that facts obtained, or actions taken, are made a matter of written record by:

- recording the facts or actions on either of the following:
 - the document
 - a statement attached to the document
- signing or initialing and dating the document.

38 Redelegations of Authority

A Prohibited Redelegations

COC will **not** redelegate the following:

- actions and determinations involving lands owned by SED, STC, COC, CED, State Office employees including DD's or other County Office employee
- determining violations of CRP-1's
- determining violations of landlord and tenant provisions
- hearing appeals
- appeal decisions.

39 CED Responsibilities

A Nondelegated Responsibilities

Without formal delegation, and as part of the daily office operations, CED or program technician designee will:

- issue FSA-848A to participants
- send referrals for conservation planning to TSP or NRCS
- prepare forms for C/S payments
- compute C/S and rental payments
- *--maintain and update changes in land ownership in MIDAS Business Partner and--* MIDAS Farm Records file
- renumber fields redefined for CRP according to 10-CM
- maintain cropland classification for acres devoted to trees for the life of CRP-1
- determine value of refunds, interest, and liquidated damages, when applicable, and according to the provisions of this handbook
- inform landowners that CRP-1 expiration does not terminate the easement on the land under CRP-1. The landowner is responsible for removing the easement from the deed after the easement expires and written approval has been obtained from COC. COC must **not** incur any expenses for removing the easement.

40-51 (Reserved)

Section 3 NRCS Agency Responsibilities

52 NRCS Responsibilities

A NRCS National Headquarters

The following provides the responsibilities of the NRCS National Office.

Position	Responsibilities
Deputy Chief for Programs	Provides overall national leadership for NRCS coordination of program development and implementation with FSA and other agencies.
Director, Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division (CPTAD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides national program leadership, representing the NRCS Chief in maintaining liaison and working relationship with program leaders in FSA. Provides policy and procedural guidance on CRP operations to NRCS State Offices. Coordinates training for State and Regional CRP activities.

B NRCS Regional Offices

The Regional Conservationist is responsible for providing oversight and evaluation of CRP to ensure:

- *--consistency in the use of RUSLE2 and WEQ--*
- consistency with the water and wind erosion index
- technical adequacy of conservation planning
- technical adequacy of conservation practice implementation.

52 NRCS Responsibilities (Continued)**C NRCS State Offices**

State Conservationists provide leadership for NRCS activities associated with CRP activities in the State. State Conservationists:

- will represent NRCS, and chair the State Technical Committee
- will develop agreements with other Federal and State agencies, as applicable
- will designate staff to carryout NRCS responsibilities at the State and field levels
- may transfer funds to Conservation Districts or other units of State or local government through cooperative agreements.

Note: The application for funds **must** be made on SF-424-1 and forwarded to the State Conservationist by the unit of government.

D NRCS Area Offices

In States with Area Offices, or the equivalent, the Area Conservationist will carry out NRCS responsibilities for CRP as delegated by the State Conservationist.

52 NRCS Responsibilities (Continued)

E NRCS Field Offices

The following provides the responsibilities of the District Conservationist.

Activity	Responsibility
Coordination and Representation	Coordinates responsibilities and represents NRCS with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA • FSA COC • State Forestry Agency • State Wildlife Agency • Conservation Districts • other agencies, as appropriate.
Reporting and Records Management	Reports the following to FSA COC promptly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings that may affect an applicant's eligibility, including changes in cropping history or management • cases of apparent noncompliance with program requirements.
Planning and Application	Assists producers with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *--evaluating eligibility of the practice by completing Suitability and--* • Feasibility Worksheet • developing a conservation plan that NRCS has technical responsibility for that contains all appropriate practices, including operation and maintenance • servicing all FSA-848B's that NRCS has technical responsibility for the assigned practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) identified in the conservation plan • ensuring that all conservation practices meet FOTG standards • obtaining Conservation District approval of conservation plans <p>Note: See subparagraphs 366 D and 368 C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordinating planning of tree planting with the producer and State Forestry Agency representative for development of the tree planting plan to be referenced in the conservation plan (other approved electronic form) • complete conservation plan modifications as needed and provide copy to FSA.

52 NRCS Responsibilities (Continued)**E NRCS Field Offices (Continued)**

Activity	Responsibility
Certification	<p>Certifies on approved forms that the conservation plan meets minimum requirements before obtaining the Conservation District review and approval.</p> <p>Note: See subparagraphs 366 D and 368 C regarding Conservation District signature.</p> <p>Certifies on FSA-848B that all CRP practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) on CRP-1 and included in the conservation plan are installed according to NRCS standards and specifications. See paragraphs 507 and 508.</p>
Completes Status Reviews	*--Completes status reviews for all site visits and provides FSA a--* copy, with pictures if there are possible compliance issues.

F NRCS Employee Prohibitions

NRCS employees are prohibited from servicing CRP-1's on land that they, or their immediate family, own or lease. The Area or State Conservationist must designate another NRCS employee to service such CRP-1's.

53-65 (Reserved)

Part 3 CRP Practices

66 National Practices

A National Practices and Titles

The following provides the national practices.

Practice	Title
CP1	Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
CP2	Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
CP3	Tree Planting
CP3A	Hardwood Tree Planting
CP4B	Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)
CP4D	Permanent Wildlife Habitat
CP5A	Field Windbreak Establishment
CP8A	Grass Waterways
CP9	Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
CP12	Wildlife Food Plot
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips), on Terraces
CP16A	Shelterbelt Establishment
CP17A	Living Snow Fences
CP18B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity
CP18C	Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover
CP21	Filter Strips
CP21B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips
CP21S	Saturated Filter Strips
CP22	Riparian Buffer
CP22B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers
CP22S	Saturated Riparian Buffers
CP23	Wetland Restoration
CP23A	Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
CP24	Cross Wind Trap Strips
CP25	Rare and Declining Habitat

66 National Practices (Continued)

A National Practices and Titles (Continued)

Practice	Title
CP27	Farmable Wetlands
CP28	Farmable Wetland Buffer
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP33	Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds
CP36	Longleaf Pine – Establishment
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat
CP38A	SAFE - Buffers
CP38B	SAFE - Wetlands
CP38C	SAFE - Trees
CP38D	SAFE - Longleaf Pine
CP38E	SAFE - Grass
CP39	FWP Constructed Wetland
CP40	FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration
CP41	FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland
CP42	Pollinator Habitat
CP43	Prairie Strips
CP88	*--Permanent Grasses and Legumes
CP90	Soil Health Perennial Conservation Cover--*

Note: See Exhibit 11.

66 National Practices (Continued)

B Practices for General CRP Signup

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for general CRP signup.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1	10
CP2	10
CP3	10
CP3A	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP4B <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP4D	10
CP12 <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP25	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
* * *	
CP42	10

1/ Producer must elect a CRP-1 period between 10 and 15 years.

2/ CP12 is only available in conjunction with certain other practices. The CRP-1 period is determined by the practice used in conjunction with CP12. See Exhibit 11.

3/ Practice is not available as of January 4, 2021.

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup

The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for the continuous CRP signup.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1 <u>2</u> /	10
CP2 <u>2</u> /	10
CP3 <u>2</u> /	10
CP3A <u>2</u> /	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP4B <u>2</u> / <u>4</u> /	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP4D <u>2</u> /	10
CP5A	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP8A	10
CP9	10
CP12 <u>3</u> /	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP15A	10
CP15B	10
CP16A	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP17A	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP18B	10
CP18C	10
CP21	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP21B	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP21S	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP22	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP22B	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP22S	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP23	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP23A	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP24	10
CP27	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP28	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP29	10 to 15 <u>1</u> /
CP30	10 to 15 1/
CP31	10 to 15 1/
CP33	10
CP36	10 to 15 1/
CP37	10 to 15 1/
CP38A	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-8A 5/	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-15A 5/	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-15B 5/	10 to 15 Determined based on project
*--CP38A-21	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-22	10 to 15 Determined based on project--*
CP38A-33 5/	10 to 15 Determined based on project

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

Practice	CRP-1 Period
--CP38A-43	10 to 15 Determined based on project--
CP38B	10 to 15 Determined based on project
*--CP38B-9	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-23	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-23A	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-27	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-28	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-37	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38C-3	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38C-3A	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38C-25 (primarily trees)	10 to 15 Determined based on project--*
CP38C-31	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38D-36	10 to 15 Determined based on project
*--CP38E-1	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-2	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-4D	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-12 <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project--*
* * *	
CP38E-18B	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-18C	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-24	10 to 15 Determined based on project
*--CP38E-25 (primarily grass)	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-42	10 to 15 Determined based on project--*
CP39	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP40	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP41	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
CP42	10 * * *
CP43	10 to 15 <u>1/</u>
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- 1/ Producer elect a CRP-1 period between 10 and 15 years.
- 2/ Practices eligible within approved wellhead protection areas only. See paragraph 181.
- 3/ CP12 is only available in conjunction with certain other practices. The CRP-1 period is determined by the practice used in conjunction with CP12. See Exhibit 11.
- 4/ Practice is not available as of January 4, 2021.
- 5/ SAFE practices were moved from CP38E to CP38A starting with SU55 – January 4, 2021.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives

The following provides CRP practices, signup types, contract periods, and incentives.

Important: The terms of the CREP Agreement will provide the CRP practices, contract period, and incentives, if any, for each CREP.

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	*--50--* Percent PIP 3/	*--20--* Percent Rental Rate Incentive 4/	*--Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	* * * Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP1, Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes	Wellhead	X	10	N <u>1</u> /	N <u>1</u> /	N	5%	
CP2, Establishment of Permanent Native Grass	Wellhead	X	10	N <u>1</u> /	N <u>1</u> /	N	3%	
CP3, Tree Planting	Wellhead	X	10	N <u>1</u> /	N <u>1</u> /	N	10%	
CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting	Wellhead	X	10-15	N <u>1</u> /	N <u>1</u> /	N	10%	
CP4B, Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors *--5/--*	Wellhead	X	10-15	N <u>1</u> /	N <u>1</u> /	N	N	
CP4D, Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Wellhead	X	10	N <u>1</u> /	N <u>1</u> /	N	3%	
CP5A, Field Windbreak Establishment	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP8A, Grass Waterway	X		10	Y	Y	Y	3%--*	

*--1/ SIP and PIP are authorized for practices enrolled under wellhead protection criteria and HELI.

3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.--*

5/ Practice is not available as of January 4, 2021.

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	*--50--* Percent PIP <u>3</u> /	*--20--* Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>4</u> /	*--Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	* * * Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP9, Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	X		10	Y	Y	N	3%	
CP12, Wildlife Food Plot	X	X	10-15	N <u>2</u> /	N	N	N	
CP15A, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover - Contour Grass Strip	X		10	Y	Y	Y * * *	5%	
CP15B, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover - Contour Grass Strip on Terraces	X		10	Y	Y	Y	5%	
CP16A, Shelterbelt Establishment	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%--*	

2/ SIP is authorized only when enrolled under continuous CRP.

*--3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	*--50--* Percent PIP <u>3</u> /	*--20--* Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>4</u> /	*--Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	* * * Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP17A, Living Snow Fences	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP18B, Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity	X		10	Y	Y	N	3%	
CP18C, Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover	X		10	Y	Y	N	3%	
CP21, Filter Strip	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP21B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strip	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP21S, Saturated Filter Strip	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP22, Riparian Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	10%	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	10%	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	10%	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP23, Wetland Restoration	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	
CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%--*	

*--3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	*--50--* Percent PIP 3/	*--20--* Percent Rental Rate Incentive 4/	*--Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	* * * Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP24, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips	X		10	Y	Y	N	5%	
CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat		X	10-15	N	N	N	10%	
CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	
CP28, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	
CP29, Marginal Pastureland Wildlife *--Habitat Buffer--*	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	5%	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP30, Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	\$0, \$5, \$10
CP31, Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	10%	
CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds	X		10	Y	Y	N	5%	
CP36, Longleaf Pine - Establishment	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP37, Duck Nesting Habitat	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%--*	

*--3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	*--50--* Percent PIP 3/	*--20--* Percent Rental Rate Incentive 4/	*--Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	* * * Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP38A, SAFE – Buffers *--(CP8A, CP21,)--*	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	
--CP38A, SAFE – Buffers (CP15A, CP15B, CP33, CP43)	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y <u>6</u> /--	5%	
--CP38A, SAFE – Buffers (CP5A, CP22,)	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y <u>7</u> /--	10%	
CP38B, SAFE – Wetlands (CP9, CP23, CP23A, CP27, CP28, CP37)	X		10-15	Y	Y	*--Y <u>8</u> /--*	3%	
CP38C, SAFE – Trees (CP3, CP3A, CP25)	X		10-15	*--Y	Y--*	N	10%	
CP38C, SAFE – Trees *--(CP16A, CP17A, CP31)--*	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP38D, SAFE - Longleaf Pine (CP36)	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP38E, SAFE – Grass *--(CP2, CP4D, CP12, CP18B, CP18C)	X		10-15	Y	Y--*	N	3% <u>9</u> /	
CP38E, SAFE – Grass *--(CP1, CP24, CP42)--*	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	5%	

*--3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

6/ Practice CP38A-33 is not authorized for the 20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive.

7/ Practice CP38A-5A is not authorized for the 20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive

8/ Practice CP38B-9 is not authorized for the 20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive.

9/ Practice CP38E-12 is not authorized for the Climate-Smart Incentive--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Periods, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	*--50--* Percent PIP 3/	*--20--* Percent Rental Rate Incentive 4/	*--Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	* * * Maintenance Incentive Rate
--CP38E, SAFE – Grass (CP25)	X		10-15	Y	Y	N--	10%	
--CP39, Constructed Wetland	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y--	3%	
CP40, FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%	
CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetlands	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y	3%--*	
CP42, Pollinator Habitat		X	10	N	N	N	5%	
CP42, Pollinator Habitat	X		10	Y	Y	N	5%	
CP43, Prairie Strips	*--X--*		10-15	Y	Y	Y	5%	
CP88, Permanent * * * Grasses and Legumes			10 or 15	N	N	N	5%	
--CP90, Soil Health Perennial Conservation Cover			3, 4, or 5	N	N	N--	N--*	

*--3/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

4/ Effective for contracts approved on or after June 14, 2021.

Note: Beginning March 16, 1010, CP87, CP87A, and CP88A are no longer authorized for grassland CRP.--*

67-80 (Reserved)

Part 4 Total County Cropland

81 County Cropland Limitation

A All CRP/ACEP-WRE

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, requires that USDA not enroll more than 25 percent of the total cropland in a county in CRP, including general CRP signup, all ~~continuous~~ CRP signup, grassland CRP, ACEP-WRE, and CREP. County Offices with 25 percent or more of the total cropland in the county enrolled in CRP and ACEP-WRE cannot approve offers that include cropland acres.

State and County Offices must review the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report and monitor enrollment of cropland to ensure that the 25 percent county cropland limit is not exceeded.--*

The following are 2 types of waivers to this limitation.

- DAFP may authorize a waiver to increase the limit above 25 percent if **both** of the following are determined:
 - the action would not adversely affect the local economy of the county
 - producers in the county are having difficulties complying with conservation plans.

Notes: Counties with no or minimal cropland with an EI of 15 or greater are **not** eligible for this type of waiver.

See subparagraphs G and H.

- DAFP may authorize a waiver to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP from total CRP enrollment acreage if local county government concurs. See subparagraphs J, K, and L.

B Total Cropland

A county's total cropland acreage is based on the cropland **physically** located within the county boundaries. See 10-CM for determining the physical location of a tract and its associated cropland, as well as for assigning a physical location county for tracts that cross county boundaries.

Total cropland is maintained in the web-based software.

For counties that are divided into 2 or more subcounty areas, the physical location of cropland is based on the subcounty acres. The physical location of CRP acres will also be based on the subcounty area.

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

C Acreage Subject to All CRP/ACEP-WRE Limit

The 25 percent cropland limit is applied to the **physical** location of CRP/ACEP-WRE acres.

*--For CRP-2's, CRP-2C's, CRP-2C30's, and CRP-2G's completed in the automated COLS, the physical location of CRP acreage is determined by COLS.

Acreage subject to the county cropland limitation, and included in the 25 Percent County Cropland Limit Report, includes the following:--*

- cropland acreage enrolled in CRP or projected to be enrolled in CRP on October 1 of the current year, according to the web-based software
- CRP useful easement acreage under active easement periods but not under CRP-1
- ACEP-WRE cropland acreage as reported by NRCS and recorded by County Office.

D Acreage Not Subject to the County Cropland Limitation

*--Acreage **not subject** to the county cropland limitation and excluded from the 25 Percent County Cropland Limit Report includes the following:--*

- any land enrolled in EWRP administered by NRCS
- pastureland or other noncropland enrolled in ACEP-WRE administered by NRCS
- cropland that is designated as subclass W in the land capability classes IV through VIII because of severe use limitations because of soil saturation or inundation, as determined by NRCS
- CRP marginal pasture land
- *--noncropland enrolled in grassland CRP signup--*
- cropland enrolled in CRP devoted to field windbreak (CP5) or shelterbelts (CP16) * * *
- cropland acreage enrolled in CRP under CRP-1 scheduled to expire September 30 of the current year
- cropland acreage enrolled under CREP if a waiver for this exclusion has been approved by DAFP.

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

E County Report of Cropland and CRP Enrollment

The National Office will maintain a report that provides a county's total cropland, total acres enrolled in CRP, and cropland acres that are available for enrollment in CRP. This report takes into consideration acres subject to the county cropland limitation, acreage not subject to the county cropland limitation, and ACEP-WRE signups, and any DAFP waivers.

The report will be based on cropland data from the web-based software, other source of information, and any DAFP waivers.

*--An updated report is posted weekly at https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/CEPD/county_Office/SitePages/County-25-Percent-Cropland-Report.aspx.

The following table provides a description of the information provided in the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report.

Column Title	Information Provided
County Name	Name of the County.
Cropland acres	Total cropland acres physically located within the county.
Maximum cropland available to enroll in CRP/WRP (25%)	Twenty-five percent of the acreage listed in the column titled "Cropland acres".
Active General Signup cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the county that are currently enrolled through general CRP signup.
Active Continuous Signup cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the county that are currently enrolled through continuous CRP signup.
Active CREP Signup cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the county currently that are enrolled through CREP signup.
Active WRP-ACEP cropland acres	Total number of cropland acres physically located within the County that are enrolled in ACEP-WRE.
Total cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP	Total of cropland acres listed in columns titled "Active General Signup cropland acres," "Active Continuous Signup cropland acres," "Active CREP Signup cropland acres," and "Active WRP-ACEP cropland acres".
% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP	Percent of total cropland acres enrolled through general, continuous, CREP, and ACEP-WRE determined by dividing the acres listed in the column titled "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP" by the acres listed in the column titled "Cropland acres" rounded to one decimal.
Maximum Signup that could be approved for the current FY contracts	Total number of cropland acres that are available to be enrolled in CRP with an effective start date in the current FY (start date before October 1) or be enrolled in ACEP-WRE. Important: If the column contains a negative value, County Offices cannot approve contracts with an effective start date in the current FY
Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for the current FY and the subsequent FY contracts	Total number of cropland acres that are available to be enrolled in CRP with an effective start date in the subsequent FY (start date on or after October 1) or be enrolled in ACEP-WRE if none of the acres in the "Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts" column will be enrolled. Important: If the column contains a negative value, County Offices cannot approve contracts with an effective start date in the subsequent FY.

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81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--F Counties Exceeding County Cropland Limitation for Current FY**

County Offices must review the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report each week when the report is updated. County Offices must access and review the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.

When the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column of the report is zero or negative, COC must immediately reject all offers with an effective date in the current FY (start date before October 1) that includes any cropland physically located within the county.--*

When the cropland acreage enrolled exceeds the county cropland limitation, and a waiver has not been approved, County Offices must:

- announce the CRP signup
- notify all producers that only offers for continuous CRP signup for marginal pastureland
--devoted to CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, or CP30, and Grassland CRP practice CP88 for noncropland may be approved if otherwise eligible.--

Note: COC must immediately reject all offers for cropland acreage physically located in the county and inform the producer using CRP-26.

***--Important:** County Offices must use the county data for the county where the cropland being offered is **physically located**.

G Counties Exceeding County Cropland Limitation for the Subsequent FY

County Offices **must** access and review the **current** CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report each week when the report is updated. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.

When the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column of the report is zero or negative, COC must immediately reject all offers with an effective date in the subsequent FY (an effective date on or after October 1) that includes any cropland physically located within the county. County Offices must inform the producer using CRP-26.

Important: County Office must use the county data for the county where the cropland being offered is **physically located**.--*

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE**

County Offices **must** access and review the **current** CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report each week when the report is updated. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.

County Offices must follow the steps in the following table for each continuous CRP signup offer, including offers to enroll cropland through CREP, submitted that includes any cropland acres when **both** the percentage listed in the “% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP” column of the report is equal to or greater than 20.0 percent for the county where the cropland being offered is **physically located**, and:

- for offers with a current FY start date (start date before October 1), the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column of the report is greater than zero
- for offers with a subsequent FY start date (start date on or after October 1), the number of acres listed in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for the current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column of the report is greater than zero.

Step	Action	Result
1	Follow the process flow according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 171 C, through Step 17. COC or CED will not act on CRP-1 until completing all steps in this table.	
2	Access the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report through the SharePoint site provided in subparagraph 81 E. Important: County Offices must access the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report. Using prior versions of the report will result in inaccurate data and may result in erroneous enrollment of acres.	
3	From the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report, enter the value from the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column for the county where the cropland on the CRP-1 from Step 1 is physically located. Important: The data for the county where the cropland is physically located must be used.	
4	From the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report, enter the value in the “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” for the county where the cropland on the CRP-1 from Step 1 is physically located. Important: The data for the county where the cropland is physically located must be used.	

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81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE (Continued)**

Step	Action	Result
9	Add the result of Step 5, Step 6, Step 7, and Step 8.	
10	Subtract the result of Step 9 from the result of Step 3.	
11	Subtract the result of Step 9 from the result of Step 4.	
12	Enter the total number of cropland acres on the CRP-1 offer being processed from Step 1.	
13	Enter the FY of CRP-1 from Step 1. If the start date of CRP-1 is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before October 1, then the FY of CRP-1 is the current FY; go to Step 14 • on or after October 1, then the FY of CRP-1 is the subsequent FY; go to Step 16. 	
14	Is the result of Step 12 less than or equal to the result of Step 10? If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Yes”, go to Step 15 • “No”, go to Step 18. 	
15	County Office may continue to process CRP-1 from Step 1 according to subparagraph 171 C. This is the last step to be completed. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from Step 1 is physically located in a different county, County Office must immediately contact the physical location County Office and provide the total number of cropland acres that will be approved.	
16	Is the result of Step 12 less than or equal to the result of Step 11? If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Yes”, go to Step 17 • “No”, go to Step 18. 	
17	County Office may continue to process CRP-1 from Step 1 according to subparagraph 171 C. This is the last step to be completed. Important: If the cropland on CRP-1 from Step 1 is physically located in a different county, County Office must immediately contact the physical location County Office and provide the total number of cropland acres that will be approved.	
18	STOP. COC must immediately reject the offer and follow subparagraph 81 F to inform the producer using CRP-26. The number of cropland acres offered on CRP-1 from Step 1 exceeds the number of cropland acres that can be enrolled without exceeding the 25 percent county cropland limit.	

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81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE (Continued)*Example 1:**

The following information from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report applies to Example 1. The value in the:

- “County Name” column is County X
- “% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP” column is 25.5 percent
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column is -542.7
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column is 16,618.6.

Producer A submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 25.0 acres of cropland physically located in County X with a start date of September 1 (during the current FY). COC **must** immediately reject Producer A’s offer because County X has exceeded the 25 percent county cropland limit for the current FY.

Producer B submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 20.0 acres of marginal pastureland physically located in County X with a start date of September 1 (during the current FY). County Office may process Producer B’s offer because marginal pastureland acres do not include any cropland acres.

Example 2:

The following information from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report applies to Example 2. The value in the:

- “County Name” column is County Y
- “% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP” column is 19.7 percent
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts” column is 7,709.8
- “Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts” column is 16,480.4.

Producer C submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 1,250.0 acres of cropland physically located in County Y with a start date of September 1 (during the current FY). Producer D submits an offer through the current continuous CRP signup to enroll 300.0 acres of cropland physically located in County Y with a start date of October 1 (during the subsequent FY).--*

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE (Continued)*Example 2 (Continued):**

County Office may process and act on both Producer C's offer and Producer D's offer without completing the steps specified in subparagraph H because the "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP" column from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report for the county where the cropland being offered is physically located (County Y) is below 20.0 percent and the total cropland offered for each FY is less than the maximum number of cropland acres that could be enrolled before meeting the 25 percent county cropland limitation.

Example 3:

The following information from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report applies to Example 3. The value in the:

- "County Name" column is County Z
- "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP" column is 25.0 percent
- "Maximum Signup that could be approved for current FY contracts" column is -44.5
- "Maximum Signup that could be approved in total for current FY and subsequent FY contracts" column is 6,178.1.

Producer H submits an offer, through the current continuous CRP signup, to enroll 2,300.0 acres of cropland physically located in County Z with a start date of October 1 (during the subsequent FY). County Office must complete the steps specified in subparagraph H because the "% cropland enrolled in CRP/WRP" column from the CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report for the county where the cropland being offered is physically located (County Z) is 25.0 percent or higher; however, up to 6,178.1 acres of cropland can be enrolled if the FY of the CRP-1 will begin October 1 (during the subsequent FY).

County Office completes the steps in subparagraph H. The following table shows the results of each step.--*

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

--H Counties With 20.0 Percent or Greater Cropland Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE (Continued)*Example 3 (Continued):**

Step	Result
1	County Office processes Producer H's offer according to subparagraph 171 C.
2	County Office accesses the current CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report from the CD SharePoint site.
3	-44.5 acres
4	6,178.1 acres
5	3,452.7 acres COC approved 3 CRP-1's in the weeks before the date of the current CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report; however, the County Office has not recorded the 3 approved CRP-1's in CCMS. The total number of cropland acres from the 3 CRP-1's is 3,452.7 acres.
6	356.2 acres COC approved 1 CRP-1 since the current CRP 25 Percent County Cropland Report was posted on the CD SharePoint site; however, the County Office has not recorded the approved CRP-1 in CCMS. The total number of cropland acres from CRP-1 is 356.2 acres.
7	2,201.4 acres There were 5 current FY general CRP signup offers for a total of 2,401.4 acres determined acceptable by the National Office. At the time the County Office is processing Producer H's offer from Step 1, the County Office had already approved 1 of the 5 current FY signup acceptable offers; however, the County Office has not recorded the CRP-1 in CCMS as an approved CRP-1. The approved CRP-1 was for a total of 200.0 acres. Because the approved CRP-1 was not recorded in CCMS before the date of the current 25 Percent County Cropland Report, the 200.0 acres is included in Step 5. The remaining 2,201.4 cropland acres of the 4 acceptable offers not yet approved are entered in this Step.
8	0 acres At the time the County Office is processing Producer H's offer from Step 1, the grassland CRP signup had not ended; therefore, there have been no current FY grassland CRP signup offers determined acceptable or rejected by the National Office.
9	6,010.3 acres
10	-6,054.8 acres
11	167.8 acres
12	130.6 acres
13	Subsequent FY
14	Blank
15	Blank
16	Yes
17	County Office continues to process Producer H's offer according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 171 C, through Step 18.
18	Blank

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81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--I Requesting Waivers to Exceed County Cropland Limitation**

For CRP, COC may request a waiver to exceed the county cropland limitation if either of the following are met:

- the 25 percent county cropland limitation has already been exceeded under the authority of a previously approved waiver--*
- the county expects to reach the 25 percent county cropland limitation within 6 months.

COC must:

- document case thoroughly and record in COC minutes
- complete AD-894 and AD-893 according to paragraphs 82 and 83 respectively, if a waiver will be requested
- submit requests to STC by a STC-established deadline
- include verifiable documentation that indicates producers are having difficulties complying with conservations plans.

Important: Waivers can only be approved by DAFP.

For ACEP-WRE, NRCS:

- is responsible for:
 - determining whether a waiver will be requested
 - making the request
- will complete AD-894 if a waiver will be requested
- will submit NRCS determinations to STC for concurrence.

Note: Upon NRCS request, COC must distribute AD-893's to at least 10 random sampling of agricultural producers and groups listed on AD-894, items 25, 26, and 27.

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)***--J What to Include With Waiver Request**

County Offices must submit waiver requests to STC and include the following with the waiver request:

- letters of recommendation from the Soil Conservation District and at least 1 County Commissioner--*
- AD-894 with all items completed
- total number of AD-893's sent out to be completed
- copies of all AD-893's returned by the deadline on AD-893, item 9
- copy of COC minutes thoroughly documenting justification for waiver.

Note: County Offices must:

- distribute AD-893 to at least 10 random sampling of the agricultural producers and groups listed on AD-894, items 25, 26, and 27
- keep returned AD-893's on file for 10 years
- describe how exceeding the 25 percent cropland limitation will not adversely affect the local economy and how operations in the county are having difficulties complying with conservation plans.

***--K--*STC Waiver Review and Determination**

STC must:

- review AD-894, letters of recommendation, and AD-893's submitted by the County Office
- determine whether an adequate number of AD-893's were distributed to sample the opinions of producers, agricultural-related business, and others
- based on AD-894, determine the level of interest in the county for waiving the county cropland limitation and the effect, both positive and adverse, a waiver would have on producers and businesses in the county

Note: If a waiver would have significant adverse effects, as determined by STC, deny the request.

- thoroughly document in STC meeting minutes the basis used to determine whether producers are having difficulties complying with conservation plans

81 County Cropland Limitation (Continued)

***--K--*STC Waiver Review and Determination (Continued)**

- submit verifiable documentation that indicates producers are having difficulties complying with conservation plans

Note: If producers are **not** having difficulties complying with conservation plans, STC must deny request.

Important: Counties with no or minimal cropland with an EI of 15 or greater are **not** eligible for a waiver.

- obtain written NRCS concurrence on all waiver determinations
- if all requirements are met and STC recommends a waiver be approved, submit all the following to Program Manager, CRP:
 - completed AD-894
 - copy of COC and STC meeting minutes thoroughly documenting justification for waiver and basis used to determine whether producers are having difficulties complying with conservation plans
 - copy of written NRCS concurrence for a waiver
 - copy of all AD-893's
 - copy of all letters of recommendations, both for and opposed to a waiver
- if all requirements are **not** met or STC does not recommend a waiver be approved, deny request and notify Program Manager, CRP by written memorandum that the request was denied and include the reason for denial.

***--L--*Requesting Waivers to Exclude Cropland Acreage Under CREP**

COC's may, with concurrence from local county governments, submit a waiver to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP from the total cropland acres enrolled in CRP when determining the county cropland limitation.

Example: Clinton County, Michigan has 100,000 acres of cropland, of which 25,000 are enrolled in CRP. Of the 25,000 cropland acres enrolled in CRP, 22,000 acres
 --are enrolled under general CRP signup and 3,000 are enrolled under CREP.--
 Clinton County submitted a waiver request to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP from total cropland acres enrolled in CRP. If the waiver is approved, Clinton County's total cropland acreage enrolled in CRP, for purposes of the 25 percent limit, will be 22,000. Clinton County could enroll 3,000 acres
 --of cropland in a general CRP signup or continuous CRP signup.--

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

Waivers to exclude cropland acreage enrolled under CREP must be requested by COC with concurrence by STC.

Waiver requests to exclude only a portion of CREP acres, or by practice (for example CP 23) will **not** be considered.

COC must thoroughly document justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP in the COC meeting minutes.

***--M--*County Government Concurrence**

COC's must obtain concurrence in writing, from local county government before submitting a waiver request.

Local county government officials must be the highest executive authority in the county, for example, County Commissioner, County Executive.

***--N--*Submitting Waiver to Exclude Cropland Acreage Under CREP**

County Offices must submit waiver requests to STC and include both of the following:

- written letter from local county official concurring with the request for waiver
- copy of COC meeting minutes thoroughly documenting justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP.

If STC concurs with COC request for a waiver, STC must:

- thoroughly document the justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP in STC meeting minutes
- submit all the following to Program Manager, CRP:
 - memorandum requesting waiver
 - copy of COC and STC meeting minutes thoroughly documenting justification and reason for excluding cropland acreage enrolled under CREP
 - copy of written letter from local county official concurring with the request for waiver.

If STC does not concur with COC request for a waiver, STC must deny request and notify the County Office of denial.

82 Completing AD-894

A How to Complete AD-894

Complete AD-894 according to the following.

Item	Instructions	
1	Enter the county name.	
2	Enter the State name.	
3	Check the applicable program (ACEP-WRE or CRP) for which a waiver is being requested.	
4	Enter total cropland in the county.	
5	Enter the maximum cropland limitation for ACEP-WRE and CRP (25 percent of the total cropland in the county).	
6	Enter the maximum cropland limitation for easements (15 percent of the total cropland in the county).	
7	Complete items 7 through 10 as follows.	
	Line	Instructions
	A	Enter total acres approved for CRP.
	B	Enter total easement acres, excluding easement acres of CP5 and CP16, approved for CRP.
	C	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
8	D	Enter total cropland acreage under ACEP-WRE easement.
	A	Enter the total number of acres being offered for CRP during the current signup.
	B	Enter the number of easement acres, excluding easement acres of CP5 and CP16, being offered for CRP.
	C	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
	D	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.
9	A	Enter CRP total acres approved and offered (item 7 A plus item 8 A).
	D	Enter total cropland acreage from item 7 D.
10	B	Enter the total easement acres, excluding easement acres of CP5 and CP16, approved for CRP.
	D	Leave blank if this request is for CRP waiver.

Part 5 SRR's and Maximum Payment Rates

101 Maximum Payment Rates

A About Maximum Payment Rates

--Before the producer submits an offer on CRP-1 and CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or-- CRP-2G, as applicable, the County Office must calculate and inform the producer of the maximum payment rate for the eligible acreage being offered. The maximum payment rate is the maximum per acre rental rate that CCC is willing to pay for the eligible acreage offered. Offers submitted in excess of the calculated maximum payment rate shall be automatically rejected.

A maximum payment rate will be calculated for each offer based on:

- posted SRR tables and any applicable reductions
- *--soils MUSYM and acreage data collected and recorded on CRP-2, CRP-2C, or CRP-2C30, as applicable
- incentive amounts, as applicable according to subparagraph 66 D
- maintenance rates, as applicable according to subparagraph 66 D.

B Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for General CRP, Grassland CRP and Continuous (Non-CREP) CRP

A Climate-Smart Practice Incentive as a percentage of the per acre weighted average SRR is added to the weighted average SRR. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is available for CRP practices that increases carbon sequestration, reduces greenhouse gases emissions, and otherwise mitigates climate change. Practices include establishment of trees and permanent grasses, development of wildlife habitat, and wetland restoration.

The incentive amount will be based on the estimated benefits of each practice type.

Practices are broken into the following 3 cover types:

- Woody Biomass – 10 Percent Incentive
- Grass and Legume – 5 Percent Incentive
- Grass – 3 Percent Incentive.

See subparagraph 66 D for the list of practices and incentive amounts.

Note: The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is not applicable for CREP offers.--*

101 Maximum Payment Rates (Continued)***--C Maximum Payment Rate**

The weighted average SRR's and maximum payment rate limitation for general CRP signup offers is \$240 per acre.

The maximum payment rate limitation for continuous CRP signup offers is \$300 for all continuous CRP signup types, except CREP.--*

102 SRR's**A About SRR's**

SRR's are soil-specific estimates of dryland cropland rental rates used to set maximum annual payment rates for CRP cropland offers and contracts. SRR's are maintained by State Offices using the Conservation SDMS.

The Cash Rents Survey administered by NASS generates county average dryland cash rent estimates, which are generally the foundation for the county average rental rates and will be reviewed annually.

SRR's are based on multiplying County Average Rental Rate (County AVGRT) by soil-specific productivity factors and an SRR percentage for each signup type.

Note: The prorated general and continuous SRR's are determined by multiplying the posted SRR by 85 percent and 90 percent, respectively.

State	County	County AVGRT	Map Unit Symbol	Productivity Factor 1/	Posted SRR 2/	Prorated General SRR	Prorated Continuous SRR
Any State	Any County	\$100	AcA1	.6	*--\$50	\$43	\$45--*
Any State	Any County	\$100	Cr	0.75	\$75	\$64	\$68
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVa	1.0	\$100	\$85	\$90
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVb	*--1.5	\$150	\$128	\$135--*

***--B Additional One-Time 10 Percent Inflationary Adjustment**

FSA will increase the county rental rate by a 1-time 10 percent "inflationary" adjustment for the life of the contract. This inflationary adjustment will be set at contract start and be factored into the SRR.--*

102 SRR's (Continued)

*--C SRR Calculation

The following table provides an example of calculated general CRP signup SRR's using the SPI.

State	County	NASS Rate	Map Unit Symbol	10 Percent Inflationary Incentive	Rate With Inflationary Incentive	General CRP Signup – 85 Percent <u>1/</u>	SPI <u>2/</u>	SPI Adjusted SRR <u>1/</u>
Any State	Any County	\$100	ADC1	\$10	\$110	\$94	1.50	\$141
Any State	Any County	\$100	ADC2	\$10	\$110	\$94	1.25	\$118
Any State	Any County	\$100	CR1	\$10	\$110	\$94	1.00	\$94
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVa	\$10	\$110	\$94	.75	\$71
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVb	\$10	\$110	\$94	.50	\$47

The following table provides an example of calculated continuous CRP signup SRR's using the SPI.

State	County	NASS Rate	Map Unit Symbol	10 Percent Inflationary Incentive	Rate With Inflationary Incentive	Continuous CRP Signup – 90 Percent	SPI <u>2/</u>	SPI Adjusted SRR <u>1/</u>
Any State	Any County	\$100	ADC1	\$10	\$110	\$99	1.50	\$149
Any State	Any County	\$100	ADC2	\$10	\$110	\$99	1.25	\$124
Any State	Any County	\$100	CR1	\$10	\$110	\$99	1.00	\$99
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVa	\$10	\$110	\$99	.75	\$75
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVb	\$10	\$110	\$99	.50	\$50

1/ Rounded to whole dollars.

2/ Soil productivity index (SPI) is based on the publicly available National Commodity Crop Productivity Index developed by NRCS.

3/ Posted SRR's include a note regarding the reduction/proration factor.--*

102 SRR's (Continued)***--D--*SRR Tables**

SRR tables will show the individual maximum SRR for groups of soils by using the NRCS soil map unit symbols based upon the soil survey ID. These groupings' rates are established based on similar productivity levels, each soil grouping will have only one SRR.

Note: The productivity factors may be capped, reducing the number of soil groups, and are subject to any proration/reduction for that signup.

102 SRR's (Continued)***--E--*Reviewing and Adjusting Soil Map Unit Symbols and SRR's**

FSA posts SRR's for cropland based on soil map units using unique soil map unit symbols. To facilitate using standardized soils data within USDA, the soil map unit symbols used for SRR posting need to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they match symbols patterns currently published in the soils legends of NRCS' FOTG.

The National Office, in conjunction with NRCS, shall ensure that rental rates are established for all cropped soils in each county using NRCS's most current soil survey legend from FOTG, including proper uppercase and lowercase patterns for those symbols using alphabetic letters.

Additionally, some new SRR's and soil map unit symbols may need to be approved for CRP use to reflect recent soil survey changes by NRCS.

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All SRR and soil map unit symbol maintenance will be completed by State Offices.

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County Offices that require the addition of a soil map unit symbol and SRR must submit a request to the State Office.

***--F--*Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (WASRR)**

WASRR is calculated for each offer using the acreage and SRR's of the 3 predominant soils on the land offered for enrollment.

Notes: If marginal pastureland is part of the offer, all of the marginal pastureland acres must be included in the predominate soils.

If all of the offer is marginal pastureland, the marginal pastureland rate will be used.

103 Establishing SRR's**A Rental Rate Establishment for Cropland**

Maximum payment rates for cropland offered for CRP are calculated using SRR's. SRR's must be set at levels that reflect the average cash rental rates per acre for **nonirrigated** cropland for annually tilled crops for each soil map unit area within a soil survey area within a county during the past year.

These SRR's shall be set:

- for soil types where share rents are most common which is the cash equivalent of share rents
- for soil types with a predominance of summer fallow or double/triple cropping, reflecting the market rental values of these cropping patterns
- using one SRR per soil map unit only
- at levels reflecting rate consistency within soil surveys and across all county and State lines and soil survey boundaries.

The National Office:

- is responsible for establishing SRR's
- will use the most current NASS survey, NRCS productivity indexes, and other information as necessary.

103 Establishing SRR's (Continued)

B Rental Rate Establishment for Marginal Pastureland

Maximum payment rates for marginal pastureland offers are calculated using marginal pastureland rental rates. These rental rates must be set for all applicable practices on marginal pastureland (subparagraph 181 C) at levels that reflect the average cash rental values of **nonirrigated** riparian area grazing land during the past year.

The grazing productivity of riparian area grazing land in arid regions is typically higher and more variable than that of adjacent whole field grazing land. For this reason, Western U.S. counties' marginal pastureland rental rates are usually higher than average grazing rental rates, and separate rental rates based on permanent/seasonal riparian areas have been established.

The basis for these rental rates will be set using the following.

County Location	Rate Basis	Soil Map Unit Symbol
Eastern and Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico Counties	1 rate per county	MPLALL
Western U.S. Counties	1 rate per county for land adjacent to seasonal water bodies	MPLSEA
	1 rate per county for land adjacent to perennial water bodies	MPLPER

C*--Rental Rate Establishment for Grassland CRP

A grassland CRP rental rate has been established based on the current year NASS pastureland rental rates.

Grassland CRP rental rates will be set using the Soil Map unit symbol CRPGRR.--*

103 Establishing SRR's (Continued)

D Rental Rate Posting and Use

Approved rental rates must be:

- used for all CRP-2's, CRP-2C's, and CRP-2G's regardless of signup type
- effective upon notification by the National Office
- posted year-round on a public display area in the County Office only for the land that exists within the county boundary.

Note: County Offices must **not** post and maintain rates for surrounding counties.

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105-125 (Reserved)

Part 6 Eligibility Requirements

Section 1 Producer Eligibility Requirements

126 Eligible Person

A Eligible Participants

Eligible participants can include:

- individual
- general partnership
- joint venture
- corporation
- limited liability company
- limited partnership
- limited liability partnership
- limited liability limited partnership
- estate
- trust - revocable
- State and local government
- churches, charities, and non-profit organizations
- public school
- BIA or Indian represented by BIA
- trust - irrevocable
- individual operating a small business
- Indian tribal venture.

***--Note:** See 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, for payment limitation, AGI, and--* payment eligibility requirements.

B Eligibility Criteria for Owners

An owner is eligible to offer land for enrollment in CRP if the owner meets 1 of the following requirements:

- *--owned the land for 12 months before the close of signup for general and grassland CRP offers
- owned land for 12 months before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup--*

Note: See paragraph 127 for ownership waivers.

Exception: Owners of land under expiring CRP-1 may reoffer such land for enrollment regardless of the length of ownership if all other eligibility requirements are met.

126 Eligible Person (Continued)

B Eligibility Criteria for Owners (Continued)

- acquired the land by will or succession as a result of death
- acquired the land under circumstances other than for placement in CRP, as determined by DAFP.

Notes: Ownership eligibility requirements will be considered satisfied if there is any combination of continuously leasing and owning by the same “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL during the 12-month period before the close of the current signup period.

When new land is acquired and added to a farm that meets the requirements of this subparagraph, the new land may only be offered when it also meets the ownership eligibility requirements of this subparagraph.

C Eligibility Criteria for Operators

An operator is eligible to offer land for enrollment in CRP when the operator meets all of the following requirements:

- operated the land for 12 months before the close of current of signup for general CRP and grassland CRP
- operated the land for 12 months before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup
- provides satisfactory evidence, as determined by COC, that control of the land will continue uninterrupted for the CRP-1 period.

Note: Satisfactory evidence may include any of the following:

- statement signed by the owner
- written lease for the appropriate time period
- owner’s signature on CRP-1.

Operator eligibility requirements will be considered satisfied if there is any combination of leasing and owning by the same “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL during the 12-month period before the close of the current signup period.

126 Eligible Person (Continued)**D Eligibility Criteria for Beginning, SDA, or Veteran Farmers or Ranchers**

A beginning, SDA, or Veteran farmer or rancher that has an approved TIP CRP-1R is not *--required to meet the 12-month owner/operator criteria when enrolling in continuous CRP--* signup.

E Payment Share Policy

An eligible person offering land for CRP **must** be eligible to offer land for CRP in his or her own right.

Participants will determine shares. COC will approve shares provided they are not designed to circumvent other program regulations. Payment shares are not required to be commensurate with previous CRP annual rental payments or interests on other contracts or agreements in the County Office.

Note: “0” percent share is not an appropriate share for the person qualifying the land.

F Date Ownership Commences

Land ownership must be determined according to 10-CM, paragraph 22. County Offices may determine the date ownership commences using the same document that was used to determine land ownership if a date is provided on the document.

If a deed is used to determine ownership, County Offices must determine the date ownership commences using the later of the following:

- the date the deed was recorded
- the date of possession, if the possession date is after the deed recording date.

G Date Operatorship Commences

County Offices must use County Office records to determine the date operatorship commenced. If no records exist, the operator must provide adequate assurance, as determined by COC, that the operator is eligible to participate.

127 Waiving Ownership Eligibility Requirements

A COC Waivers of Ownership Requirements

COC's may accept land in CRP that does not meet the ownership requirements in subparagraph 126 B when:

- the land is any 1 of the following:

- acquired from an immediate family member within the 12-month period

Note: The total time owned by the family members was more than 12 months. Immediate family members include parents, children, siblings, grandparents, adopted children, and spouse.

- owned for more than 12 months, then sold on contract for deed

Note: Later the original owner repossessed the land and wants to submit an offer for CRP.

- sold and the original owner holds the mortgage

Note: The original owner regains title through foreclosure proceedings after the new owner files for bankruptcy. The original owner is eligible if the land was owned for at least 12 months.

- owned by a joint venture or general partnership of which at least 1 member has owned at least 50 percent of the land for the required 12-month period.

Example: Tim and Steve have owned 100 acres with an undivided interest for the last 10 years. Tim has a 60 percent share and Steve has a 40 percent share. Six months before the end of the CRP signup period, Tim bought Steve's share of the land and became the sole owner. Tim is eligible to offer land in CRP. If Steve had bought Tim's interest, Steve would not be eligible to enroll the land.

127 Waiving Ownership Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

A COC Waivers of Ownership Requirements (Continued)

- a producer did 1 of the following:

- leased a farm with an option to buy

Note: The producer operated the acreage for more than 12 months before the close of the current signup period, then purchased the land shortly before signup.

- owned a farm for more than 12 months

Note: The producer then purchases additional acreage and the farms are combined. CRP-1 can be approved on the resulting farm only if the designated acres are all on the original tract.

- owned a farm for more than 12 months.

Note: The producer then lost land in foreclosure and exercised the right of redemption under State law, thereby redeeming the land from the mortgage holder before signup.

COC may waive the 12-month ownership requirement if the total offered acreage is less *--than or equal to 10 percent of the total cropland or noncropland purchased, as applicable.

Example 1: James Smith (owner) purchased 180 acres of cropland on October 15, 2021.--* This purchase is less than 1 year before the end of the signup period. Mr. Smith offered 15 acres of cropland for enrollment in CRP. Because the 15 acres of cropland are less than or equal to 10 percent of the total cropland purchased, COC may waive the 12-month ownership provision.

*--**Example 2:** Jane Smith (owner) purchased 40 acres of noncropland on November 15, 2021. This purchase is less than 1 year before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup. Ms. Smith offered 3 acres of noncropland for enrollment in CRP as marginal pastureland. Because the 3 acres of marginal pastureland are less than or equal to 10 percent of the total noncropland purchased, COC may waive the 12-month ownership provision.--*

Waivers for conditions not listed in this paragraph may only be approved by DAFP. All requests for waivers **must** include COC and STC recommendation and all relevant documentation to support the request, including a copy of the COC minutes that clearly indicate why COC determined to recommend the waiver.

Note: When STC does not recommend approval of a waiver request, STC must deny the request and provide appeal rights according to 1-APP.

127 Waiving Ownership Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

B STC Waivers of Ownership Requirements

STC may waive the 12-month ownership requirement if the total offered acreage is less than *--or equal to 20 percent of the total cropland or noncropland purchased.

Example 1: John Jones (owner) purchased 400 acres of farmland on October 15, 2021.--*
The total cropland purchased is 300 acres. This purchase is less than 1 year before the end of the signup period. Mr. Jones offered 50 acres of cropland for enrollment in CRP. Because the 50 acres of cropland are less than or equal to 20 percent of the total cropland purchased, STC may waive the 12-month ownership provisions.

*--**Example 2:** Jane Smith (owner) purchased 40 acres of noncropland on November 15, 2021. This purchase is less than 1 year before submitting the offer for continuous CRP signup. Ms. Smith offered 6 acres of noncropland for enrollment in CRP as marginal pastureland. Because the 6 acres of marginal pastureland are less than or equal to 20 percent of the total noncropland purchased, STC may waive the 12-month ownership provision.--*

C Offer Acceptance When Ownership Eligibility Is Not Met (Undetermined)

This subparagraph applies only when the producer submits a waiver of ownership to COC or STC.

When ownership eligibility is not met at the time the producer offers the land for enrollment in CRP, County Offices must:

- allow the producer to submit the offer through the COLS process
- inform the producer the offer will not be considered until ownership eligibility has been determined.

Note: The offer is submitted but will not be ranked under a general signup because eligibility has not been determined.

128 Structural Change in Ownership of Land**A Structural Change Policy**

CRP ownership eligibility criteria provides an exception for structural changes in joint *--operations. See 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, for the definition of joint--* operations.

Note: Structural changes in entities, such as corporations, trusts, or limited partnerships, do not affect ownership eligibility but may affect payment limitation.

When a structural change has occurred in a joint operation within the 12-month ownership requirement and the persons continuing to conduct the farming operation after the reorganization were primarily responsible for conducting the farming operation before the reorganization, the members are eligible for CRP.

Example: Smith Farms consisted of 3 members in a general partnership. The partnership made a structural change adding a family member as a general partner. The partnership increased by 1 person 6 months before the end of signup. The partnership is eligible to submit an offer.

Note: The structural change policy applies to owners **and** operators.

129 Right of Redemption After Foreclosure Provision**A Policy**

Producers who, before submitting a CRP offer, exercised their right of redemption under State law and redeemed land from a mortgage holder after foreclosure or after voluntarily conveying the acreage to the lending institution instead of foreclosure are eligible to participate if all the following are met:

- the length of original land ownership, foreclosure, redemption, and resulting ownership is at least 12 months
- the producer agrees in writing that CRP-1 shall not be assumed by a successor-in-interest

Note: COC or CED must approve CRP-1 only after agreement is received.

- the acreage is otherwise eligible according to Section 2.

B Notifying the Producer

County Offices must use CRP-25 to notify producers who had a brief loss of ownership, because of foreclosure or the threat of foreclosure, that they may participate when all other eligibility requirements are met.

Note: See Exhibit 5 for instructions and an example of CRP-25.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions

A Landlord and Tenant Provisions

Landlords must:

- when the acreage offered is not enrolled in CRP at the time of signup:
 - provide tenants, who have an interest in the acreage being offered at the time of signup, an opportunity to participate in CRP
 - not reduce the number of tenants on the farm as a result of or in anticipation of enrollment in CRP
- when the acreage offered is enrolled in CRP at the time of signup, provide tenants, with an interest in the CRP-1 acreage, an opportunity to participate in CRP if either of the following apply:
 - the tenant is otherwise involved in farming other cropland acreage on the farm at the time of signup
 - the tenant has an interest in the acreage being offered on the effective date of the new CRP-1.

Note: Interest in CRP-1 is not considered farming.

Landlords who violate these provisions will be ineligible to earn CRP payments, including annual rental payments, incentive payments, and C/S payments, until COC determines that the landlord is no longer in violation. See subparagraph B.

B Before Approving CRP-1

COC must determine whether landlord tenant provisions have been violated before approving CRP-1.

When there is a dispute between a landlord and tenant, and COC determines there is insufficient evidence to make a determination, COC must refuse to approve CRP-1 until the landlord and tenant resolve the dispute.

If the landlord and tenant provisions have been violated, COC must **not** approve CRP-1.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions (Continued)

C Binding CRP-1

An approved CRP-1 is a binding * * * contract between all signatories on CRP-1, with a share greater than zero, and CCC.

- Transferring interest in the land under CRP-1 does **not** relieve COC's responsibility to ensure protection of the rights of the operator or tenants who are signatories on CRP-1 and who continue to have an interest in the acreage.
- CRP policy prohibits a landlord from replacing or removing the operator, tenant, or an estate from CRP-1 **unless** at least 1 of the conditions in subparagraph F are met.

D When Provisions Do Not Apply

Landlord and tenant provisions do **not** apply when the tenant:

- was removed for cause as determined by RA according to State law
- left the farm voluntarily without any coercion from the landlord.

Note: A signed statement by the tenant or sharecropper voluntarily relinquishing his or her right to the farm or CRP benefits is sufficient evidence to show voluntary removal.

The landlord may offer land for CRP that has a history of a tenant if COC determines that the landlord has the "necessary means" to conduct the farming operation.

For CRP purposes, "necessary means" means the landlord has the knowledge and ability to establish and maintain the CRP cover.

130 CRP Landlord and Tenant Provisions (Continued)**G Removing Participants From CRP-1**

When a landlord legally removes an operator or tenant from the farm, COC must determine whether the operator or tenant may be removed from CRP-1 based on provisions in subparagraph F. If COC determines to remove the operator or tenant, the landlord may, if a revised CRP-1 is signed:

- continue CRP-1 as owner and receive all the payment
- acquire a new operator or tenant who may become a successor-in-interest to CRP-1.

County Offices must provide the:

- landlord or new operator or tenant, if applicable, with a revised CRP-1
- former operator or tenant appeal rights according to 1-APP.

131 AGI Provisions**A Policy for CRP-1's Approved May 13, 2002, Through September 30, 2008**

Beginning May 13, 2002, an average AGI limitation became effective for certain programs, including CRP.

This provision is effective beginning with the 2003 crop year. The average AGI limitation provides that an individual or entity shall not be eligible to receive certain benefits, during a crop year, if the average AGI of the individual or entity exceeds \$2.5 million, and less than 75 percent of the average AGI of the individual or entity is derived from farming, ranching, or forestry operations. See 1-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved May 13, 2002, through September 30, 2008, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 1-PL.

B Policy for CRP-1's Approved Beginning October 1, 2008, Through September 30, 2013

The average AGI limitation provides that a person or legal entity shall be ineligible to receive certain benefits during a crop year if the average adjusted gross nonfarm income of the person or legal entity exceeds \$1 million, unless at least 66.66 percent of the average AGI of the person or legal entity is average adjusted gross farm income. See 4-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved beginning October 1, 2008, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 4-PL.

***--C Policy for CRP-1's Approved Beginning October 1, 2013, Through September 30, 2020**

The average AGI limitation provides that a person or legal entity is ineligible for payments and benefits for 2015 and subsequent FY's if the average AGI exceeds \$900,000. See 5-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved beginning October 1, 2013, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 5-PL.

D Policy for CRP-1's Approved Beginning October 1, 2020

The average AGI limitation provides that a person or legal entity is ineligible for payments and benefits for 2021 and subsequent FY's if the average AGI exceeds \$900,000. See 5-PL.

Note: If a succession occurs to CRP-1 approved beginning October 1, 2020, the successor must meet the AGI provisions in 6-PL.--*

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)***--E AGI Certification**

All producers with a share greater than zero, including members of entities and joint operations, **must** provide a certification of average AGI according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable. For CRP, certifications of average AGI are binding for the life of--* CRP-1. CCC-526, CCC-926, CCC-931, CCC-933, or CCC-941, as applicable, must be filed and appropriate flags set in the subsidiary file according to 3-PL before CRP-1 is approved. AGI determinations for CRP are for the contract period. See subparagraph I for contract revision AGI requirements.

***--F Policy for CRP-1's Approved for CRP Signup 46**

No AGI limitation was in effect for CRP signup 46 (FY 2014).

G Determining Which AGI Rule Applies to Contract--*

The following provides guidance on which:

- payment limitation and rules apply to CRP contracts
- AGI certification form should have been filed or must be filed at the time of contract approval.

***--Note:** Follow 5-PL or 6-PL to determine which business types are required to file AGI--* certifications.

Original Contact Approved →	On or After May 13, 2002 and Before Oct. 1, 2008	On or After Oct. 1 2008	Oct. 1, 2013 Through Sept. 30, 2014 (FY 2014) Signup 46	On or After Oct. 1, 2014
AGI Rule and AGI Limitation Amount	1-PL \$2.5 mil	4-PL \$1 mil nonfarm	Not subject to AGI Provisions	5-PL \$900,000
Required Form	CCC-526 or CCC-526C	CCC-931 CCC-933 CCC-931C		CCC-941

Note: CCC-926 may have been used and was acceptable before CCC-931 was made available.

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)

***--H AGI Requirements for Producers Associated With Original Contracts**

Beginning June 4, 2012, follow this table to determine the requirements for filing an AGI certification form for producers.

Note: See subparagraph G to determine which AGI certification form should be filed.--*

If the producer is an entity or joint operation, all members with an ownership share are required to file the applicable AGI certification if the entity/joint operation is required to file the certification.

IF the producer's share is...	AND the producer is...	THEN the AGI certification is...
0 percent		not required.
Greater than 0 percent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an individual entity without members 	required for the producer.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> joint operation entity with members 	required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the producer, except for a joint operation each member with an ownership share greater than 0 percent.

***--I--*Contract Revisions**

This table provides guidance for the requirements for filing an AGI certification form for producers and members of entities and joint operations when a contract is revised for either of the following reasons:

- new producer is added to the CRP contract
- new members are added to an entity or joint operation that has an interest in the CRP contract.

***--Note:** See subparagraph G to determine which AGI certification form should be filed.--*

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)

*--I--*Contract Revisions (Continued)

IF the contract is revised because...	AND the new producer has...	AND the producer is...	THEN an AGI certification is...
a new producer was added to the contract	0 percent share		not required.
	has a share greater than 0 percent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an individual entity without members 	<p>required for the year the change became effective for the producer.</p> <p>Example: Producer A has CRP contract #2117 with an effective date of October 1, 2010. Producer A sells the land to Producer B on September 20, 2011. Producer B informs the County Office on January 10, 2012, that he purchased the land under CRP contract #2117. Producer B must file AGI forms for 2011 (the year the change became effective).</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> joint operation entity with members 	<p>required as follows for the year the producer is added to the contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the producer, except for a joint operation each member with an ownership share greater than 0 percent. <p>*--See exception in subparagraph J.--*</p>
an existing producer's share was increased from 0 percent		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an individual entity without members 	required for year the producer was originally added to the contract with a 0 percent share.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> joint operation entity with members 	<p>required as follows for the year the producer was originally added to the contract with a 0 percent share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the producer, except for a joint operation each member with an ownership share greater than 0 percent.
a new member is added to a joint operation or an entity with members			<p>required for year the member was added to the operation with an ownership share greater than 0 percent.</p> <p>*--See exception in subparagraph J.--*</p>

131 AGI Provisions (Continued)***--J--*Exception to Year AGI Certification Must Be Filed**

If a producer or member of an entity or joint operation was previously associated with the CRP contract, then the original AGI certification continues to apply for that producer or member if their role changes.

Example: John Farmer has 100 percent interest in a CRP contract approved in 2010.

Farmers LLC replace John Farmer as a producer on the CRP contract in 2012. John Farmer is a member of Farmers LLC and has a 100 percent ownership interest in LLC.

Because John Farmer was already associated with the contract, the 2010 AGI certification continues to be applicable for John. However, an AGI certification **must** be filed for 2012 for Farmers LLC.

***--K--*Exception for Lands of Special Significance**

The Administrator may allow a waiver to the \$900,000 AGI limitation on a case-by-case basis for land that is determined to be environmentally sensitive land of special significance.

Waivers must be submitted to DAFP according to Exhibit 16.

132-150 (Reserved)

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

A Cropland Cropping History Eligibility Criteria (Continued)

Cropland acreage enrolled in CRP maintains its status as eligible cropland. Therefore, acreage currently enrolled in CRP is eligible to be offered for enrollment if the current CRP-1 expires September 30 of the FY before the effective date of a new contract, unless the acreage has a CRP useful life easement that extends beyond the length of the current CRP-1.

Exception: Cropland that is currently enrolled in CRP that did not meet the cropland eligibility criteria when initially enrolled, but was allowed to continue in CRP under erroneous eligibility provisions, is not eligible to be re-enrolled.

The following is an example of cropping history credit for conserving use and rotations.

No.	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cropping History
1	Corn	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	No
2	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Yes - 12-Year Rotation Considered Planted
3	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Corn	Yes - 9-Year Rotation Considered Planted
4	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	Expired CRP Cover	Expired CRP Cover	Expired CRP Cover ^{1/}	Yes - Considered Planted
5	Alfalfa	Corn	Corn	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Corn	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Yes - Conserving Use
6	Clover	Soybeans	Corn	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Corn	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Clover	Clover	Yes - Conserving Use
7	Clover	Corn	Corn	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Clover	Corn	Planted Clover	Clover	Clover	Corn	Yes - Conserving Use
8	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	Yes – 2-Year Rotation Considered Planted
9	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Fallow	Planted Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Fallow	Yes – 8-Year Rotation Considered Planted
10	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Fallow	No
11	Corn	Fallow	Alfalfa	Alfalfa	Barley	Fallow	Fallow	Fallow	Soybeans	Fallow	Corn	Corn	No
^{1/} The cover continues to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP from 2018 through the date of the offer.													

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Notes: Shaded area reflects acreage that receives planted or considered planted acreage.

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

--B Land Eligibility Criteria for General or Continuous CRP Signup--

Any land meeting the requirements in subparagraph A may be eligible for enrollment if it falls into 1 or more of the following categories.

Category	Criteria
Erodibility	<p>*--For general CRP signup, cropland offered if the weighted average EI--* for the 3 predominant soils of the new land on the acreage offered is 8 or greater.</p> <p>The most current soil survey information shall be used. EI for CRP eligibility shall be calculated using RUSLE2 or WEQ. Do not use USLE.</p> <p>EI's will be calculated based on the predominance of the type of erosion present. If the offer is subject to both wind and water erosion, the higher EI *--calculation shall be used. The results of the RUSLE2 or WEQ shall not be added together.</p>
Expiring CRP	<p>For general CRP signup, land currently enrolled in CRP scheduled to expire on September 30 of the FY the acreage is offered for enrollment.</p> <p>Example: CRP-1 is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2022. The acreage may be offered for enrollment during FY 2022.--*</p>

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

--B Land Eligibility Criteria for General or Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)--

Category	Criteria
CPA's	<p>*--For general CRP signup cropland located within 1 of the following:--*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesapeake Bay Region • Great Lakes Region • Long Island Sound Region • Longleaf Pine Region <p>Important: All cropland within the Longleaf Pine Region is not automatically eligible to be offered for enrollment. Cropland within the Longleaf Pine Region must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable to be devoted to longleaf pine • planted or devoted to longleaf pine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prairie Pothole Region <p>Note: See Exhibit 18 for maps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-designated CPA's.
Practices Eligible Under Continuous *--CRP Signup	<p>Those practices eligible for enrollment under continuous CRP signup--*</p> <p>See paragraph 171.</p>

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

C Land Enrolled in Other Programs

If all other eligibility criteria are met, the following land may be offered for CRP:

- land currently under Pub. L. 566 or Pub. L. 534 long-term contracts, if approved for modification by NRCS
- *--land for which the EQIP contract has expired, independent of the conservation practice lifespan is eligible for grassland CRP--*
- cropland that has had a permanent cover, including trees, established under EQIP or CSP that is no longer within practice lifespan requirements.

Examples: Cropland on which permanent vegetative cover has been established under EQIP and still under EQIP lifespan requirements is not eligible for enrollment in CRP.

A farm under a CSP contract that has only a part of the otherwise eligible cropland devoted to a permanent cover may have the CSP contract modified, if approved by NRCS, to allow enrollment of acreage not devoted to a permanent cover into CRP.

Note: See subparagraph D for land ineligible for enrollment in CRP.

D Ineligible Acreage

The following acreage is ineligible to be offered in CRP:

- Federally owned land
- land on which a Federal agency restricts the use in a mortgage or an easement
- land on which the use of the land is either restricted through deed or other restriction before enrollment in CRP prohibiting the production of agricultural commodities, or requires any resource-conserving measures during any part of the proposed contract period

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

D Ineligible Acreage (Continued)

- land for which Tribal, State or other local laws, ordinances, or other regulations require any resources conserving or environmental protection measures or practices and the owners or operators of such land have been notified in writing of such requirements, except, such land may be eligible for enrollment in CRP if the land is:
 - at the time of offer, enrolled in CRP under an approved CREP agreement that was in effect on December 20, 2018, and was initially approved before January 1, 2014, including any amended or successor CREP agreement; provided, that the CRP contract under which the land is enrolled is in the final year of the contract period, and the scheduled expiration date of the current CRP contract is before the effective starting date of the new CRP contract; or
 - such other land in the State that the DAFP determines is both otherwise eligible for CRP and appropriate for enrollment in CRP; and

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Note: Publication of Tribal, State, or other local laws, ordinances, or other regulations is considered written notification of requirements. Written notification is not limited to individualized notification to owners or operators.

- land devoted to hardwood trees that has been re-enrolled in CRP one or more times that is under 1 of the practices:
 - CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting

***--Exception:** Enrolled acres on practice CP3A, Hardwood Trees, on wetland soils that have been re-enrolled 1 or more times, may be offered for re-enrollment as 1 of the following CRP practices, provided the land and cover meets all other eligibility requirements:

- CP23 – Wetland Restoration
- CP23A – Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
- CP31 – Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands.--*
- CP11, Vegetative Cover – Trees – Already Established
- CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat (Hardwood Trees Only)
- CP36, Longleaf Pine Establishment
- *--CP38C-3A, SAFE Trees
- CP38C-25, SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only)
- CP38D-36, SAFE Longleaf Pine

Important: Land enrolled in CRP devoted to CP11, Vegetative Cover – Trees – Already Established, for hardwood trees is not eligible for re-enrollment.--*

151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

D Ineligible Acreage (Continued)

***--Note:** The CRP automated systems cannot accurately identify whether land being offered for enrollment has been previously re-enrolled to a specific practice. See Exhibit 3 for instructions on determining re-enrollment eligibility of hardwood tree practices (CP3A, CP11, CP25, CP36, CP38C-3A, CP38C-25, CP38C-36).--*

- acreage permanently under water, including acreage currently enrolled in CRP

Exception: Acreage devoted to either of the following may be eligible to be offered if all other eligibility requirements are met:

- CP9, Shallow Water Area for Wildlife
- water, according to paragraph 429.

- land under ACEP-WRE, CSP, or EQIP that meets either of the following criteria:
 - has had a permanent cover, including trees, established and is still within the practice lifespan requirements

***--Note:** See subparagraph 151 C for grassland CRP.--*

- is under agreement and is scheduled to have a permanent cover, including trees, established regardless of whether any practice has been started or C/S paid

Notes: Canceling or modifying the contract or agreement or refunding C/S will not make the acreage eligible to be offered for enrollment.

Certain otherwise eligible cropland acreage enrolled in a CSP contract may be eligible for enrollment in CRP if the contract is approved for modification by NRCS. See subparagraph C.

Acreage under contract or agreement, which are management or structural in nature and does not require establishment or enhancement of a permanent cover, may be offered for enrollment if all other eligibility requirements are met. All acreage offered for enrollment in CRP that is under an EQIP contract **must** be terminated from the EQIP contract before CRP-1 is approved. The EQIP contract **must** be modified to remove this acreage according to EQIP Manual.

Examples: Following are examples of management or structural practices:

- strip cropping
- no-till systems
- underground pipelines
- terraces that do not require permanent cover.

Part 7 Continuous CRP Signup**171 Overview****A General Information**

Producers may submit offers to enroll certain acreage in CRP at any time under continuous CRP signup, provided the total county cropland limitation has not been exceeded according to Part 4. Continuous CRP signup provides producers with management flexibility when planning conservation enhancements to their farming operations.

Unlike a general CRP signup, the continuous CRP signup process does not have a competitive evaluation process.

The purpose of continuous CRP signup is to enroll small targeted environmentally sensitive acreage.

B Signup Numbers and Program Year

Signup numbers change at the beginning of each FY under the continuous CRP signup provisions.

Note: See Exhibit 20.

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

***--Example:** Producer submits an offer for CP21 on July 1, 2022. COC approves CRP-1 on September 22, 2022. CRP-1 is effective October 1, 2022. The program year on CRP-1 is 2023.--*

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow

The following table provides activities that must be completed for continuous CRP signup offers.

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
1	Producer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expresses an interest in enrolling in CRP indicates the acreage they want to enroll on digital imagery/map and identifies the practice they want to enroll. 	Paragraph 211
2	County Office determines whether all the following are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all producer eligibility requirements all land eligibility requirements CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. 	Paragraphs 81, 126, 130, 131, 151, and 181
3	If all requirements in step 2 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> met, create a TERRA scenario, upload it into COLS, and print CRP-2C not met; Stop, do not proceed, and inform producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26. 	*--4-CRP--* Subparagraph 215 A and 1-APP
4	COC or CED provides the following to NRCS or TSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unsigned CRP-2C geospatial data/map identifying acreage offered. 	Subparagraph 211 D
5	If land offered for enrollment is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP), go to step 5A land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, go to step 5B a combination of new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP) and land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, go to step 5A for the new land and step 5B for the land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment. 	Paragraphs 181 and 211

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
5A	<p>Based on a site visit, NRCS/TSP determines, using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementation of the CRP practice offered is feasible and needed to, and will, solve or address the resource concern(s) listed for the CRP practice • the existing cover is solving or addressing the resource concern(s) in the CRP practice purpose • practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11 • the acreage offered is suitable for installation of the NRCS conservation practices needed to apply the CRP practice. 	Paragraphs 181 and 211, Exhibit 11, and NRCS Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet
5B	<p>Based on a site visit, NRCS/TSP determines, using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable • approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan • CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) and meets the purpose of the practice • NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice • CRP practice meets the current practice standards. <p>If any of the above are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.</p>	Paragraphs 181 and 211, Exhibit 11, and applicable NRCS document

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
6	<p>NRCS or TSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> returns unsigned CRP-2C and geospatial data/map to County Office provides the County Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP) offered, a signed and dated Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet and other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, as applicable, and other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable. 	Subparagraph 211 F, NRCS Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, and/or applicable NRCS document
7	<p>COC or CED reviews NRCS or TSP documents and findings. County Office files all documents received from NRCS or TSP in the CRP folder.</p> <p>If NRCS or TSP determined the practice and acreage offered is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not suitable, needed, and feasible; Stop and notify the producer the practice is not acceptable using CRP-26 suitable, needed, and feasible without any changes; go to step 9 suitable, needed, and feasible, but only if required changes are made; go to step 8 	Paragraphs 211, 215, and 603

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
7 (Cntd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment: • not maintained according to the conservation plan; Stop, the land is not eligible for enrollment; handle noncompliance according to paragraph 603 • not resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) per the purpose of the practice; Stop, the land is not eligible for enrollment; handle noncompliance according to paragraph 603 • practice and cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable; practice is resolving or addressing the resource concern(s); practice meets the purpose of the practice and the current practice standards; and the NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice; go to step 9 • practice and cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable, but does not meet the current practice standards; go to step 8. <p>When producer modifies the practice or acreage offered after NRCS or TSP has made the determinations in this step, Stop and go back to step 3.</p>	Paragraphs 211, 215, and 603
8	<p>COC or CED notifies producer of required changes needed to make the practice acceptable. If producer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agrees to make all required changes, go back to step 3 and create new TERRA scenario, CRP-2C, and geospatial data/map, then proceed to step 9 • does not agree to make all required changes, Stop and notify producer offer is not acceptable using CRP-26. 	Paragraph 215

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
9	County Offices will ensure that the base limitation is not exceeded.	Paragraphs 212 and 401
10	County Office completes and prints CRP-2C and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2C and CRP-1 are ready for signature.	Paragraphs 214 and 215
11	County Office completes paid-for measurement service, if requested.	Paragraph 215
12	Producer signs and dates completed CRP-2C and CRP-1, and provides the signed documents to the County Office.	Subparagraph 215 B
13	County Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notifies producer of acceptability of offer using CRP-23 • provides producer a copy of signed CRP-1 and CRP-2C • provides producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix • updates offer status in COLS to “submit to plan” • provides NRCS a copy of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter of acceptability sent to producer (CRP-23) • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2C • new geospatial data/map created in step 8, if applicable. 	Paragraphs 214 *--and 215--*
14	NRCS provides County Office with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed. 	Paragraphs 366 and 367

171 Overview (Continued)

C * * * Continuous CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Continuous CRP Signup Activity	Reference
15	<p>County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes all necessary consultations, if needed • obtains copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G • completes FSA's portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to "submit to COC". 	Subparagraph 366 B, paragraph 367, *--and 4-CRP--*
16	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.	Paragraph 366
17	County Office ensures that AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.	Paragraph 131
18	COC or CED approves CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
19	County Office records contract period on CRP-1.	*--Paragraph 401
20	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.	Paragraph 213 and 4-CRP
21	<p>County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • records CRP-1 number obtained from CCMS on CRP-1 and CRP-2C • record C/S requested in CSS and generate FSA-848A *--within 5 workdays of CRP-1 approval--* • notifies producer that CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24 and provides producer a copy of approved CRP-1, CRP-2C, and FSA-848A. 	Paragraphs 215, 401, and 500--*

172-180 (Reserved)

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland

The following is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland:

- cropland
- forestland
- woodland.

Under no circumstances can land be considered both cropland and marginal pastureland. See 10-CM, for provisions for removing land from cropland status to be enrolled in CRP under marginal pastureland criteria.

Marginal pastureland can only be enrolled as CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, or CP30.

All of the following **must** be met before **marginal pastureland**, including grazing land that may not have been previously seeded, may be determined acceptable for enrollment under continuous CRP signup:

- devoted to a CP22 riparian buffer (planted or natural regeneration), CP29 wildlife habitat buffer, or CP30 wetland buffer as determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP
- COC or CED determines that the:
 - marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to the water body identified and documented by NRCS or TSP according to subparagraph E
 - producer eligibility requirements in Part 6, Section 1, are met
 - land offered is marginal pastureland

Important: Land that meets the definition of cropland cannot be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland. See 10-CM for the definition of cropland.

- practice and acreage offered meets program policy and size requirements for the practice provided in Exhibit 11

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181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)**C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland (Continued)**

- NRCS or TSP must advise the producer on the selection of the appropriate practice and cover type based on site conditions and producer objectives
- NRCS or TSP determines:
 - for new land offered (land not currently enrolled in CRP), based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, all of the following:
 - there is a resource concern the offered acreage and CRP practice will solve
 - existing cover is not solving or addressing the resource concern(s) of the CRP practice offered
 - acreage is suitable for the CRP practice offered
 - CRP practice offered is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11
 - for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, based on a site visit and using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:
 - CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable
 - approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan
 - CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concerns and meets the purpose of the practice

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

E Determinations, Identification, and Documentation (Continued)

For **marginal pastureland** to be eligible to be enrolled as practice:

- CP22, CP22B, CP22S, or CP29, COC or CED must determine whether the **marginal pastureland** is immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:
 - stream having perennial flow
 - stream having seasonal/intermittent flow (contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after a rainfall or snowmelt)
 - sinkhole/karst areas
 - **permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds, if **both** of the following are met:
 - contains water cover **throughout the year in all years**
 - provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm.

Important: NRCS or TSP must identify and document the type of eligible water body on the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for new land, or on the applicable document for land currently enrolled in CRP that is being reoffered, as applicable. COC or CED must determine whether the marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to the identified eligible water body.

- CP30, COC or CED must determine whether the **marginal pastureland** is immediately adjacent and parallel to wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants that meet 1 of the following:
 - permanently flooded
 - intermittently exposed
 - semi-permanently flooded
 - seasonally flooded.

Important: NRCS or TSP must identify and document the type of eligible wetland on the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet for new land, or on the applicable document for land currently enrolled in CRP that is being reoffered, as applicable. COC or CED must determine whether the marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to the identified eligible wetland.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

F Expiring Continuous CRP Signup Land Eligibility

Cropland and marginal pastureland that is currently enrolled may be offered for enrollment in CRP no earlier than 6 months before CRP-1 is scheduled to expire. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements of paragraph 151 and subparagraph 181 A, B, or C, as applicable, the practice must meet the current practice standards for the practice according to Exhibit 11.

Cropland that was previously enrolled in CRP but CRP-1 has expired or was terminated and the land is not enrolled in CRP at the time it is offered may be eligible to be enrolled under continuous CRP signup if the land meets all eligibility requirements for new land (land not currently enrolled in CRP), including needed and feasible criteria.

Note: Land that is currently enrolled or has expired and the cover has been maintained is **not** eligible for SIP.

The following are examples of land enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment in CRP within 6 months of CRP-1 expiring.

Example 1: Land is enrolled as CP21. The average width of the practice is 80 feet. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. NRCS determines the average width must be 100 feet to meet the current practice standards (practice standards at time land is being offered). The participant may enroll the land as CP21 provided the average width enrolled is 100 feet according to an approved conservation plan and all other eligibility requirements are met.

Example 2: Land is enrolled as CP21. The average width of the practice is 80 feet. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. The participant submits an offer to enroll the land currently enrolled plus additional land not currently enrolled making the average width 100 feet. NRCS determines the practice meets the current practice standards (practice standards at time land is being offered) and the land enrolled (average width of 80 feet) is solving the resource concern. The offer is not approved because the existing land and practice meets the current practice standards and is solving the resource concern, and the offer includes additional land not needed.

Example 3:*--Land is enrolled as CP1 under an expiring general CRP signup CRP-1.--*
The land enrolled includes a seasonally flooded wetland. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. The participant submits an offer under continuous CRP signup for just the seasonally flooded wetland acreage and an upland buffer to be devoted to CP23. The land may be enrolled as CP23 provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

181 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

F Expiring Continuous CRP Signup Land Eligibility (Continued)

Example 4:*--Land is enrolled as CP3 under an expiring general CRP signup CRP-1.--*

Part of the land is immediately adjacent and parallel to a stream having perennial flow. The participant and land are in compliance with CRP-1. The participant submits and offer under continuous CRP signup for just the land that is immediately adjacent and parallel to the stream having perennial flow to be devoted to CP22. NRCS determines the land and existing cover (trees and understory) meet the current practice standards for CP22. The land may be enrolled as CP22 provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

G Acreage Ineligible To Be Enrolled

In addition to the ineligible acreage provided in subparagraph 151 D, acreage that is not necessary to meet current practice standards for the practice according to Exhibit 11 is not eligible to be enrolled.

182 Infeasible-to-Farm

A Definition of Infeasible-to-Farm

*--Infeasible-to-farm means an area that is too small or isolated to be economically farmed or is otherwise suitable for such classification.

B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy

COC may allow enrollment of certain **cropland** that is determined infeasible-to-farm.

Note: Infeasible-to-farm criteria does not apply to marginal pastureland or grassland CRP.--*

Producers may enroll up to 25 percent of the enrolled cropland acreage of a filter strip (CP21, CP21B, or CP21S) or riparian buffer (CP22, CP22B, or CP22S) per field as part of the filter strip or riparian buffer if COC determines the following:

- remaining cropland is infeasible-to-farm according to subparagraph A
- more than 50 percent of the **field** is enrolled as a filter strip or riparian buffer on cropland.

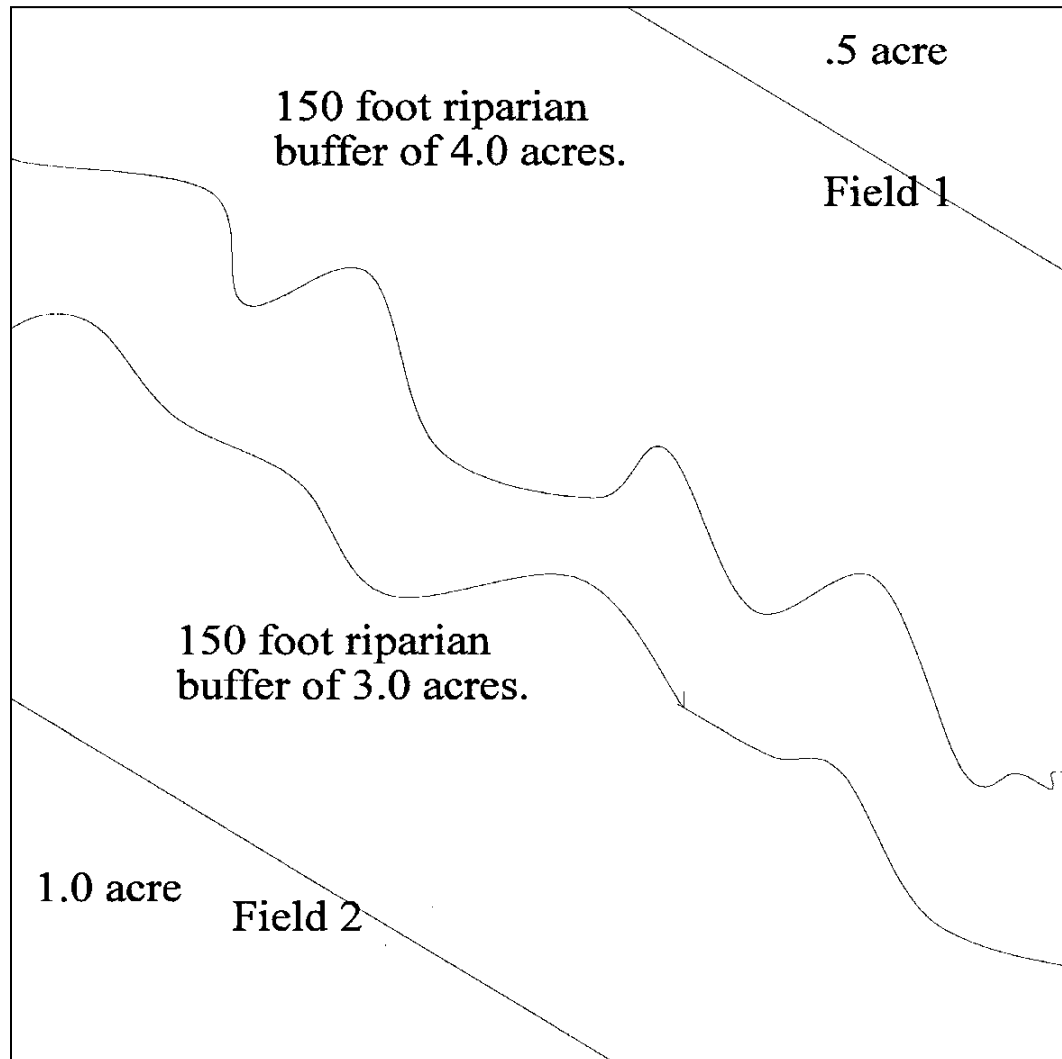
Note: COC is authorized to approve only up to 25 percent of the filter strip or riparian buffer per field as infeasible-to-farm acreage. Producers may request a waiver to enroll infeasible-to-farm acreage in excess of 25 percent. All waivers must be submitted to DAFP. Only DAFP may approve such waivers.

182 Infeasible-to-Farm (Continued)

B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy (Continued)

***--Example:** Producer offers to enroll a 4.0-acre CP22, Riparian Buffer, in Field 1 and a 3.0-acre CP22, Riparian Buffer, in Field 2. Field 2 has 1.0 acre remaining that is not part of the CP22, and Field 1 has 0.5 acres remaining that is not part of the CP22. The producer offered more than 50 percent of the total cropland acres in each field. The infeasible-to-farm amount for Field 1 is 1.0 acre, which is 25 percent of the riparian buffer in Field 1 (4.0 acres x .25 = 1.0 acre). Therefore, the 0.5-acre remaining portion of Field No. 1 is eligible to be offered for enrollment in CRP using infeasible-to-farm criteria.

The infeasible-to-farm amount for Field 2 is 0.8 acres, which is 25 percent of the riparian buffer in Field 2 (3.0 acres x .25 = .8 acre). Therefore, only 0.8 acres of the 1.0-acre portion remaining in Field 2 is eligible to be offered for enrollment in CRP using infeasible-to-farm criteria.--*



182 Infeasible-to-Farm (Continued)

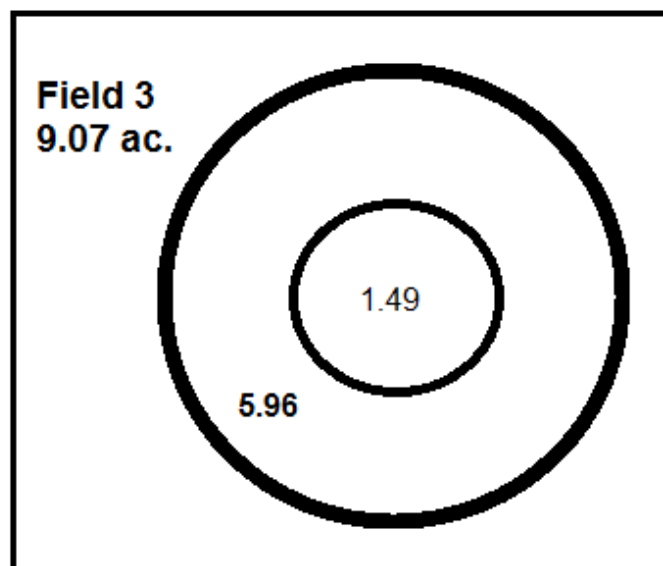
B Infeasible-to-Farm Policy (Continued)

Producers may enroll land as infeasible-to-farm if more than 75 percent of the field is enrolled as 1 of the following continuous CRP signup practices:

- CP5A
- CP8A
- CP17A
- CP18B
- CP18C
- CP23
- CP23A
- CP24
- CP27
- CP28
- CP31
- CP36
- CP37
- CP41.

***--Example 1:** Producer offers to enroll a 1.20-acre CP8A, Grass Waterways, in Field 2. Field 2 is comprised of 16.0 acres of cropland. Because 1.20 acres are less than 75 percent of the 16.0-acre field, infeasible-to-farm provisions do not apply.

Example 2: Field 3 is comprised of 9.07 acres of cropland. The producer offers to enroll a 7.45-acre CP23A, Wetland Restoration. The offered acres (7.45) are 82.14 percent of the total cropland in Field 3 (9.07). Therefore, the 1.23 acres remaining portion of Field 3 is eligible to be offered for enrollment in CRP using infeasible-to-farm criteria.--*



182 Infeasible-to-Farm (Continued)

C Per-Acre Incentive Payments for Infeasible-to-Farm Acreage

Per-acre maintenance incentive payments, that may apply to practices eligible under continuous CRP signup, do apply to land enrolled using the infeasible-to-farm criteria. See paragraph 196.

--183 HELI Offers*A Purpose**

HELI offers a continuous signup to establish long-term cover on highly erodible cropland that has a weighted erodibility index (EI) greater than or equal to 20, and that will reduce:

- erosion to below the soil loss tolerance level that will assist in maintaining the long-term productivity of the land
- off-site adverse impacts to water quality
- adverse impacts to hydrology by changing the land use, including reducing potential adverse flood impacts associated with severe storm events
- adverse impacts commonly associated with wind borne soil, including impacts to human health and property damage associated with severe dust storms.

B Eligible Land

Eligible cropland for HELI must:

- be cropland according to paragraph 151
- have a weighted EI of 20 or greater for the offered acreage
- be needed and feasible to solve the resource concern, as determined by NRCS or the Technical Service Provider (TSP) according to subparagraph 181 A.

Notes: The producer may enroll a field(s) or a portion of a field provided the weighted average EI (wind or water) for all land offered is greater than or equal to 20 based on the 3 predominant soils (determined by TERRA).

Existing grass or other perennial stands that are **not** currently enrolled in CRP are **not** eligible.

Consistent with the statute and criteria for all other continuous signup practices, expiring CRP acreage is eligible for re-enrollment and, therefore, automatically meets the needed and feasible eligibility requirements.--*

--183 HELI Offers (Continued)*C Eligible Practices**

The following practices are eligible for HELI:

- CP1
- CP2
- CP3
- CP3A
- CP4D
- CP25.

Note: CP12 is not an eligible practice associated with any HELI practice. Covers on new offers or expiring CRP land must meet the minimum N1a environmental benefits index (EBI) point value listed in Exhibit 26 for the applicable practice.

Example: An applicant has land that has a weighted average EI of 22. The land is not currently enrolled in CRP. The land meets the cropping history requirements of paragraph 151. The practice is determined needed and feasible by NRCS or TSP. The producer is offering to install a CP1. The cover must be a minimum of 2 to 3 species of an introduced grass.

D Incentives

SIP's and PIP's are authorized for new land enrolled under HELI provisions according to paragraphs 196 and 197.

Per acre Climate-Smart Practice Incentive rental rate incentive is authorized for all land enrolled under HELI provisions based on the practice. See subparagraph 66 D.

E Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1 period for CRP contracts under HELI is 10 years.

The effective date of the CRP-1 is the first day of the month following the month that COC approves the contract, or may be deferred up to 6 months according paragraph 213.

General signup contracts scheduled to expire on September 30 of the current year may be offered for enrollment under HELI. The effective start date of the CRP-1 is October 1 of the year the existing CRP-1 expires.

See paragraph 213 for an example of expiration date for a 10-year continuous contract.--*

***--183 HELI Offer (Continued)**

F Continuous Signup Number

For acreage enrolled in the CRP under HELI, County Offices shall use the current continuous signup number.

Note: Continuous signup numbers change at the beginning of every FY.--*

--184 CLEAR30 Pilot*A Purpose**

The CLEAR30 Pilot was authorized in the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. CLEAR30 provides long-term water quality benefits by authorizing FSA to re-enroll small targeted environmentally sensitive acreage into a 30-year contract.

B Eligible Land

CLEAR30 is available nationwide.

Cropland must be currently enrolled under a CRP contract in a continuous CRP water quality practice, with the contract expiring on September 30 of the year offered. Certain marginal pastureland that is devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, or wetland buffers is also eligible to enroll in CLEAR30, but also must be under a CRP contract expiring on September 30 of the year offered.

Important: Some land enrolled in CRP through a CREP agreement may **not** be eligible for CLEAR30. The terms and conditions of some CREP agreements prohibit or restrict enrollment of the land after the existing CRP contract expires, such as requiring the land to be placed under an easement or separate agreement with the State that makes the land ineligible for CRP. For land enrolled under a CREP agreement, County Offices must read the agreement to ensure that the land is not prohibited from enrollment in CRP before approving a CRP contract under CLEAR30.

FSA must provide an unsigned CRP-2C30 and geospatial data or map identifying the land offered for enrollment to NRCS for all CLEAR30 offers.

For expiring CRP land, NRCS is not required to determine need, feasibility, and suitability at the time of the offer. However, NRCS must determine whether the enrolled practice is present and functioning properly and that the number of acres offered meet the current practice standard, such as width of a filter strip. NRCS is **not** required to provide the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to FSA for re-enrolled practices. NRCS will return to FSA the unsigned CRP-2C30 and geospatial data or map.--*

*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

B Eligible Land (Continued)

Example: A producer submits an offer to enroll land under CLEAR30 signup. The land is currently enrolled in CRP under an eligible continuous signup practice with an established and functioning 2.50-acre CP21, Filter Strips, that is expiring on September 30. The producer offers the expiring 2.50 acres as CP21, Filter Strips. Because NRCS made a determination of need, feasibility, and suitability at the time the acreage was originally enrolled as CP21, such determinations are not required at the time of enrollment into CLEAR30. However, NRCS must determine whether the filter strip is present and functioning properly and that the number of acres offered meets the current practice standard, such as width of the filter strip. NRCS is **not** required to provide the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to FSA **unless** additional acreage is needed to meet the current practice standard

C Eligible Practices

The current practice **must** be in compliance at the time of offer into CLEAR30. All water quality practices listed in the following table are eligible to be offered under CLEAR30.

Practice	Title
CP8A	Grass Waterways
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
CP21	Filter Strips
CP22 <u>1/</u>	Riparian Buffer
CP23 <u>1/</u>	Wetland Restoration
CP23A <u>1/</u>	Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31 <u>1/</u>	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat

1/ The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, limits re-enrollment of land devoted to hardwood trees to 1 re-enrollment, excluding riparian forested buffers and forested wetlands. Identified practices are **not** limited to 1 re-enrollment.

Note: Participants may offer:

- all or a portion of the expiring acres
- new acres, in addition to the expiring acres, if necessary, to meet the current practice standard according to paragraph 181.--*

*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

D Incentives

SIP's and PIP's are **not** authorized for land enrolled under CLEAR30.

Per acre Climate-Smart Practice Incentive rental rate incentive is authorized for all land enrolled under CLEAR30 provisions based on the practice. See subparagraph 66 D.

A per acre Water Quality annual rental rate incentive of 20 percent will be added to the weighted average SRR for all practices offered under CLEAR30.

To encourage enrollment in the longer-term CLEAR30 contract of 30 years, FSA will provide a 27.5 percent rental rate adjustment to the weighted average SRR.

E SRR Calculation

Example of CLEAR30 Annual Rental Payment Calculation:

10-acre CP22 CLEAR30 offer.

The following incentives are applicable for this practice:

- 27.5 percent rental rate adjustment
- 20 percent Water Quality Incentive
- 10 percent Climate-Smart Incentive.

4 acres of Soil CR1 – Conservation Online System (COLS) rate = $\$99 \times 4 \text{ acres} = \396

3 acres of Soil ADC2 – COLS rate = $\$124 \times 3 \text{ acres} = \372

2.5 acres of Soil PVa – COLS rate = $\$75 \times 2.5 \text{ acres} = \188

Soil	Acres	COLS Soil Rate	Total Rent	Weighted Average SRR
CR1	4	\$99	\$396	
ADC2	3	\$124	\$372	
PVa	2.5	\$75	\$188	
Totals	9.5		\$956	\$100.63/acre

Total acres in 3 predominate soils = 9.5 acres

Total rent = \$956

Weighted average SRR of 3 predominate soils = $\$956 / 9.5 \text{ acres} = \$100.63/\text{acre}$

Total incentive adjustment (57.5 percent) = $\$100.63 \times .575 = \$57.86/\text{acre}$

Maximum rental rate = $\$100.63 + \$57.86 = \$158.49/\text{acre}$

Annual payment = $10 \text{ acres} \times \$158.49/\text{acre} = \$1,585/\text{year for 30 years}$

The maximum per-acre payment rate for all CLEAR30 offers is \$300 per acre.--*

--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)*F Contract Effective Date and Length**

Land currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for re-enrollment no earlier than 6 months before the existing CRP-1 is scheduled to expire. The effective date for the new CRP-1 must be October 1. The CRP-1 must have an approval date on or before September 30 of the year of contract expiration. If the existing CRP-1 is not in the last year of the contract period, the land is not eligible to be offered for enrollment into CLEAR30.

The contract length for all CLEAR30 contracts is 30 years.

Example: On July 2, 2022, producer offers land currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP CLEAR30 signup. The existing CRP-1 expires September 30, 2022, and all other eligibility requirements are met. CRP-1 for acreage offered was approved by COC or CED on September 12, 2022. The effective start date will be October 1, 2022.

The effective start date **cannot** be deferred, and the expiration date must be September 30, 2052.

G Continuous CRP Signup Number

For acreage enrolled in CRP under CLEAR30, County Offices shall use the current continuous signup number.

Note: Continuous signup numbers change at the beginning of every FY.

H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow

Manual CRP-1's and CRP-2C30's **are not authorized**. If a situation requires a manual form, SED may request DAFP to allow on a case-by-case basis.

County Offices will process offers for CLEAR30 according to 4-CRP and the process flow in the following table.--*

*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
1	National Office announced the CLEAR30 signup period.
2	<p>Producer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expresses an interest in re-enrolling an eligible practice in CLEAR30 indicates the acreage they want to enroll on a digital imagery/map. <p>County Office must explain program details, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> practice must be in compliance at the time of the offer maximum payment rate calculations maintenance completion options. <p>County Offices must provide the producer with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLEAR30 Signup Fact Sheet CRP-1 Appendix CRP-1 CLEAR.
3	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in CLEAR30 signup.
4	<p>County Office determines whether all of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all producer eligibility requirements all land eligibility requirements CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. <p>If all conditions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> met, proceed to step 5 not met, stop, do not proceed, and inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26.
5	Create a Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment (TERRA) offer scenario, upload into COLS, and print CRP-2C30.
6	<p>COC or CED provides the following to NRCS or TSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unsigned CRP-2C30 geospatial data/map identifying acreage offered.

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*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities	
7	IF land offered for enrollment is...	THEN...
	land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment into CLEAR30	go to step 7A.
	a combination of new land (additional acreage needed to meet the current practice standard) and land currently enrolled in CRP being offered in CLEAR30	go to step 7A for land currently enrolled in CRP.
		go to step 7B for new land (additional acreage needed to meet the current practice standard for the currently enrolled land) being offered in CLEAR30.
7A	<p>Based on a site visit using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, NRCS/TSP determines whether the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable • approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan • CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) and meets the purpose of the practice • NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice • CRP practice meets the current practice standards. <p>If any of these are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.</p>	
7B	<p>Based on a site visit using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, NRCS/TSP determines whether the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional acreage offered needed to meet the current practice standard for the expiring land being offered into CLEAR30 is feasible and needed to, and will, solve or address the resource concern(s) listed for the CRP practice • existing cover is solving or addressing the resource concern(s) in the CRP practice purpose • practice offered meets the purpose of the CRP practice according to Exhibit 11 • acreage offered is suitable for installation of the NRCS conservation practices needed to apply the CRP practice. 	

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*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
8	<p>NRCS or TSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• returns the unsigned CRP-2C30 and geospatial data/map to the County Office <li>• provides the County Office with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment in CLEAR30: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, as applicable <li>• other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable <li>• for new land (additional land needed to meet the current practice standard for an expiring offer into CLEAR30), a signed and dated Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet and other documentation supporting NRCS determination, if applicable.

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H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities	
9	COC or CED reviews NRCS or TSP documents and findings. The County Office files all documents received from NRCS or TSP in the CRP folder.	
	IF NRCS or TSP determines the practice and acreage offered for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for enrollment into CLEAR30 is...	THEN...
	not maintained according to the conservation plan	stop , the land is not eligible for enrollment, and noncompliance must be handled according to paragraph 603.
	not resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) according to the purpose of the practice	
	being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable	go to step 11.
	resolving or addressing the resource concern(s)	
	meeting the purpose of the practice and the current practice standards	
	applying the NRCS conservation practices in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice	
	being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable, but does not meet the current practice standards	go to step 10.
	Note: When producer modifies the practice or acreage offered after NRCS or TSP has made the determinations in this step, stop and go back to step 5.	
10	IF NRCS or TSP determines the practice and acreage offered for new land (additional land needed to meet current practice standard for the expiring acreage being offered into CLEAR30) is...	THEN...
	not suitable, needed, and feasible	stop , notify the producer the practice is not acceptable using CRP-26.
	suitable, needed, and feasible without any changes	go to step 11.
	suitable, needed, and feasible, but only if required changes are made	go to step 10.
	COC or CED notifies the producer of required changes needed to make the practice acceptable.	
	IF producer...	THEN...
	agrees to make all required changes	go back to step 5 and create a new TERRA scenario, CRP-2C30, and geospatial data/map, then proceed to step 11.
	does not agree to make all required changes	stop and notify the producer that the offer is not acceptable using CRP-26.

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*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
11	County Offices will ensure that the base limitation is not exceeded.
12	County Office completes and prints CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 are ready for signature.
13	County Office completes paid-for measurement service, if requested.
14	Producer signs and dates completed CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 and provides the signed documents to the County Office.
15	County Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notifies the producer of the acceptability of offer using CRP-23 • provides the producer a copy of the signed CRP-1 and CRP-2C30 • provides the producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix and CRP-1 CLEAR • updates the offer status in COLS to “Submit to Plan” • provides NRCS a copy of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter of acceptability sent to the producer (CRP-23) • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2C30 • new geospatial data/map created in step 5, if applicable.
16	NRCS provides the County Office with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS-signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation, including signature from the Conservation District, if applicable • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed.
17	County Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes all necessary consultations, if needed • obtains a copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G • completes FSA’s portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures that all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to “Submit to COC”.
18	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs the conservation plan.
19	County Office ensures that AGI certification is filed and recorded in the subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.
20	COC or CED approves CRP-1.

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*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

H CLEAR30 Signup Process Flow (Continued)

Step	CLEAR30 Signup Activities
21	County Office records the contract period on CRP-1.
22	County Office enters the COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.
23	County Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> records the CRP-1 number obtained from the Conservation Contract Maintenance System on CRP-1 notifies the producer that CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24 and provides the producer a copy of the approved CRP-1 and CRP-2C30.
24	Create initial FSA-848 in CSS within 5 workdays of CRP-1 approval subparagraph 500 A for participants who selected Option 1 according to subparagraph 183 K.

I Conservation Plan Requests

For offers to enroll land into CLEAR30, County Offices must provide all documents necessary to complete the conservation plan to NRCS, including but not limited to, signed CRP-1 by 1 producer and signed CRP-2C30.

After providing all documents to NRCS, County Offices must immediately enter the status in COLS as “Submit for Plan”.

A conservation plan must be completed, signed by NRCS/TSP and all signatories on CRP-1, and returned to FSA.

NRCS or TSP must ensure that the approved conservation plan:

- contains all practices necessary for the successful maintenance of the vegetative cover on all acres offered for CLEAR30
- is technically adequate for achieving CLEAR30 objectives
- incorporates all requirements for Federal, State, or local permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G--*

*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

I Conservation Plan Requests (Continued)

- ensures that the CRP cover will not be disturbed during the primary nesting season for birds in the local area that are economically significant, in significant decline, or conserved according to Federal or State law, as determined by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee
- includes maintenance for a minimum of the first 3 years of the CLEAR30 contract period, as needed
- contains management activities, as needed.

J Maintenance Activities

For the purpose of CLEAR30, the following activities are considered “CLEAR30 maintenance” activities and may be eligible for maintenance payments:

- practice establishment/re-establishment as determined by NRCS or Technical Service Provider (TSP) throughout the life of the CLEAR30 contract

Note: The offered practice must be in compliance at the time of the offer.

- activities needed to maintain the practice and included in the conservation plan
- management activities according to paragraph 428
- operation and maintenance activities as determined by NRCS monitoring site visits and planning.

K Participant Contract Maintenance Options

CLEAR30 offers assistance to participants to perform maintenance activities throughout the contract period. Participants will have the following 2 options for performing maintenance:

Option 1: Maintain responsibility for cover maintenance.

Option 2: Elect for cover maintenance to be performed through an agreement or contract with a third-party vendor.

Note: To assist CLEAR30 participants who elect Option 2, FSA may enter into a contract or agreement with partner organizations or third-party vendors to facilitate completion of required or planned maintenance.--*

*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

K Participant Contract Maintenance Options (Continued)

Producers will elect their maintenance option on CRP-2C30. Producers will have the opportunity to change their maintenance choice under the following situations:

- succession of the contract
- change in availability of third-party vendors
- other extenuating circumstances as approved by DAFP.

L Maintenance Payments

Maintenance payments are authorized for all CLEAR30 maintenance activities, including re-establishment of approved cover, and management performed consistent with the conservation plan, NRCS/TSP monitoring, or other documentation made as part of the CRP contract upon completion.

Participants who choose to complete the maintenance activity will be paid 75 percent of the STC-established rate to complete the activity. Maintenance rates paid to third-party vendors will be based on the contract between FSA and the vendor.

Average cost payment rates on a per-acre basis must be established by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee for all CLEAR30 maintenance activities to be used within the State.

Exception: Maintenance payment rates may be on a unit basis for structural components included within the CLEAR30 initiative conservation practice.

The following is a minimum list of maintenance activities requiring rates to be established:

- site prep
- seeding/inter-seeding – management activity
- control weeds/noxious weeds
- mowing of brush/herbaceous weeds
- prescribed burning, including reimbursement of burn permit/plan
- maintenance of conservation structures, such as grass waterways
- re-establishment of conservation practices damaged or destroyed at no fault of CRP participants, such as grass waterways
- maintenance of installed structures, such as fence/livestock crossing/water developments and facilities.--*

--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)*L Maintenance Payments (Continued)**

Additional activity rates may be needed depending on enrolled practices and management activities applicable to enrolled practices for the State.

State Offices will load maintenance payment rates at 75 percent of the STC-established average cost payment rates in Program Provisioning. County Offices will copy the State components as applicable to the county level for CLEAR30 maintenance activities.

M CLEAR30 Maintenance Payment Processing

CSS will be used to administer the CLEAR30 maintenance payments for those participants who choose Option 1 in subparagraph 184K.

County Offices will select the CLEAR30 components in CSS according to the conservation plan. FSA-848A and FSA-848B will serve as a reminder of CLEAR30 maintenance payment approval, report of performance, and claim for payment.

County Offices will record the first 3 years of maintenance activity components in CSS as outlined in the conservation plan.

County Offices will choose either of the following options:

- create separate FSA-848's for each of the first 3 years of maintenance activities
- record multiple years of maintenance activities with each year's maintenance activity entered as a separate instance of the same practice and with an expiration date specific to the year detailed in the conservation plan on a single FSA-848.

Note: Revised conservation plans based on NRCS periodic practice monitoring visits will result in additional FSA-848's over the life of the CLEAR30 contract period.

The CRP participant requesting CLEAR30 maintenance payments must sign FSA-848A.

COC or CED must sign FSA-848A and approve the request for CLEAR30 maintenance payments.

See paragraph 500 for additional policy for processing FSA-848's.

CLEAR30 maintenance payments for the completion of maintenance activities performed by CLEAR30 participants will be issued through CSS after participant and TSP certifications have been completed.--*

*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

N CLEAR30 Monitoring and Maintenance Activity Scheduling

NRCS or TSP will complete monitoring site visits every 3 years for all CLEAR30 contracts. Modifications to the conservation plan will occur as needed after the site visits to schedule needed maintenance activities over the next 3 years.

O Compatible Uses

CLEAR30 will allow the following compatible economic uses if the use is consistent with the conservation plan and does not degrade water quality or other purposes of the practice:

- hunting and fishing
- managed timber harvest will not be subject to a 25 percent annual payment reduction
- haying and grazing according to Part 19.

P Contract Termination, Refunds, and Liquidated Damages

CRP CLEAR30 contract modifications will follow Part 16.

Refunds, interest, and liquidated damages will be due according to the following table.

Type of Termination	Refunds Required	Liquidated Damages Due
Participant loses control of or transfers all or part of the land under CRP-1 and there is no successor.	All annual rental payments plus interest	Yes
All signatories voluntarily request in writing to terminate all or part of the land under CRP-1.		
Participant is out of compliance with CRP-1 terms and conditions on all or part of the land under CRP-1 and COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply.	All annual rental payments and maintenance payments, plus interest	Yes

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--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)*Q Completing CRP-2C30 for CLEAR30 Signup**

CRP-2C30 will be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer for enrollment. CRP-2C30 is used by FSA and NRCS or TSP to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates
- obtain data and statistics on acreage offered for enrollment.

Important: Offers containing both marginal pastureland and cropland with the same contract period must be completed using one CRP-2C 30 and CRP-1.

Before completing CRP-2C30, the County Office must ensure that the base acre limitation is not exceeded. See paragraph 401, 10-CM, and 1-ARCPLC.

All changes to data entered on CRP-2C30, including completion of item numbers 2 and 3B, after producer signs CRP-2C30 must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2C30 is:

- a COLS computer-generated form used for CLEAR30 signup offers
- provided for display purposes only.

Manual CRP-2C's are not authorized.--*

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Q Completing CRP-2C30 for CLEAR30 Signup (Continued)

Following is an example of CRP-2C30.

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CRP-2C30 (06-14-21)				U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency			1. Tract Number		2. Program Year	
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Continuous Signup CLEAR30)				3A. Sign Up Number		3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)				
4A. County FSA Office Address (Zip Code)					4C. Producer Name and Address ((Zip Code)					
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)					4D. Producer Phone No. (Include Area Code)					
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location			6. Contract Number		7. Acres for Enrollment			
8A. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$		8B. Producer's maintenance performance (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Completed by participant <input type="checkbox"/> Completed by Third Party Vendor					9. Signup Type			
10. Practices (See Page 3 for additional space)							11. HUC Number:			
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Acres	D. Length	12. Land Eligibility Category by Acres: (Enter the amount eligible for each criterion.)						
				Marginal Pastureland						
				Expiring CRP						
				Infeasible to Farm						
				Other Cropland						
13. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:										
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate	F. Total Rent				
(1) Primary				x	\$	=	\$			
(2) Secondary				x	\$	=	\$			
(3) Tertiary				x	\$	=	\$			
TOTALS							\$			
14. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 13F Total divided by Col. 13D Total) \$					15. Total Incentive (if applicable (Item 14 times 13D Total times applicable incentive percentage) \$					
16. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations. For Infeasible to farm Acreage:										
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate	F. Total Rent				
(1) Primary				x	\$	=	\$			
(2) Secondary				x	\$	=	\$			
(3) Tertiary				x	\$	=	\$			
TOTALS							\$			
17. Weighted Average Soil Rental for Infeasible to Farm Acreage (Col 16F Total divided by Col. 16D Total) \$					18. Total Incentive for Infeasible to Farm Acreage (if applicable) (Item 17 times 16D Total times applicable incentive percentage) \$					
19. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate plus Total Incentive (Items 13F Total + 15 + 16F Total + 18) divided by (14 + 17) \$					20. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Item 19) \$					
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Items 21 through 24 (See Page 4 for additional space)												
21. Tract No.	22. Current Field No.	23. Current Crop or Land Use	24. Crop Land Use Summary									
			A. Offered Acres	B. Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____	I. _____	
25. TOTAL ►												
24. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION: <i>By signing below, I certify to all of the following: (1) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (2) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (3) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the acreage of crops and land listed herein are true and correct; and (4) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses, and enter and inspect for other purposes, on the above-identified land.</i> <i>I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.</i>												
26A. Signature (By)				26B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity				26C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)				

Date Printed:

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*--184 CLEAR30 Pilot (Continued)

R CRP-1 CLEAR, Addendum to Appendix to Form CRP-1 Specifically, for Conservation Reserve Program Contracts Under the CLEAR30 Pilot Program

The following is an example of CRP-1 CLEAR.

<p>This form is available electronically. CRP-1 CLEAR (09-02-20)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>See CRP-1 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements.</i></p>
<p>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation</p>	
<p>ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX TO FORM CRP-1 SPECIFICALLY, FOR CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACTS UNDER THE CLEAR 30 PILOT PROGRAM</p>	
<p>I. INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The provisions of this Addendum apply only to Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts enrolled through the CLEAR 30 Pilot Program ("CLEAR 30 CRP contracts").</p>	
<p>II. FOR PURPOSES OF CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS ONLY, AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE GENERALLY APPLICABLE APPENDIX TO FORM CRP-1 ("APPENDIX"), THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL SUPERSEDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVISIONS IN THE APPENDIX :</p>	
<p>1. DEFINITIONS</p> <p>A. <u>CRP contract or CRP-1</u> means the CRP documents including not only form CRP-1, but also the Appendix to form CRP-1 ("Appendix"), the conservation plan, and this and any other addendums, related to the producer's participation in CRP. Such CRP contract shall set forth the terms and conditions for participation in the CRP and receipt of CRP payments under the CLEAR 30 pilot program.</p> <p>B. <u>Maintenance, or Maintain,</u> means activities needed to preserve and keep in good condition the conservation practice(s), as determined and described by the conservation plan. Maintenance also includes re-establishment of the conservation practice(s), if CCC determines that such re-establishment is required. Further, maintenance includes management upkeep of the practice(s) over the life of the CRP-1.</p>	
<p>4. AGREEMENT</p> <p>A. The participant agrees:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(1) That forms CRP-2C30 and CRP-1 shall, together, be considered an offer to enter into the CRP on the terms specified in the CRP contract. The offer, until revoked, may be accepted by CCC; provided, that liquidated damages may apply in the case of a revocation as specified elsewhere in the Appendix or 7 CFR Part 1410;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(2) To place eligible land into the CRP for a period of 30 years, beginning on the effective date of the CRP contract executed by CCC;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(3) To comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP contract, including implementing the conservation plan in accordance with the schedule of dates in such conservation plan; such compliance includes the choice of electing to have CCC hire a third party vendor to implement the conservation plan, including maintenance of the conservation practice(s).</p>	

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- (4) To establish and maintain the conservation practices agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan, or, to elect to have CCC hire a third party vendor to establish and maintain those practice(s).
- (8) To control, or elect to allow CCC to hire a third party vendor to control, on land subject to the CRP contract, all weeds, insects, pests, and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure the maintenance of approved cover, and to provide such maintenance as is necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land, taking into consideration water quality, wildlife and other factors;
- (14) To carry out, or elect to allow CCC to hire a third party vendor to carry out, thinning and similar conservation practices, as specified in the conservation plan, to enhance the conservation benefits and wildlife habitat resources applicable to the CRP practice(s), and to promote forest management on land devoted to trees, if applicable, pursuant to the conservation plan.
- (15) To comply with, or allow CCC to hire a third-party vendor to comply with, noxious weed laws of the applicable State or local jurisdiction on land subject to this CRP contract.

B. CCC Agrees:

- (1) When CCC determines that maintenance activities are appropriate and in the public interest, to share the cost of completing the maintenance activities with owners and operators, as described in IV.1 of this Addendum, or, to hire a third-party vendor to complete the maintenance activities, for the eligible CRP practice(s) agreed to on the CRP-1.

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

- A. (3) A schedule of operations, activities, and completion dates for maintenance activities on the land subject to this CRP contract. The schedule of operations, activities and completion dates may be modified based on periodic monitoring site visits, including the planning of additional activities, throughout the 30 year CRP contract length.
- B. By signing the conservation plan, the participant agrees to establish and maintain, or allow CCC to hire a third party vendor to establish and maintain, the CRP practices specified in such conservation plan on the land subject to this CRP contract.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

It is mutually agreed that in the event this CRP CLEAR30 contract is breached by the participant, as determined by CCC, the CCC will suffer substantial damages which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to a demand for refund as provided for in IV.3 of this Addendum and the CRP regulations, the participant agrees to pay an amount equal

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to the product obtained by multiplying: (1) 25 percent of the rental payment rate per acre on the CRP-1 by, (2) the number of acres on which the breach of contract occurred, as determined by CCC. Such amount shall be due as liquidated damages in addition to such other damages or amounts as may be due, as determined by CCC, and not as a penalty.

13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT; JOINT LIABILITY

If a participant fails to carry out the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, as determined by CCC, but CCC determines that such failure does not warrant termination of this CRP contract in whole or in part, then CCC may require such participant to refund, with interest, the annual rental payments received under the CLEAR 30 CRP contract, or require the participant to accept such adjustments in the subsequent payment(s) as are determined to be appropriate by CCC, without regard to CCC's determination concerning termination of the contract in whole or in part. Participants who sign this CRP contract but have zero percent interest in the annual rental payment shall not be held responsible for contract compliance.

16. TRANSFER OF LAND

C. If the new owner or operator becomes a successor to this CRP contract with CCC:

(1) maintenance payments shall be made by CCC to the participant who completes the maintenance activity, or, the successor may elect to have CCC hire a third party vendor to complete maintenance activities, as described in the conservation plan.

E. (2) Refund all or part of the annual rental payments made with respect to such contract, plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC, and

(3) Pay liquidated damages to CCC as specified in II.10 of this Addendum.

III. FOR PURPOSES OF CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS ONLY, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE APPENDIX ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS:

4. AGREEMENT

(13) To perform management activities specified in the conservation plan.

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

A.(7) Management activities described in paragraph 6 of this appendix.

6. MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

7. COST SHARE PAYMENTS

IV. FOR PURPOSES OF CLEAR 30 CRP CONTRACTS ONLY, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE APPENDIX:

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1. MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

- A. CCC maintenance payments shall be made available at a rate of:
- (1) 75 percent of the cost of maintenance, as determined by CCC, to participants who carry out such maintenance; or
 - (2) 100 percent of the cost of maintenance, as determined by CCC, to third-party vendors who carry out such maintenance.
- B. Maintenance payments may be made available under the CRP only for the maintenance of an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan. In order for the participant to receive maintenance payments, the participant, upon completion of the maintenance activity, must file form FSA-848B, certifying performance of the maintenance activity, with FSA, for approval by CCC. In the alternative, the participant may elect to have CCC to hire a third-party vendor to complete the maintenance activity, in which case CCC will make maintenance payments directly to the third party vendor.

2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Maintenance activities designed to ensure plant diversity and water quality benefits, while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources, must be conducted as needed throughout the contract period, as specified in the conservation plan. CCC will provide payment for any maintenance activities either directly to the CRP CLEAR 30 participant who completes the maintenance activity, or to the third-party vendor, if any, who completes the maintenance activity according to the conservation plan. Upon completion of the maintenance activity, the participant must file form FSA-848B, certifying performance of the maintenance activity with FSA, unless the participant has elected to have CCC hire a third-party vendor to complete the planned maintenance activity.

3. REFUND IN THE EVENT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT

In the event CCC determines that the participant is in breach of the CLEAR 30 contract, CCC may demand refund of rental payments received, and refund of maintenance payments received, regardless of whether such maintenance payments were paid to the participant or to a third party vendor, along with interest thereon, to the extent determined appropriate by CCC, as provided for in the CRP contract and the CRP regulations. In the event there is a conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other provisions of the CRP contract or the CRP regulations, with regard to such demand for refund, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

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Section 2 Continuous CRP Signup Non-C/S Payments

196 Annual Payments

A Per Acre Maximum Payment Rate

Before CRP-1 is completed, the County Office must inform the producer of the per acre maximum payment rate for the eligible acreage being offered on CRP-2C. Producers may offer a per acre rental rate less than the calculated per acre maximum payment rate. Offers in excess of the maximum payment rate will be rejected.

TERRA and COLS will calculate the maximum payment rate for the acreage and practice(s) offered.

B Per Acre Maximum Payment Rate Incentives

For continuous CRP signup practices, including when re-enrolled, a:

- *--water quality incentive payment of 20 percent of the per acre weighted average SRR **may** be added to the weighted average SRR only when authorized by DAFP

Important: Certain practices do not receive a water quality incentive. See subparagraph 66 D.

- Climate-Smart Incentive payment as a percentage of the per acre weighted average SRR may be added to the weighted average SRR only when authorized by DAFP

Important: Different incentive amounts may apply to different practices.--*

- per acre maintenance rate **may** be added to the per acre:
 - weighted average SRR for cropland
 - rental rate for marginal pastureland.

Important: Maintenance payments are authorized for acreage enrolled under infeasible-to-farm criteria.

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196 Annual Payments (Continued)

C Per Acre Maintenance Rates for Continuous CRP Signup Practices

The following table provides the practices for which a per acre maintenance rate applies and the applicable per acre * * * maintenance rate.

IF the practice is...	AND it includes...	THEN the maintenance rate is...
CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP29, or CP30	no fencing or water facility development	\$0.
	permanent fencing with no water facility development or no permanent fencing with a water facility	\$5.
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$10.
CP22, CP22B, or CP22S	no fencing or water facility development	\$2.
	permanent fencing with no water facility development or no permanent fencing with a water facility	\$5.
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$10.

COC will ensure that the conservation plan includes:

- provisions for the maintenance of the approved cover and practices
- the applicable components for the maintenance rate provided.

Important: Single strand electric fence is **not** considered a permanent fence for CRP. Components **must** be maintained for the contract period.

197 One-Time Payments**A SIP**

SIP is a one-time incentive payment made to eligible participants that enroll land devoted to an eligible continuous CRP signup practice.

Exception: SIP is **not** authorized for any land:

- enrolled in CRP being re-offered for enrollment, regardless of whether the land was enrolled under general, continuous, or grassland CRP signup, and regardless of whether the practice being offered is different than the practice enrolled
- land that was previously enrolled in CRP, regardless of whether the cover has been maintained.

See subparagraph 66 D for eligible practices for continuous CRP signup.

The SIP one-time incentive payment is an amount equal to 32.5 percent of the first full year (12 months) annual rental payment for the land eligible for a SIP. See paragraph 462 for making SIP's.

Example 1: 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP is enrolled in CRP under a CRP-1 with an effective start date of October 1, 2021. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment is \$400. The one-time SIP is \$130 (\$400 x .325).

Example 2: 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP is enrolled in CRP under a CRP-1 with an effective start date of June 1, 2021. The first annual rental payment for the land will be for only a portion of a year (June 1 through September 30). The SIP is determined using the first full year (12 months) annual rental payment. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment is \$400. The one-time SIP is \$130 (\$400 x .325).

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)

A SIP (Continued)

Example 3: 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP and 5 acres of land not eligible for a SIP is enrolled in CRP under a CRP-1 with an effective start date of October 1, 2021. The SIP is determined using only the 10 acres of land eligible for a SIP. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment for all 15 acres is \$600. The first full year (12 months) annual rental payment for the 10 acres eligible for a SIP is \$400. The one-time SIP is \$130 ($\$400 \times .325$).

Example 4: 10 acres of land currently enrolled in CRP is re-enrolled in CRP under continuous CRP signup. No SIP is authorized because the land is not eligible for a SIP.

SIP is a separate payment from all of the following:

- annual rental payment
- C/S payment
- PIP.

B PIP

--PIP is an incentive payment made to an eligible participant to whom CCC has made a C/S-- payment for completing the installation of a CRP practice that is an eligible continuous CRP signup practice. Only the participants to whom CCC has made a C/S payment is eligible for a PIP, and only after the eligible continuous CRP signup practice or component has been installed in compliance with the conservation plan.

PIP is considered a C/S payment. See paragraph 462 for making PIP's.

PIP is authorized for re-enrolled eligible continuous CRP signup practices **only** if new C/S is approved for the re-enrolled eligible practice.

See subparagraph 66 D for eligible practices for continuous CRP signup, and the PIP

--percentage for each practice.--

Note: PIP is authorized for CP21 and CP22 when a denitrifying bioreactor or saturated buffer is installed on an existing or re-enrolled CRP-1.

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)

B PIP (Continued)

*--PIP:

- is considered a C/S payment
- plus CCC C/S payments, and any C/S payments from other sources combined, cannot exceed 100 percent of the cost of the practice
- will be paid in 2 phases:
 - forty percent PIP will be paid at certification of a major component or practice installation
 - the remaining 10 percent PIP will be paid at the time that NRCS completes a status review, not later than 2 years after certification that all practices were installed to determine if the approved permanent cover is fully established according to subparagraph 601B.--*

The following examples are for calculating PIP's.

PIP Example 1: Bob Smith enrolls 10 acres.
 Bob's CRP-1 share is 100 percent.
 Total installation cost is \$1,500.
 Bob's calculated C/S is \$750 from CCC.
 Bob received no C/S from outside sources.

PIP Calculation:

•*--50% PIP x \$1,500 = \$750

- \$750 C/S + \$0 Outside C/S + \$750 PIP = \$1,500
- \$1,500 = \$1,500
- **PIP earned by Bob is \$750**
- 40 percent PIP of \$600 is paid at the time of practice
- 10 percent PIP of \$150 will be paid following NRCS completion of a status review to determine if the approved permanent cover is fully established according to subparagraph 601 B review.--*

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)

B PIP (Continued)

PIP Example 2: John Jones enrolls 15 acres.

John's CRP-1 share is 100 percent.

Total installation cost is \$5,500.

John's calculated C/S is \$2,750 from CCC.

*--John received \$1,100 C/S from the State.

PIP Calculation:

- 50% PIP x \$5,500 = \$2,750
- **PIP earned by John is \$2,750**
- \$2,750 CCC C/S + \$1,100 Outside C/S + \$2,750 PIP = \$6,600
- \$6,600 > \$5,500
- CCC C/S will be reduced to \$1,650; PIP remains \$2,750
- 40 percent PIP of \$2,750 is paid at the time of practice
- 10 percent PIP of \$2,750 will be paid following NRCS completion of a status review to determine if the approved permanent cover is fully established according to subparagraph 601 B review.--*

***--PIP Example 3:** Sally Smith enrolls 30 acres.

Sally's CRP-1 share is 100 percent.

Total installation cost is \$10,000.

Sally's calculated C/S is \$5,000 from CCC.

*--Sally received \$3,000 C/S from the State.

PIP Calculation:

- 50% PIP x \$10,000 = \$5,000
- **PIP earned by Sally is \$3,000**
- \$5,000 CCC C/S + \$3,000 Outside C/S + \$3,000 PIP = \$11,000
- \$11,000 > \$10,000
- CCC C/S will be reduced to \$2,000; PIP remains \$3,000
- 40 percent PIP of \$3,000 is paid at the time of practice
- 10 percent PIP of \$3,000 will be paid following NRCS completion of a status review to determine if the approved permanent cover is fully established according to subparagraph 601 B review.--*

198 First Year Prorated Annual Rental Payment for Continuous CRP Signup**A Prorated Annual Rental Payment**

All CRP annual rental payments are made after October 1 of each year of the contract period. All CRP-1's under continuous CRP signup **must** be for a minimum contract period of 10 years and will not exceed 15 years. See subparagraph 66 C for continuous CRP signup practices and associated contract period.

Because CRP-1's for certain land enrolled through continuous CRP signup may have an effective date other than October 1, the first year's annual rental payment may be for less than a 12-month period.

B Example of Prorated Annual Rental Payment

Producer offers land not currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP *--signup. The 10-year CRP-1 was approved on February 21, 2022, with an effective start date of March 1, 2022. Because the CRP-1 effective date is March 1, 2022, the producer will receive CRP payments for 10 years and 7 months if all eligibility requirements were met.

The producer will receive a total of 11 annual payments. The first annual rental payment will be made after October 1, 2022, for the 7 months (March 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022) CRP-1 was effective in FY 2022. The remaining 10 annual rental--* payments will be made after October 1 of each applicable year.

Important: All CRP annual rental payments, including first year prorated annual rental payments, will be made after October 1 of the applicable year. See paragraph 462.

199-210 (Reserved)

211 Continuous CRP Signup Process Information (Continued)**F TSP Responsibilities (Continued)**

- for land currently enrolled in CRP being offered for re-enrollment, based on a site visit and using either conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form, if the:
 - CRP practice is being maintained according to the conservation plan, including the engineering design and size requirements, if applicable
 - approved cover is being maintained according to the conservation plan
 - CRP practice is resolving or addressing the resource concern(s) and meets the purpose of the practice
 - NRCS conservation practices are applied in a way that meets the purpose of the CRP practice
 - CRP practice meets the current practice standards

Important: If any of the above are not being met, NRCS/TSP must provide to FSA the condition of the practice/approved cover not being met.

- return to County Office:
 - unsigned CRP-2C
 - geospatial data/map
 - completed, signed, and dated Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet
 - conservation assistance notes, status review form, or State NRCS Office developed form
 - other documentation supporting determinations.

212 Completing CRP-2C for Continuous CRP Signup

A About CRP-2C

CRP-2C will be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer for enrollment. CRP-2C is used by FSA and NRCS or TSP to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates
- obtain data and statistics on acreage offered for enrollment.

Important: Offers containing both marginal pastureland and cropland with the same contract period must be completed using one CRP-2C and CRP-1.

--Before completing CRP-2C, the County Office must ensure that the base acre limitation-- is not exceeded. See paragraph 401, 10-CM, and 1-ARCPLC.

To be eligible to be enrolled in CRP, marginal pastureland **must** be devoted to CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, or CP30. See paragraph 181.

Important: Land that meets the definition of cropland **cannot** be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland. See 10-CM for the definition of cropland.

All changes to data entered on CRP-2C, including completion of item numbers 2 and 3B, after producer signs CRP-2C must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2C is:

- a COLS computer-generated form used for continuous CRP signup offers
- provided for display purposes only.

Manual CRP-2C's are not authorized.

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B Example of CRP-2C

The following is an example of CRP-2C.

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CRP-2C (06-14-21) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Continuous Signup)		1. Tract Number		2. Program Year	
		3A. Sign Up Number		3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
4A. County FSA Office Address (Include Zip Code)		4C. Producer Name and Address (Include Zip Code)			
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)		4D. Producer Phone No. (Include Area Code)			
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location	5B. State & County Code Physical Location	6. Contract Number		7. Acres for Enrollment	
		8. Signup Type		9. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$	
10. Practices (See Page 3 for additional space)					11. HUC Number:
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Acres	D. Estimated Cost Share	E. Length	12. Land Eligibility Category by Acres: (Enter the amount eligible for each criterion)
					Marginal Pastureland
					Wellhead Protection Acres
					Expiring CRP
					Infeasible to Farm
					Other Cropland
13. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
					F. Total Rent
(1) Primary					\$
(2) Secondary					\$
(3) Tertiary					\$
TOTALS					\$
14. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 13F total divided by Col. 13D total)				15. Total Incentive (if applicable) (Item 14 times 13D total times applicable incentive percentage)	
\$				\$	
16. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations. For Infeasible to Farm Acreage:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
					F. Total Rent
(1) Primary					\$
(2) Secondary					\$
(3) Tertiary					\$
TOTALS					\$
17. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate For Infeasible Farm Acreage (Col. 16F total divided by Col. 16D total)				18. Total Incentive For Infeasible to Farm Acreage (if applicable) (Item 17 times 16D total times applicable incentive percentage)	
\$				\$	
19. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate Plus Total Incentive (Items 13F total + 15 + 16F total + 18) divided by (Items 13D total + 16D total)		20. Weighted Average Maintenance Rate Per Acre		21. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Item 19 + Item 20)	
\$		\$		\$	

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212 **Completing CRP-2C for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**

B Example of CRP-2C (Continued)

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Items 22 through 25 (See Page 4 for additional space)													
22. Tract No.	23. Current Field No.	24. Current Crop or Land Use	25. Crop Land Use Summary										
			A. Offered Acres	B. Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____	I. _____		
26. TOTAL ►													
27. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION: By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (2) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (3) To the best of my knowledge and belief the acreage of crops and land listed herein, if applicable, are true and correct; and (4) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses, and enter and inspect for other purposes, on the above-identified land. I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.													
27A. Signature (By)					27B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity					27C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)			

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212 Completing CRP-2C for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2C (Continued)

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212 Completing CRP-2C for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2C (Continued)

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213 CRP-1 Period for Continuous CRP Signup

A Overview

The contract period of CRP-1 may vary for each CRP-1. The contract period will be not less than 10 years and not greater than 15 years. See subparagraph 66 C for continuous CRP signup practices and associated contract period.

***--Important:** CRP payments will not exceed 15 years. See subparagraph 184 F for CRP-1 period for CLEAR30.--*

B Effective Date of CRP-1 for Land Not Currently Enrolled in CRP

For land that is **not** enrolled in CRP at the time the producer submits CRP-1 and CRP-2C, the effective start date of the contract period for CRP-1's under continuous CRP signup provisions will be the first day of the month following the month COC or CED approves CRP-1.

Exception: The producer may defer the effective start date up to 6 months. However, the effective start date will always be the first day of the applicable month. See subparagraphs E, F, and G for examples.

CRP-1's not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C must be rejected.

Because the producer may defer effective start date up to 6 months, all crops **must** be removed from the accepted acreage before the effective start date of the contract period.

Note: Unless the effective start date is October 1 of any year, the first year's annual rental payment will be prorated. See paragraph 198.

213 CRP-1 Period for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**C Effective Date of CRP-1 for Land Currently Enrolled in CRP**

Land currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for re-enrollment through continuous CRP signup if all of the following are met:

- the land enrolled in CRP is in the last year of CRP-1

Note: The land may be offered for re-enrollment no earlier than 6 months before CRP-1 is scheduled to expire.

Important: If the land enrolled in CRP is **not** in the last year of CRP-1, the land is **not** eligible to be offered for re-enrollment.

- the acreage offered meets **all** of the applicable eligibility requirements according to paragraph 181
- CRP-1 effective start date is October 1 of the year the existing CRP-1 expires.

Important: Land enrolled in CRP in the last year of CRP-1 is **not** eligible to be re-enrolled with an effective start date other than October 1 of the year the existing CRP-1 expires.

D Expiration Date of CRP-1

Expiration date of CRP-1's under continuous CRP signup provisions will be September 30 of the applicable year, as determined by the contract period, regardless of the effective start date of CRP-1.

E Example 1 of 10-Year CRP-1

Producer offers land not currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP signup.

--CRP-1 was approved by COC on July 22, 2022. The effective start date will be August 1, 2022, and the expiration date will be September 30, 2032, unless the producer chooses to-- defer the effective start date. The producer may elect to defer the effective date up to 6 months.

213 CRP-1 Period for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)**E Example 1 of 10-Year CRP-1 (Continued)**

*--If the producer would have deferred the effective start date to January 1, 2023, the expiration date for CRP-1 would be September 30, 2033.

Assuming an effective start date of August 1, 2022, the participant would receive CRP payments for 10 years and 2 months if all eligibility requirements were met. Assuming an effective date of January 1, 2023, the producer would receive CRP payments for 10 years--* and 9 months.

Note: Each payment, including the first-year prorated payment, will be paid after October 1 of each applicable year.

F Example 2 of 10-Year CRP-1

*--On July 2, 2022, producer offers land currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP signup. The existing CRP-1 expires September 30, 2022, and all other eligibility requirements are met. CRP-1 for acreage offered was approved by COC or CED on July 12, 2022. The effective start date will be October 1, 2022.

The effective start date **cannot** be deferred, and the expiration date must be September 30, 2032.--*

G Example 3 of 15-Year CRP-1

Producer offers land not currently enrolled in CRP for enrollment through continuous CRP *--signup. CRP-1 was approved by COC on February 24, 2022. The effective start date will be March 1, 2022, unless the producer chooses to defer the effective start date. The producer may elect to defer the effective date up to 6 months.

The producer cannot not receive CRP payments for more than 15 years; therefore, the expiration date for CRP-1 will be September 30, 2036. Assuming an effective start date of March 1, 2022, the producer would receive CRP payments for 14 years and 7 months.--*

214 Completing CRP-1 for Continuous CRP Signup

A Completing CRP-1

All item numbers, except item number 3, **must** be completed before producer signs CRP-1. See Exhibit 21 for example CRP-1.

All changes to data entered on CRP-1 after producer signs CRP-1 must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

***--Important:** The only pen and ink changes allowed on CRP-1 are:

- A change to the farm and tract number because of a reconstitution. See paragraph 546.
- Addition of the CRP-1 number and the CRP-1 period.--*

215 Notifying Producers With Continuous CRP Signup Offers

A Unacceptable Offers

Before submitting unsigned CRP-2C to NRCS or TSP, COC or CED must determine whether all eligibility requirements that COC or CED are responsible for in paragraph 181 are met.

If all applicable eligibility requirements are **not** met, COC or CED will:

- **not** submit CRP-2C to NRCS or TSP
- use CRP-26 to inform producer the offer was not acceptable.

If NRCS or TSP requires changes to the practice or acreage offered on the unsigned CRP-2C for the practice or acreage to meet the suitability, needs, and feasibility to be eligible, and the producer:

- does not agree to make all required changes, the County Office must notify the producer that the offer is not acceptable using CRP-26
- agrees to make all required changes, the County Office must:
 - update the TERRA scenario and COLS
 - create a new geospatial data/map of the acres offered

215 Notifying Producers With Continuous CRP Signup Offers (Continued)

A Unacceptable Offers (Continued)

- create a new CRP-2C
- submit the new signed CRP-2C and geospatial data/map to NRCS or TSP when sending signed CRP-1 and CRP-23 for NRCS to complete conservation plan.

Important: An updated TERRA scenario and new CRP-2C must be created. Pen and ink changes to the initial CRP-2C are **not** authorized.

B Acceptable Offers

If CRP-2C is returned from NRCS or TSP and all eligibility requirements are met, COC or CED must notify producer that CRP-1 and CRP-2C **must** be completed and signed.

Important: CRP-1 and CRP-2C not signed within 30 calendar days of the date the producer is notified CRP-2C is ready for signature will be rejected.

If producer completes CRP-2C with an acceptable per acre rental rate offered amount and signs CRP-1 and CRP-2C within 30 calendar days of the date the producer is notified CRP-2C is ready for signature, County Office will provide producer CRP-1 Appendix, and inform producer:

- the offer is acceptable using CRP-23
- starting the practice before CRP-1 approval is at the producer's own risk
- of all the requirements needed for CRP-1 approval, such as:
 - working with NRCS or TSP to obtain a conservation plan
 - completing a paid for measurement service, if requested
 - signed landlord/tenant certification statement.

County Office must provide NRCS or TSP all of the following:

- a copy of CRP-23 sent to producer
- a copy of the signed CRP-1 and CRP-2C
- new geospatial data/map, if applicable.

All changes to data entered on CRP-1 and CRP-2C after producer signs CRP-1 and CRP-2C must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

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215 Notifying Producers With Continuous CRP Signup Offers (Continued)

B Acceptable Offers (Continued)

CRP-1's not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C must be rejected. See paragraph 213.

When CRP-1 is approved, COC will use CRP-24 to notify producer of approval and contract period. See Exhibit 5.

216-236 (Reserved)

247 Acreage Limitation and Practice Eligibility for CP41 (Continued)

C Tract Limitation for CP41

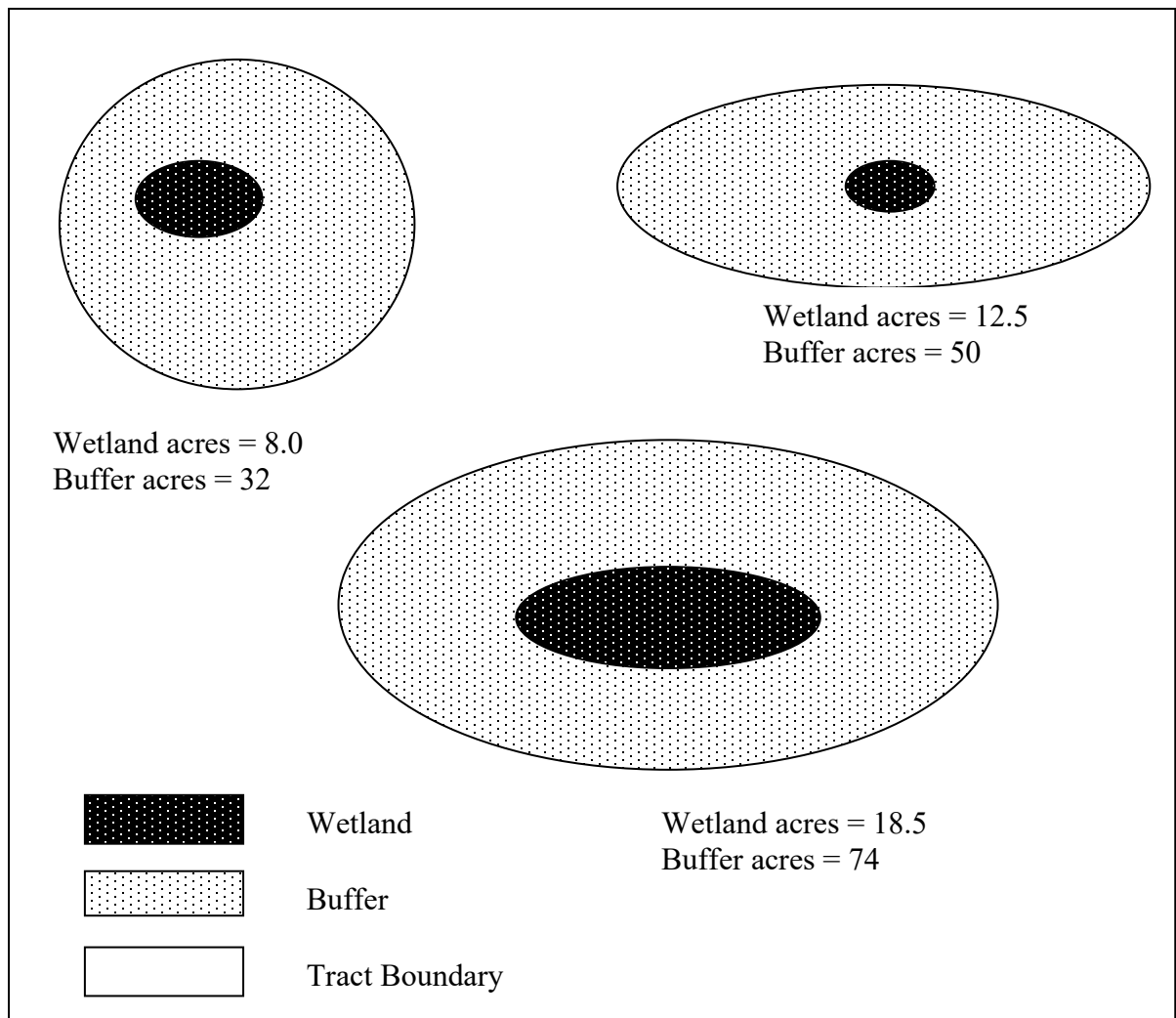
Enrollment in CRP under CP41 is limited to no more than 40 acres per tract. The maximum size of any one CP41 is 20 acres. The combined total acreage of CP41's is limited to 40 acres per tract. The total of CP41 and associated buffer (CP28) may exceed 40 acres per tract.

Example: Tract 2101 = 240 Acres

Total CP41 = 39 Acres

Total CP28 = 156 Acres

Total of Enrolled Practices = 195 Acres



248 Processing Offers

A CRP-1's and CRP-2C's

County Offices must follow Part 7, for processing CRP-1's and CRP-2C's for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

B Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1 period for CRP-1's under FWP is 10 to 15 years.

The effective date of CRP-1 is the first of the month following the month COC or CED approves CRP-1.

C Program Year

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

D Continuous CRP Signup Number

For acreage enrolled in CRP under FWP, County Offices must use the current continuous
--CRP signup number.--

Note: Continuous CRP signup numbers change the beginning of every FY.

249 Payments**A Annual Rental Payment**

Producers receive annual rental payments on the land that is enrolled under FWP. The annual rental payment is the sum of the following:

- weighted average SRR
- incentives according to subparagraph 196 B.

B C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. See Part 15.

C Incentive Payments

*--The following incentives are authorized according to paragraphs 196 and 197 for CP27, CP28, CP39, CP40, and CP41:

- Water Quality Incentive
- Climate-Smart Practice Incentive--*
- PIP
- SIP.

Note: Expiring CRP that is being re-offered as FWP is **not** eligible for SIP. Cropland previously enrolled in CRP that is re-enrolled for FWP, is **not** eligible for SIP if the cover has been maintained.

250-260 (Reserved)

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

Grassland CRP provides both ecological and economic benefits. Participants voluntarily--* limit future development and cropping uses of the land while retaining the right to conduct common grazing practices and operations related to the production of forage and seeding, subject to certain restrictions during PNS.

--Grassland CRP is authorized to enroll grassland into CRP during signup for offer-- evaluation.

After signup, offers will be evaluated on the basis of:

- current and future use
- environmental factors
- maximizing grassland preservation
- other factors, including cost
- vegetative cover
- small scale livestock initiative
- *--beginning, socially disadvantaged, or Veteran farmers or ranchers.

Note: Women are considered socially disadvantaged under grassland CRP.

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers accepted will be those that provide the greatest benefits as related to the grassland CRP ranking factors as listed in Exhibit 24.--*

The National Office will provide State and County Offices with the following:

- program information sheets for producers
- program provisions and procedures
- other information as requested.

--261 General Grassland CRP Information (Continued)--

B Goals

--The purpose of grassland CRP is to provide assistance to landowners and operators to protect grazing uses and related conservation values on eligible private pasture and rangelands. Grassland CRP emphasizes support of grazing operations, maintaining and improving-- plant and animal biodiversity, and protecting grassland and shrubland from the threat of conversion to uses other than grazing.

C Consistency With CRP Procedure

*--Unless otherwise noted, all other provisions of CRP apply to grassland CRP.

D Duplication of Benefits

Cropland enrolled in grassland CRP cannot receive a payment under the ARC or PLC program. Grassland CRP is potentially eligible for grazing losses because of natural--* disasters under 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 grassland CRP will count against the 25 percent county cropland limitation.

B CRP Acreage Enrollment Limitation

All land enrolled in grassland CRP counts against the National CRP acreage limitation:

Note: The statute provides that 2 million acres of the CRP acreage limitation are reserved for grassland CRP. Those acres are not authorized for any other CRP signup.

C Authorized Practices

CP88 is the only practice authorized for grassland CRP. 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.

Note: See Exhibit 11 for practice writeup for CP88.

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

Grassland CRP is 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 grassland CRP according to this part.--*

263 Land and Producer Eligibility (Continued)

C Eligibility Requirement

--Eligible land for grassland CRP 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: Grassland with less than 5 percent tree canopy interspersed throughout the offered acreage is eligible.

- is located in an area historically dominated by grassland
- 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 * * *

*--**Note:** Expiring CRP devoted to tree practices are not eligible.

- land that was previously enrolled in EQIP but the contract has expired, but the land is currently within the practice lifespan.

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

- 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 FSN.--*

264 Contract Duration and Program Year

A Contract Duration and Effective Date

--The CRP-1 period for grassland CRP must be 10 or 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

*--Grassland CRP will use signup number:

- 200 through June 1, 2018
- 201 beginning June 4, 2018
- 202 beginning March 16, 2020, through May 15, 2020
- 203 beginning July 12, 2021, through August 20, 2021
- 204 beginning April 4, 2022, through May 13, 2022.--*

--265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP*A General Information About Grassland CRP Signup and Offer Process**

Signup periods will be announced by DAFP. The National Office must provide State and County Offices:

- program information sheets for producers
- updated program provisions and procedures
- other information as requested.

During signup, producers will submit offers for the amounts they are willing to accept to enroll acreage in the program. County Offices will calculate the maximum acceptable rental rate for the acreage being submitted. This amount is referred to as the maximum payment rate and is described in detail in paragraph 101.

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers selected will be those meeting the national ranking criteria cut-off score.

B County Office Responsibilities

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

Step	Action
1	National Office announces grassland CRP signup period.
2	<p>Producer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expresses an interest in enrolling in grassland CRP • indicates the acreage they want to enroll on a digital imagery/map. <p>County Offices must explain program details, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land eligibility • payment rate • national ranking and selection process • COC determinations • available practices and applicable C/S rates. <p>County Offices must provide the producer with Grassland CRP Ranking Criteria Fact Sheet and the Grassland CRP Signup Fact Sheet.</p>
3	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in grassland CRP Signup.

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*--265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

Step	Action
4	<p>County Office determines whether all the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all producer eligibility requirements • all land eligibility requirements • CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. <p>If all are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • met, proceed to step 5 • not met, STOP. Do not proceed. Inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-28 – Exhibit 5.
5	If all requirements in step 4 are met, create a TERRA offer.
6	After completing a TERRA scenario, process offers through COLS.
7	County Office enters the offer data (practice, cover type, acres, CRP-1 period) in COLS, as provided by the producer.
8	County Office completes and prints CRP-2G and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2G and CRP-1 are ready for signature. Provide producers CRP-1 Appendix (Exhibit 29) before submitting offers.
9	<p>Producer signs and dates the completed CRP-1 and CRP-2G and provides the signed documents to the County Office.</p> <p>Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC or CED approves CRP-1.</p>
10	County Office must ensure that offer is in “Submitted” status in COLS.
11	<p>State and County Offices review the offer ranking data to identify incomplete or erroneous ranking data. If ranking data is incomplete or erroneous, County Office must edit the offer to correct the incomplete or erroneous data.</p> <p>County Office must go back and repeat steps 8 through 10.</p>
12	National Office locks COLS for ranking. County Offices can no longer access grassland CRP signup offer records.
13	National Office ranks all grassland CRP signup offers in a “Submitted” status.
14	A National Ranking Cutoff Score is determined and final results of acceptable and rejected offers are announced.
15	Acceptable/Rejected Offers are posted.
16	County Offices must conduct a post ranking eligibility review.

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*--265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

Step	Action
17	<p>County Office notifies producer of acceptability of offer using CRP-27 or rejected offer using CRP-28. For accepted offers, the County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides producer a copy of signed CRP-1 and CRP-2G • provides producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix • updates offer status in COLS to “submit to plan” • provides NRCS a copy of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter of acceptability sent to producer (CRP-27) • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2G • CRP-1 Appendix • geospatial data/map created in step 6, if applicable.
18	County Office will complete a paid for measurement service for acceptable offers, if requested by the producer.
19	NRCS completes site visit as determined necessary as part of the conservation plan development.
20	<p>NRCS provides County Office with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed.
21	<p>County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes all necessary consultations, if needed • obtains copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G • completes FSA’s portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to “submit to COC”.
22	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.
23	County Office ensures that AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.
24	COC or CED approves CRP-1.

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--265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)*B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)**

Step	Action
25	County Office records Contract Period on CRP-1.
26	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.
27	County Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> records CRP-1 number obtained from CCMS on CRP-1 notifies producer that CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24, and provides producer a copy of approved CRP-1.

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266 (Withdrawn Amend. 7)**267 Completing CRP-2G*****--A About CRP-2G**

CRP-2G must be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit an offer. The document is used to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates for producers before offers are submitted
- obtain ranking data and statistics on acreage offered for grassland CRP according to--*
Exhibit 24.

Items 1 through 10 I must be completed before the producer's signature, title, and date in items 12A, 12B, and 12C.

All changes to data entered on CRP-2G after the producer signs CRP-2G must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2G is:

- a computer-generated form
- provided 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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CRP-2G U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (06-14-21) Farm Service Agency CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Grassland CRP Signup)			1. Tract Number		2. Program Year
			3A. Sign Up Number		3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
4A. County FSA Office Address (Include Zip Code)			4C. Producer Name and Address (Include Zip Code)		
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)			4D. Producer Phone Number (Include Area Code)		
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number	
7A. Acres for Enrollment	7B. Cropland Acres	8A. Maximum Payment Rate (Includes Climate-Smart Incentive Rate)		8B. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered	
		\$		\$	
9. Cover/Practices:					
A. Field Number	B. Practice No.	C. Cover	D. Acres	E. Estimated Total Cost Share (C/S)	F. Length
1					
10. Ranking Questions (Ranking Factors: F1a, F1b, F2, F3a, F3b, F3c, F4, F5a, F5b, F5c, F6, F7). See Exhibit 24					Points
A. What is the current cover on land being offered? (F4)					
B. Is all or part of the land offered currently under an expiring CRP contract? (F1a) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
If "YES", please enter the CRP contract no: _____					
Is over 50 percent of the offered acres in existing CP2, CP10 or CP-25 cover? (F1b) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
C. Producer Classification (F2): <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? (F6) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
E. Is the land offered in a county under threat of conversion? (F3a) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
F. Is over 50 percent of the land offered in the National Threat of conversion layer? (F3b) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
G. Is offer for 10 or 15 years? (F3c) <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Years					
H. Is the land offered currently in a State Wildlife zone? (F5a) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Is the land offered currently in a State CRP grassland zone? (F5b) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Is the land currently in the National Priority Zone? (F5c) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
I. Cost is Maximum rental rate \$15 (F7)					
J. Other					K. TOTAL:
11. Remarks					
Date Printed					

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B Example of CRP-2G (Continued)

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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/Buffalo/Dry Dairy Cow	1.00
Dairy Cow	1.40
Beef/Dairy/Buffalo 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.

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This form is available electronically. CRP-2G-1 (06-02-21)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency		1. STATE Oklahoma	
GRASSLAND CRP SMALL LIVESTOCK OPERATION CERTIFICATION				2. COUNTY Payne	
				3. TRACT NUMBER 1000	
4. Producer Name and Address (Including Zip Code) Joe Jones 123 West 3rd Street Stillwater, OK 74075			5. Producer Telephone Number (Including Area Code) (403) 222-4565		
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		20 = 2.0	
B. Dairy Cow		1.40		=	
C. Beef/Bufalo Bulls		1.50		1 = 1.5	
D. Calf		0.30		=	
E. Heifer		0.86		=	
F. Yearling Cattle		0.65		=	
G. Sheep, Ewe		0.16		=	
H. Lamb, Weaned to Yearling		0.14		=	
I. Ram (200 lbs.)		0.17		=	
J. Goat, Mature		0.15		=	
K. Kid, Yearling		0.10		=	
L. Llama		0.23		=	
M. Other: _____		x		=	
N. Other: _____		x		=	
O. TOTAL				21.5	
10. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION					
I certify: <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. 					
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.					
A. PRODUCER SIGNATURE (BY) 		B. TITLE RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY		C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 07/10/2021	
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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 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 grassland CRP 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 ranking cutoff score allow the producer to--*
voluntarily withdraw the offer without liquidated damages.

270 Payments

*--A Grassland CRP Payments

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

B C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost for certain components of grassland CRP practices. See Exhibit 11 for practice CP88.

271 Contract Activities

A Grassland CRP Permitted Activities

For grassland CRP, the following activities are permitted if specified in the conservation--* plan:

- common grazing practices, including maintenance and necessary cultural practices, on and in a manner 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 PNS
- fire pre-suppression, fire-related rehabilitation, and construction of fire breaks
- grazing-related activities, such as fencing and livestock watering facilities.

272-285 (Reserved)

Part 10 General CRP Signup and Offer Process

286 Overview

A General Information About Signup and Offer Process

Signup periods will be announced by DAFP. The National Office must provide State and County Offices:

- program information sheets for producers
- updated program provisions and procedures
- other information as requested.

During signup, producers will submit offers for the amounts they are willing to accept to enroll acreage in the program. County Offices will calculate the maximum acceptable rental rate for the acreage being submitted. This amount is referred to as the maximum payment rate and is described in detail in paragraph 101.

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers selected will be those that provide the greatest environmental benefits considering the cost of enrolling the acreage in the program.

*--B General CRP Signup Process Flow

The following table provides general CRP signup activities that must be completed for general CRP signup offers. Some activities are completed before the beginning of general CRP signup enrollment period and are performed by the State Office.--*

Step	Pre-Signup Activities	Reference
1	National Office announces general CRP signup period.	Press Release/ National Notice
2	As directed by National Office CRP notice, State or County Offices update the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPA's • lookup tables • wildlife, water quality, and air quality zones • C/S rates • SRR's • county cropland limitation 	National Notice and Parts 4, 5, and 15

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities During Signup	Reference
3	<p>Producer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expresses an interest in enrolling in CRP indicates the acreage they want to enroll on a digital imagery/map and identifies the practice they want to enroll. <p>The County Office must explain program details, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the EBI process required cropping history maximum payment rate calculations national ranking and selection process COC determinations available practices and C/S rates. <p>County Offices must provide the producer with EBI information *--and general CRP Signup Fact Sheets.</p>	Paragraph 332
4	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in general--*	
5	<p>County Office determines whether all the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all producer eligibility requirements all land eligibility requirements (cropping history) CRP county cropland limit has not been exceeded. <p>If all are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> met, proceed to step 6 not met, STOP. Do not proceed. Inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26. 	Paragraph 151

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities During Signup	Reference
6	<p>If all requirements in step 5 are met, create a TERRA offer scenario to determine whether the acreage offered meets 1 of the following land eligibility categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EI greater than 8 • CPA • expiring CRP. <p>If acreage offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets 1 of the land eligibility categories, upload into COLS • does not meet; STOP. Do not proceed. Inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26. 	Paragraph 151 and *--4-CRP--*
7	County Office enters the offer data (practice, cover type, acres, CRP-1 period) in COLS, as provided by the producer.	*--4-CRP--*
8	County Office completes and prints CRP-2 and CRP-1 and notifies the producer that CRP-2 and CRP-1 are ready for signature.	*--4-CRP--*
9	<p>Producer signs and dates the completed CRP-1 and CRP-2 and provides the signed documents to the County Office.</p> <p>Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC/CED approves CRP-1.</p>	*--4-CRP--*
10	County Office must ensure that offer is in “Submitted” status in COLS.	*--4-CRP--*
11	<p>State and County Offices review the offer ranking data to identify incomplete or erroneous ranking data. If ranking data is incomplete or erroneous, County Office must edit the offer to correct the incomplete or erroneous data.</p> <p>County Office must go back and repeat steps 8 through 10.</p>	
12	National Office locks COLS for ranking. County Offices can no longer access general CRP signup offer records.	National Office

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities Post Signup	Reference
13	National Office ranks all general CRP signup offers in a “Submitted” status.	National Office
14	A National EBI Cutoff Score is determined and final results of acceptable and rejected offers are announced.	Press Release and CRP Notice
15	Acceptable/Rejected Offers are posted.	National Office
16	County Offices must conduct a post ranking eligibility review.	CRP Notice
17	<p>County Office notifies producer of acceptability of offer using CRP-23 or rejected offer using CRP-26. For accepted offers, the County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides producer a copy of signed CRP-1 and CRP-2 • provides producer a copy of CRP-1 Appendix • updates offer status in COLS to “submit to plan” • provides NRCS a copy of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • letter of acceptability sent to producer (CRP-23) • signed CRP-1 • signed CRP-2 •*--CRP-1 Appendix--* • geospatial data/map created in step 6, if applicable. 	CRP Notice
18	County Office will complete a paid for measurement service for acceptable offers, if requested by the producer.	Paragraph 401
19	NRCS completes site visit as determined necessary as part of the conservation plan development.	Paragraph 366
20	<p>NRCS provides County Office with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS signed conservation plan and all supporting documentation • NRCS-CPA-52 with the NRCS portion completed. 	Paragraphs 366 and 367

286 Overview (Continued)

--B General CRP Signup Process Flow (Continued)--

Step	Activities Post Signup	Reference
21	<p>County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes all necessary consultations, if needed • obtains copy of all permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G • completes FSA's portion of NRCS-CPA-52 • ensures all required signatures on CRP-1 and conservation plan have been obtained • updates offer status in COLS to "submit to COC". 	Subparagraph 366 B and paragraph 367 * * *
22	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.	Paragraph 366
23	County Office ensures that AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC/CED approval date.	Paragraph 131
24	COC or CED approves CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
25	County Office records Contract Period on CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
26	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.	Paragraph 401
27	<p>County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • records CRP-1 number obtained from CCMS on CRP-1 • notifies producer that CRP-1 is approved using CRP-24, and provides producer a copy of approved CRP-1. 	Paragraph 401

287-292 (Reserved)

Section 1 Ranking and Selection Process

293 National Ranking and Selection Process

A About the National Ranking Plan

The national ranking process was developed by FSA, in consultation with NRCS, ERS, EPA, FS, FWS, and other agencies. The process is designed to prioritize CRP offers based on environmental criteria and cost. The process uses an EBI that includes 6 national ranking factors: 5 factors that quantify the relative environmental benefits of each offer, and 1 cost factor that quantifies cost on a per acre basis.

The National Office must determine the rank of each offer by adding the sum of the scores received for all environmental factors plus a cost factor. Offers will be ranked from highest to lowest total score.

Note: The EBI scores assigned to each factor are applied generally to all eligible offers; therefore, the EBI point system is not appealable. The information used to determine the individual EBI score for a specific offer may be appealed.

The 5 national environmental ranking factors and 1 cost factor will be collected for all offers.

B National Ranking Factors

The following are the 6 national ranking factors.

Factor	Description	Point Ranges
N1	Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits	10 through 100
N2	Water Quality Benefits from Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching	0 through 100
N3	On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion	0 through 100
N4	Enduring Benefits	0 through 50
N5	Air Quality Benefits	3 through 45
N6	Cost/Acre	to be determined

293 National Ranking and Selection Process (Continued)**B National Ranking Factors (Continued)**

Scoring criteria for each national ranking factor are listed in Exhibit 26.

FSA will determine environmental scores for factors N1 through N5 for each offer during and shortly after signup.

Note: Offers under continuous CRP signup are not evaluated. See paragraph 181.

The National Office will determine the cost factor using the CRP per acre offer.

For general CRP signup, when the applicable cropland limit for the county is reached, the residency of the owner or operator that submitted the offer will be used to determine the acceptability of the offer when more than 1 offer has an equivalent EBI score.

Example: The EBI (environmental benefits plus cost) cutoff level in Bucks County, Pennsylvania is 250 points. Bucks County is 20 acres from the 25 percent cropland limit.

Offer A (250 EBI points and 20 acres in size) is from an out of State landowner with an operator from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Offer B (250 EBI point and 20 acres in size) is from a local Bucks County farmer.

Offer B will be selected for enrollment in the program.

C Processing Offers

Only general CRP signup offers will be accepted. Continuous CRP offers will be accepted under the continuous CRP signup process. Offers under continuous CRP signup are not evaluated. See Part 7.

General CRP signup offers must compete based on the scores for each national factor, including cost.

D Selecting Offers

After all offers have been ranked, the National Office will provide by notice the ranking list to each applicable State and County Office indicating the offers that have been accepted or rejected. County Offices must notify each producer according to paragraph 341 after conducting the final eligibility review.

294-310 (Reserved)

Section 3 Conducting a CRP Signup in the County Office**331 Announcing County CRP****A County Offices Announcing CRP**

County Offices will use news media to inform all owners and operators, on a county-wide basis, of the following:

- CRP eligibility requirements
- locations and dates of informational meetings
- dates for submitting offers
- CRP provisions, including general terms and conditions
- information needed to submit offers, such as eligible cropping history, fields to be identified, and number of acres to be offered.

Issue CRP announcement to all owners and operators in the county.

Note: County Offices must include CRP continuous CRP signup information in the county newsletter. Special mailings are optional but not required.

B Statement of Participation

All eligible owners and operators, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status, must have an opportunity to submit requests to place land in CRP.

332 Submitting Offers

A Processing Offers

Offers **must** be submitted to the County Office where the land is administratively located. The following provides instructions on whether to process an offer.

IF land is...	THEN process the offer...
physically located in a county that has reached or exceeded the 25 percent cropland limitation or other applicable limit as provided in Part 4 * * * and ACEP-WRE signups and the county does not have an approved waiver before the signup period begins	only if it is for practices eligible under continuous CRP signup marginal pastureland criteria (CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, CP30, or CRP noncropland grassland practices CP87 or CP88).
physically located in a county that has not reached the 25 percent cropland limitation or other applicable limit as provided in Part 4	in the administering county for any eligible practice.

B Cropland Eligibility Determinations

County Offices will assist producers with cropland eligibility determinations on CRP-2. To determine cropland eligibility for CRP-1, use CRP-2.

Note: County Offices must use FSA-578 on file for applicable years to verify cropping history entered on CRP-2, items 22 through 25. **Digital imagery will not be used--* to determine cropping history when FSA-578 is on file.**

If there is no FSA-578 on file for any year of the applicable 6 years:

- require the producer to provide 2 or more of the following:
 - a signed statement from the person who harvested or planted the crop
 - a neighboring producer's certification of crops and acreage, on the back of a digital image for each year
 - a signed statement from a reliable person with knowledge of which crops were planted on the farm

Note: COC or CED may require the producer to provide other documentation to determine cropping history, such as:

- seed, fertilizer, and chemical receipts
- load summary documents or elevator receipts.

332 Submitting Offers (Continued)**B Cropland Eligibility Determinations (Continued)**

- COC or CED must review and verify all of the documentation submitted to determine whether the cropping history is acceptable by:
 - digital imagery, if applicable
 - farm visit
 - personal knowledge.

A late-filed FSA-578 may be accepted according to 2-CP, paragraph 27 when there is no FSA-578 on file for the applicable year being used to determine cropping history for eligibility. The late-filed fee must be calculated according to 2-CP.

C Maximum Payment Rate Determination

County Offices will assist producers by calculating the maximum payment rates, including multiple scenarios if requested, according to Part 5.

For general CRP signup offers, the maximum payment rate is the weighted average SRR of ~~the 3 predominant soils for the acreage offered plus the Climate-Smart Incentive.~~ Caps may apply to the maximum payment rate. See subparagraph 101 C for maximum payment rate ~~cap for general CRP signup.~~

D Separate Offers

Each producer, depending upon the eligibility determination and the practices selected, must submit only 1 offer per tract per program year per general CRP signup.

Note: The definition of a tract in 10-CM must be used for offers being submitted by tract for CRP purposes.

332 Submitting Offers (Continued)**D Separate Offers (Continued)**

If a producer submits multiple offers, some of which are not determined acceptable, the producer may withdraw any or all acceptable offers.

Note: Acceptable offers on different tract numbers must **not** be combined under 1 tract number.

Important: Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for:

- each CRP-2 completed
- practices with different CRP-1 periods.

Example: Producer offers 5 acres of CP1 with a 10-year CRP-1 period and 20 acres of CP3A with a 15-year CRP-1 period on the same tract. Only one CRP-2 is completed for the offer. Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for each practice.

E Final Date for Submitting Offers

The deadline for receiving offers in the County Office is COB on the DAFP-established final date for submitting offers.

F Material 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.

333 Completing CRP-2**A About CRP-2**

CRP-2 **must** be completed for all acreage on which producers want to submit offers. The document is used to:

- make eligibility determinations
- calculate maximum payment rates for producers before offers are submitted
- obtain ranking data and statistics on acreage offered for the program.

Note: Before completing CRP-2, the County Office must ensure that the base limitation is not exceeded. See subparagraph 401 B and 1-ARCPLC, paragraph 21.

All item numbers, except item number 6, must be completed before producer signs CRP-2. All changes to data entered on CRP-2 after the producer signs CRP-2 must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

Notes: See paragraph 212 for completing CRP-2C for continuous CRP signup.

Separate CRP-1's **must** be completed for:

- each CRP-2
- practices with different CRP-1 periods. See paragraph 332.

CRP-2 is:

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

333 Completing CRP-2 (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2

The following is an example of CRP-2.

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CRP-2 (01-10-22)									
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency									
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For General Signup)									
1. Tract Number					2. Program Year				
3A. Sign Up Number					3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)				
4A. County FSA Office Address (Zip Code):					4C. Producer Name and Address (Zip Code):				
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)					4D. Producer Phone No. (Include Area Code)				
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location			5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number			7. Acres for Enrollment	
					8. Signup Type GENERAL			9. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$	
10. PRACTICES (See Page 3 for additional space):								11. LAND ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY BY ACRES: (Enter the amount eligible for each criterion)	
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Practice Status	D. Acres	E. Estimated Cost Share (\$)	F. Length	G. N1a Point Value	El 8 or Greater		
							National CPA		
							State CPA		
							Expiring CRP		
12. National Ranking Factors:							13. N1 Subfactors:		
N1		N2		N3		N4		N5	
14. N2 Subfactors:					15. N5 Subfactors:				
N2a		N2b		N2c		N5a		N5b	
16. N6 Subfactor:					17. HUC Number:				
N6b									
18. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:									
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate	F. Total Rent			
(1) Primary				x	\$	= \$			
(2) Secondary				x	\$	= \$			
(3) Tertiary				x	\$	= \$			
TOTALS									
19. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 18F total divided by Col. 18D total)				20. Climate-Smart Practice Incentive (Result of Item 19 times weighted average applicable incentive percentage for the practice(s))			21. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Result of Item 19 plus the result of Item 20)		
\$				\$			\$		
Date Printed:									

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333 Completing CRP-2 (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2 (Continued)

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For Items 22 through 25 (See Page 4 for additional space)										
22. Tract No.	23. Current Field No.	24. Current Crop or Land Use	25. Crop Land Use Summary							
			A. Offered Acres	B. Crop History Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____
26. TOTALS ►										
<p>27. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION:</p> <p><i>By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) All of the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) factors and subfactors N1 through N5 have been explained to me; (2) I have been informed that planting an approved mixture of covers that benefit wildlife, enhancing the existing cover to provide a mixture that benefits wildlife, if applicable, and/or creating and maintaining open areas of approved herbaceous cover, may improve the acceptability of the offer; (3) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (4) I have been informed that offering a per acre rental payment that is less than the calculated annual maximum payment rate may enhance the acceptability of the offer; (5) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (6) I have been informed that certain land enrolled in the EQIP pursuant to regulations at 7 CFR Part 1466 is ineligible for enrollment in the CRP; (7) To the best of my knowledge and belief the acreage of crops and land listed herein, if applicable, are true and correct; and (8) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses, and enter and insect for other purposes, on the above-identified land.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.</i></p>										
27A. Signature (By)					27B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity			27C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)		

Date Printed:

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333 Completing CRP-2 (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2 (Continued)

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<i>Items 22 through 25 (Continued from Page 2)</i>										
22. Tract No.	23. Current Field No.	24. Current Crop or Land Use	25. Crop Land Use Summary							
			A. Offered Acres	B. Crop History Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____
26. TOTALS ►										

Date Printed:

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B Example of CRP-2 (Continued)

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334 Providing CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix**A Instructions to Producers**

Producers must be advised that:

- CRP-1 (Exhibit 21) is a binding contract; offers are irrevocable after the end of signup
 - * * *
- changes are not allowed on the preprinted portion of CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix
- any changes to the data entered on CRP-1 **must** be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer
- CRP-1 **must** be signed and dated by all required signatories. See paragraphs 335 and 340.

B What to Give Producers Submitting Offers

When the producer is ready to submit an offer, County Offices must provide the following to the producer:

- copy of CRP-2
- CRP-1 (Exhibit 21)
- copy of CRP-1 Appendix.

335 Signature Requirements

A Required Signatures

All owners, operators, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered **must** sign CRP-1, including owners with zero share in CRP annual rental payments.

Exception: Deceased participants must be removed from CRP-1 within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of the participant, regardless of whether the deceased participant is still listed as an owner on the deed, purchase contract, or other acceptable document that affirms ownership. See subparagraph 554 D for County Office actions required within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of a participant.

Each person who signs CRP-1 for a share greater than zero:

- *--has entered into a 10- to 15-year binding agreement with CCC--*

Exception: See landlord and tenant provisions in paragraph 130.

- is jointly and severally liable for complying with terms and conditions of CRP-1.

Note: Zero-share participants are not jointly and severally responsible for CRP-1 performance.

The following shows forms and signature requirements.

Form	Signature Required
CRP-1 (Exhibit 21) Certification Statement (subparagraph 130 E) Conservation Plan	All operators, owners, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered

Notes: See subparagraph C for exceptions on obtaining owners' signatures.

--See 1-CM for acceptable signature methods.--

B Owners' Signatures

An owner is required to sign CRP-1 unless a farm is under multiple ownership and the owner's name is not on the deed to the portion of land being offered on CRP-1.

Important: Deceased owners must be removed from CRP-1 within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of the owner, regardless of whether the deceased owner is still listed as an owner on the deed, purchase contract, or other acceptable document that affirms ownership. See subparagraph 554 D for County Office actions required within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of a participant.

Part 11 Conservation Plans and Contract Support Documents

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan

A Conservation Plan

A conservation plan is a record of the producer's decisions and supporting information for the treatment of a unit of land or water as a result of the planning process that meets NRCS FOTG planning criteria for each natural resource and addresses economic and social considerations. The plan describes the schedule of operations and activities required to solve identified natural resource concerns.

B Original Plan Development

An approved conservation plan is required before CRP-1 can be approved. NRCS or TSP ~~must~~ complete a site visit, before approving a conservation plan.--*

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

- CRP-1
- CRP-2
- TERRA scenario
- geospatial data/maps
- location and any other relevant geospatial data/maps.

The approved conservation plan must be developed by:

- the participant
- NRCS or TSP.

NRCS or TSP is responsible for the following conservation planning, practice implementation, and certification activities:

- environmental evaluation during the conservation planning process
- technical leadership for planning and implementation
- technical concurrence on the conservation plans and revisions
- adherence to subparagraph 367 F about compliance with NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and related laws, regulations, and executive orders.

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)**B Original Plan Development (Continued)**

--The Conservation District will sign the conservation plan according to NRCS and Conservation-- District policy as specified under mutual, cooperative working, operational, and contribution agreements and according to the confidentiality provisions of Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

NRCS or TSP must ensure that the approved conservation plan:

- contains all the practices necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the vegetative cover on all of the acres offered for CRP
- is technically adequate for achieving CRP objectives
- incorporates all requirements for Federal, State, or local permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G
- ensures that the CRP cover will not be disturbed during PNS.

Note: See paragraph 427.

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

B Original Plan Development (Continued)

- for CP22 when the producer elects natural regeneration, provides **all** of the following:

- **no** C/S will be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See Exhibit 11.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- *--NRCS technical practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/--* Management, is used to identify natural regeneration
- NRCS or TSP must conduct a status review of the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established **and** meets the standards and *--specifications for NRCS technical practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.--*

Note: NRCS or TSP **must** immediately notify COC or CED:

- of the result of the status review
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

Note: COC or CED **must** notify participant of the results of the status review.

366 Developing Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)**C Application of Practices**

The approved conservation plan must include measures necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the approved practices and required management activities. This applies regardless of eligibility for C/S funds.

-- CP12, Wildlife Food Plot, may be included in the approved conservation plan only to-- enhance certain other practices included in the approved conservation plan if the:

- producer wants to establish a wildlife habitat
- area is suited for the successful establishment of the practice.

Note: See Exhibit 11 for practices eligible to be used in conjunction with CP12.

D Practice Performance Requiring Permits

Participants who want to perform practices on land they do not own or to install practices that require State or Federal permits are responsible for obtaining permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices, as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G before the cover establishment.

The person receiving C/S assistance is responsible to CCC for any losses sustained by the Federal Government if the person:

- infringes on the rights of others
- does not comply with applicable laws and regulations.

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements

NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and other related laws, regulations, and executive orders require Federal agencies to consider the potential impacts of their proposed actions upon the human environment. Therefore, **before** approving CRP-1's, land applications of animal waste, or construction of wind-powered generation devices, FSA **must** ensure that **all** potential impacts to the human environment have been considered according to 1-EQ, 7 CFR Part 799, and GM 190 Part 410, and adhere to the following.

Item for Approval	Criteria
CRP-1	<p>FSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must complete NRCS-CPA-52, as prepared by NRCS or TSP during the conservation planning process, to determine potential impacts of the proposed CRP-1 and associated CP's on the human environment • approval official will ensure that all appropriate environmental *--requirements have been met, which must include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after the site visit portion, NRCS completes, Sections A-O of--* the NRCS-CPA-52 • FSA receives from NRCS and/or producer, any related documentation, including permits, or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices, as provided by NRCS on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G to support conclusions made about potential impacts on environmental resources and special issues identified in the completed NRCS-CPA-52 • *--FSA completes NRCS-CPA-52, Sections P, Q, R, and S only--* after completing all necessary consultations with SHPO, THPO, American Indian Tribes, other consulting parties concerned with cultural resources, FWS, and NOAA Fisheries. <p>Note: For proposed actions that occur within wetlands or floodplains, see 1-EQ for guidance.</p>

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements (Continued)

Item for Approval	Criteria
Land Application of Animal Waste, Sludge, or Agricultural By-Product	<p>Before COC or CED approves the application of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product, FSA must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *--request NRCS update the conservation plan and NRCS-CPA-52.--* FSA then completes the NRCS-CPA-52 process and proceeds with processing producer's request • include with appropriate supporting documentation and consultation records as part of the producer's CRP file. <p>Note: See paragraph 635.</p>
Construction of Wind Turbines	<p>*--Request NRCS update the conservation plan and NRCS-CPA-52.--* FSA then completes the NRCS-CPA-52 process and proceeds with processing producer's request.</p> <p>FSA must ensure that turbines are sited using USFWS land-based wind energy guidelines. See paragraph 639.</p>

G Other Technical Assistance Sources

Participants may use conservation planning, practice implementation, and certification services of certified persons other than NRCS, such as:

- private businesses or consultants
- other organizations
- TSP's
- Federal, State, and local government agencies, such as:
 - State wildlife agencies
 - State forestry agencies
 - State water quality agencies.

Note: See 440 Programs Manual, Part 504 Technical Provider Assistance for information regarding third party vendors.

The NRCS designated conservationist may accept conservation plans previously developed by conservation partners or consultants provided the plan meets CRP requirements and NRCS technical requirements.

367 Conservation Planning (Continued)**H Technical Error**

If a technical error is discovered resulting in an incorrect conservation plan, NRCS or TSP will:

- immediately contact the appropriate participant
- revise the plan to meet practice standards.

368 NRCS Conservation C/S Agreement**A Conservation Plan and C/S Agreement**

For CRP, the conservation plan must be developed to meet identified resource conservation needs. The conservation plan may or may not extend across program boundaries.

The C/S agreement is developed to meet specific program needs.

B Use of Existing Plans

Existing conservation plans, if applicable, may be used in preparing the conservation plan for CRP. NRCS, FSA, and the producer must each receive a copy of the conservation plan. All entries will be legible and use NRCS-approved electronic forms. Plans must also include:

- conservation planning map and legend
- *--applicable job sheets/implementation requirements referred to on an NRCS-approved--* electronic form.

C Required Signatures for Conservation Plan

For CRP, NRCS-approved electronic forms **must** be signed by all of the following:

- CRP producers listed on CRP-1
- designated conservationist.

* * *

See paragraph 366 for:

- requirements before COC or CED approves the conservation plan
- *--signature by the Conservation District representative.--*

FSA COC or CED must have concurrence with the Contract Support Document for CRP acreage. * * *

369 Assembling and Filing CRP Documents

A Overview

County FSA Offices must:

- maintain the original CRP-1, CRP-1 Appendix, and CRP-2, CRP-2C, and CRP-2G
- provide NRCS with a copy of any documents needed for NRCS CRP case files.

*--CRP documents must be contained in a 6-part folder. The following subparagraphs provide instructions for assembling and filing CRP documents.

Note: Documents for current contracts may continue under previously established filing guidelines.--*

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369 Assembling and Filing CRP Documents (Continued)***--B Using a 6-Part Folder**

A 6-part folder must be used for continuity and uniformity. The arrangement of the documents for each cover from front to back is provided below:

First Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the first cover:

- current conservation plan map
- NRCS-approved forms (CPA-1155 or CPA-1156)
- job sheets/implementation requirements referenced in the conservation plan
- tree planting plan, if applicable
- engineering plan, if applicable
- NRCS-CPA-52
- Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, if applicable.

Second Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the second cover:

- CRP-1
- CRP-2
- TERRA scenario/enrollment information
- location map
- landlord/tenant statement, if applicable
- 505/517, if applicable
- other supporting documentation and letters
- CRP-1 Appendix.

Third Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the third cover:

- FSA-848A
- FSA-848B
- all C/S receipts
- documentation
- payment information.--*

369 Assembling and Filing CRP Documents (Continued)***--B Using a 6-Part Folder (Continued)****Fourth Cover of 6-Part Folder**

The following is the order for the fourth cover:

- status review
- con 6 notes
- FSA spot checks.

Fifth Cover of 6-Part Folder

The following is the order for the fifth cover:

- Correspondence with producer/running record
- other checklists used by the county office.

Sixth Cover of 6-Part Folder

Other miscellaneous documentation as appropriate.

C Payment Records

Payment records are not required to be filed in the 6-Part Folder but may be generated from Common Payment Reports, as needed, and may be filed in the Sixth Cover.

D Assistance Notes

Appropriate documentation will be included in the conservation assistance notes in Conservation Desktop. Do not duplicate this information on CPA-6.

E Disposition of Completed or Terminated CRP-1's--*

Record the termination or expiration date on each CRP-1. NRCS must follow the Records Management Guide (120 GM, Part 408) for records maintenance and disposal.

370-400 (Reserved)

Part 12 Approving CRP-1's

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's

A Requirements Before Approval

Before approving CRP-1's, County Offices must:

- ensure that a separate CRP-1 is completed for:
 - *--each CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP-2G--*
 - practices with different CRP-1 periods

Note: See paragraphs 211 and 332.

- determine acres to be enrolled by completing a paid-for measurement service

Exceptions: Measurement service is not required for:

- official fields
- any acreage currently enrolled that has been reoffered and accepted, if the specific area accepted was measured before enrollment.

Notes: In early signup periods, offers were accepted by farm. Offers are now required to be by tract. If acreage currently enrolled were required to be reoffered separately because the acreage is located on more than 1 tract, the acreage is required to be measured.

The use of TERRA is considered a measurement service. No measurement service fee is charged for the use of TERRA. If staking and referencing or in office measurement, other than TERRA, is performed, see 2-CP, paragraph 927 for fees.

- adjust the acreage on CRP-1 as appropriate according to the completed measurement service
- ensure that base acres and CRP acres do not exceed effective DCP cropland on the farm, according to subparagraph B
- complete approved farm reconstitutions

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

A Requirements Before Approval (Continued)

- review NRCS-CPA-52, Section G, to determine whether the producer is required to obtain any permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices, and if FSA needs to complete consultations
- complete a second party review of all eligibility requirements and maximum payment rate calculations
- ensure that CCC-526, CCC-931, CCC-933, or CCC-941 as applicable, has been filed for all producers with a share greater than zero, including members of entities and joint operations, and updated in the web-based Subsidiary Eligibility System before CRP-1 approval

Notes: CCC-941 **must** be filed to ensure that CRP participants are aware of payment eligibility for new CRP-1's or revised CRP-1's where there is a succession. This does **not** require that a prospective CRP participant be eligible for payments, **only** that CCC-941 be filed.

If a zero share producer revises their share, the appropriate AGI form is required. See paragraph 131.

- review the multiple county producer list with other County Offices
- ensure county cropland limit eligibility according to Part 4

Note: The first five CREP offers per county **must** be reviewed by STC before COC or CED approval.

- determine the total annual rental rate for the acreage being offered and all previously approved CRP-1's
- ensure that NRCS has terminated all applicable WBP agreements.

Note: File a copy of the terminated WBP agreement in the producer's CRP folder.

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)**A Requirements Before Approval (Continued)**

For general CRP signups, a producer may change CRP practices only if all of the following conditions are met:

- original offer was accepted
- CRP-1 has not been approved
- the EBI score of the new practice is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the existing practice.

Important: When determining whether the EBI score of the new practice or practices is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the original practice or practices, COC or CED **must** use the same EBI criteria that was used for the original offer. See CRP-2 for EBI score.

For continuous CRP signup, a producer may change practices if CRP-1 has not been approved.

B Approving CRP-1's

Approve CRP-1's if:

- offer is included on the list of acceptable offers

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

- for continuous CRP signup CRP-1's, all applicable requirements according to paragraph 181 have been met
- all required signatures have been obtained on all related CRP forms and plans
- a conservation plan is approved for the acreage
- required permits or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices provided by NRCS on the NRCS-CPA-52, Section G, have been obtained by the producer and a copy provided to the County Office

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

B Approving CRP-1's (Continued)

- the current CCC-931, CCC-933, or CCC-941 as applicable, has been filed for all producers with a share greater than zero and updated in the web-based Subsidiary Eligibility System
- the conservation plan is consistent with policies in paragraph 366
- base acres and CRP acres do not exceed the DCP cropland on the farm.

If the total base acres, plus CRP acres (excluding any marginal pastureland, such as *--grassland CRP noncropland acres) based on the effective date of CRP-1's, exceeds DCP--* cropland for the farm, the producer must designate which of the following to reduce:

- CRP acres being offered
- base acres.

Important: Reductions must be completed according to 10-CM. Land transitioned under TIP CRP-1R is not subject to DCP base reduction.

Notes: Reduction of CRP acres offered must be completed before the end of the applicable signup period.

The reduction of applicable acres must be to the extent the total CRP and DCP cropland acreage does not exceed the cropland for the farm.

Acreage enrolled in an approved CRP-1 cannot be reduced.

County Offices must calculate the number of acres on a farm that may be enrolled in CRP without requiring a reduction to DCP base acres at the time the producer submits CRP-2, *--CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, and CRP-2G, if applicable. See 10-CM.--*

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)**B Approving CRP-1's (Continued)**

When the producer determines to reduce base acres on a farm because of enrollment into CRP, the producer **must** complete CCC-505 according to 1-ARCPLC at the time the acres are being offered for CRP.

Note: Some producers may elect to modify the number of acres to be offered for CRP instead of reducing base acres on the farm.

Reduce base acres and complete CCC-505 according to 1-ARCPLC.

- acreage determinations have been made and verified by a measurement service

Exceptions: Measurement service is not required for:

- official fields
- any acreage currently enrolled that has been reoffered and accepted, if the area accepted was measured before enrollment.

Notes: In early signup periods, offers were accepted by farm. Offers are now required to be by tract. If acreage currently enrolled were required to be reoffered separately because the acreage is located on more than 1 tract, the acreage is required to be measured.

The use of TERRA is considered a measurement service. No measurement service fee is charged for the use of TERRA. If staking and referencing or in office measurement, other than TERRA, is performed, see 2-CP, paragraph 927 for fees.

- all acreage eligibility determinations have been made.

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)**C COC Responsibilities**

COC or CED must:

- sign and date each eligible CRP-1 if:
 - listed as an acceptable offer
- **Note:** This is not applicable to continuous CRP signup CRP-1's.
- requirements in this paragraph have been met
- not approve CRP-1's for persons listed in subparagraph D
- follow conflict of interest provisions in 22-PM, Part 9.

D Approval Responsibilities

An STC or DAFP representative must review certain CRP-1's before approval. The following shows required reviews, persons responsible for review, and persons responsible for approval or disapproval.

CRP-1's for...	MUST be reviewed by...	BEFORE approval or disapproval by...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC members * * * • FSA County Office employees • other County USDA employees • Conservation District board members 	DD	DD.
State Office employees	STC	STC.
STC members	DAFP	SED.
SED's	DAFP	STC.
Other FSA employees	DAFP	STC.

Note: Reviews **must** be completed for any entity for which the employees, who are subject to a required review, have a substantial beneficial interest, according to 1-PL, 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

D Approval Responsibilities (Continued)

Persons making the required reviews must ensure that all:

- eligibility requirements are met
- *--required entries on CRP-1, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, and CRP-2G are completed.--*

SED or STC, as applicable, must not approve CRP-1's unless authorized by DAFP in writing.

E County Office Action

After requirements in subparagraphs A through C have been met, notify producer of approval using CRP-24 (Exhibit 5).

402 CRP-1 Period**A Length of Time**

*--The following table shows the CRP-1 period for each type of enrollment.

Type of Enrollment	CRP-1 Period
General CRP	10 to 15 years
Continuous CRP	10 to 15 years
Continuous CRP CLEAR 30	30 years
Grassland CRP	10 or 15 years

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See Exhibit 32 for CRP-1 effective dates and corresponding expiration dates.

B Example of 10-Year CRP-1

*--CRP-1 period for FY 2022 CRP-1's will end on September 30, 2031.

See Exhibit 20 for signup periods and program years.

C Effective Date

For general CRP signup, the effective date of CRP-1 must be October 1 of the next FY for--* any of the following:

- new land
- land that is currently enrolled in CRP at the time of signup that expires on September 30 *--of the current FY and is re-enrolled.--*

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Notes: Harvest of the prior year's agricultural commodity crop is permitted after October 1 without a payment reduction.

For acreage not enrolled in CRP at the time of signup, grazing is prohibited beginning, the later of, for acreage with a CRP-1 effective date of October 1:

- 10 calendar days after COC or CED approves CRP-1
- October 1 of the first year of CRP-1.

COC must notify producers of this policy.

See paragraph 213 for effective dates and grazing restrictions of CRP-1's approved under continuous CRP signup provisions.

403-425 (Reserved)

Part 13 Establishing and Maintaining Practices

426 Establishing Approved Cover

A Establishing Required Cover on CRP-1

CRP participants must agree to establish and maintain approved practices according to the conservation plan of operations.

Use of hand-collected seed is not authorized for CRP. COC or CED must not approve CRP-1 when hand-collected seed was or will be used to establish the cover.

Exception: If verification of PLS factor, germination, and seed quality is provided, hand-collected seed may be used to establish the CRP cover.

Note: See subparagraph 490 D.

Practices included in the CRP conservation plan **must** cost-effectively achieve a reduction in soil erosion to maintain:

- the productive capacity of the soil
- water quality improvements
- wetland or wildlife protection
- reduced airborne wind particulate matter
- public wellhead protection
- environmental benefit achievements.

NRCS or TSP will encourage the participant to:

- where appropriate, plant perennial seeding and planting mixes that achieve the highest environmental benefits for each CRP practice
- where practical, as determined by NRCS or TSP, use State-certified seed for CRP

Note: However, common seeds, especially for natives, may be used when certified seed is **not** available.

- where appropriate, avoid the use of single, introduced species
- use native legumes, forbs, shrubs, and plant mixes
- ensure that the approved seeding mix does not include weed species, including noxious weed species.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)**A Establishing Required Cover on CRP-1 (Continued)**

COC or CED, must only agree to conservation plans or approve CRP-1's that do **not** include C/S for:

- hand-collected seed, except when verification of PLS factor, germination, and seed quality is provided
- practices tailored to specifically enhance or change the commercial production

Exception: Haying or grazing of grasses or harvesting forest products from CP3 and CP3A when CRP-1 expires.

- purchasing and establishing species of grasses, legumes, trees, and other vegetative cover that are not adaptable to the area without excessive cost to establish the cover
- providing any plastic mulch or supplemental irrigation water, except where CP5, CP5A, CP16, CP16A, CP17, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, and CP25 will be established in areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less.

NRCS or TSP, within 2 years of certifying completion of the practice, will conduct a *--site visit to determine whether the approved permanent cover is fully established, as--* determined by NRCS or TSP. COC or CED in consultation with NRCS or TSP, may allow participants to spray and mow the acreage under CRP-1 at any time, if this activity is required in the conservation plan to establish the approved cover.

Note: This includes mowing and clipping of a nurse crop that was used to establish the approved cover.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

D Additional Months to Establish Permanent Covers Authorized

After the conservation plan is approved, COC or CED may approve a revised plan, signed pen and ink changes by the participant, to allow up to 2 additional 12-month extensions of time to seed or install the approved permanent cover if COC or CED determines that any of the following applies:

- the approved grass seed, grass mixture, trees, or shrubs are not available
- seed costs will create an adverse economic hardship on the participant
- the producer has been prevented from timely seeding the approved permanent cover because of adverse weather conditions.

***--Important:** Indicating the reason for an additional 12 months is because of “adverse weather” with no documentation is not sufficient. The adverse weather must be thoroughly documented in the COC minutes, including but not limited to, all of the following:

- detailed description of adverse weather
- date and duration of adverse weather
- how it prevented the approved permanent cover from being seeded and why an additional 12 months is needed to seed the approved permanent cover.--*

Note: See paragraph 429 for modifying approved conservation plans.

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* * * In **no** case will COC, CED, or STC approve a revised conservation plan for more than a total of 36 months, original 12-month plan, plus up to 2 additional 12-month extensions, to seed the approved permanent cover. CRP-1's that do not have the approved permanent cover seeded in 36 months of the effective date must be terminated. Terminate according to paragraph 573.

Meritorious requests for authority to continue CRP-1, on which the approved permanent cover has not been seeded within 36 months of the effective date of CRP-1, may only be approved by DAFP. COC and STC may submit requests to DAFP, only if both COC or CED and STC determine the request is justified based on documented and verifiable facts of the individual case. All cases submitted to DAFP must include the following:

- complete explanation of how such a CRP-1 will be able to achieve the environmental benefits for which it was scored on EBI and accepted for enrollment in CRP
- submit a complete case file according to subparagraph 5 C.

426 Establishing Approved Cover (Continued)

D Additional Months to Establish Permanent Covers Authorized (Continued)

COC must document extensions of time to seed or install the approved permanent cover in the COC minutes and, at a minimum, include the following:

- participant name
- farm number
- agreement number from FSA-848
- practice
- detailed description of reason for extension.

The County Office will record all COC- or CED-approved extensions in CSS within 5 workdays of approval of the extension of time to seed or install the approved permanent cover.

COC or CED will notify the participant in writing within 5 workdays of COC or CED determination. If an extension is authorized, COC or CED will also notify the participant of the extended deadline.

E Temporary Covers

If the approved cover cannot be seeded within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1, a suitable temporary cover must be seeded according to the conservation plan. C/S for temporary cover, if needed, is authorized when COC or CED determines, based on ~~the~~ recommendation of NRCS or TSP that the seeding of the approved permanent cover must ~~be~~ be delayed.

Note: Temporary cover must be established at the participant's own expense if C/S was declined by the participant when the offer was submitted.

Viable native or introduced grass species that are currently adequately controlling erosion may be adequate temporary cover.

Note: Weeds, crop residue (unless adequate for erosion control), etc. are not acceptable as a temporary cover under any circumstance.

427 Maintaining Approved Cover

A Practice Maintenance

Cover maintenance is the participant's responsibility after NRCS or TSP completes a *--site visit to determine that the approved permanent cover is fully established. Participants--* must maintain practices, according to the conservation plan and this paragraph, without additional C/S assistance. The maximum payment rate calculation considers the cost of certain maintenance, if applicable, for the participant throughout the CRP-1 period.

NRCS or TSP must work with participants to plan appropriate maintenance practices, such as mowing, spraying, or prescribed burning in a logical and practical manner. All practices necessary for the successful establishment and maintenance of the approved permanent cover must be included in the conservation plan and agreed to by the participant. Maintenance practices must meet CRP and participant objectives. NRCS or TSP, in consultation with COC or CED, must determine when maintenance practices can be rescheduled. For CRP-1's where maintenance was not scheduled, the conservation plan will be modified to include appropriate maintenance.

Except as provided in paragraph 491, participants **must** ensure:

- that adequate approved vegetative cover is maintained to control erosion for the CRP-1 period
 - compliance with State noxious weed laws, if applicable, as determined by the State or local noxious weed commission
- *--Note:** Neither STC, COC, or CED has the authority to determine whether a CRP--* participant has failed to comply with State noxious weed laws. Upon a finding of failure to comply with State noxious weed laws, by the appropriate authority, STC and COC must assess appropriate payment reductions or terminate CRP-1, as applicable, according to paragraph 571.
- control of other weeds that are not considered noxious, as determined by COC or CED, for CRP-1's entered into after November 28, 1990
 - that undesirable vegetation, weeds (including noxious weeds), insects, rodents, etc., that pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area are controlled

427 Maintaining Approved Cover (Continued)

A Practice Maintenance (Continued)

- *--after NRCS or TSP conduct a site visit to determine that the approved permanent--* cover is fully established, all CRP maintenance activity, such as mowing, burning, and spraying, is conducted outside PNS for wildlife and according to the conservation plan, except that spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during PNS if **all** of the following are met:
 - if untreated, the weeds, insects, or undesirable species would adversely impact the approved cover
 - COC or CED, in consultation with NRCS or TSP, determines such activity is needed to maintain the approved cover

Note: CRP participants must receive COC or CED approval before beginning spot treatment of acreage.

- the spot treatment is limited to the affected areas of the field.

Note: For purposes of maintenance activity, determination by NRCS or TSP that the approved permanent cover is fully established will be considered the end of the maintenance period. See subparagraph 601 B.

When spot treatment is determined necessary, COC or CED must approve a method that results in the least damage to the nesting wildlife and habitat.

Note: Spot treatment includes spot spraying and spot mowing, and is limited to the immediate area of infestation.

Periodic mowing and mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited at all times, even if this activity is included in the conservation plan.

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control is prohibited.

Note: Outside of PNS, occasional mowing for control of weeds, insects, or pests is permissible if included in the conservation plan.

427 Maintaining Approved Cover (Continued)**A Practice Maintenance (Continued)**

Participants are responsible for fire management on CRP acreage. Where appropriate, firebreaks must be:

- included in the conservation plan support document
- installed according to NRCS Firebreak Standard 394.

Barren firebreaks will only be allowed in high risk areas, such as transportation corridors, rural communities, and adjacent farmsteads. The designated conservationist must document in the contract support document that there will not be an erosion hazard from the barren firebreak. If erosion becomes a problem, remedial action must be taken.

B Conservation Practices

Except for Christmas trees and ornamentals, CRP participants may establish other non-CRP conservation practices, including alternative perennials, without C/S. The establishment of these practices will be:

- within existing policy to comply with conservation compliance provisions
- at the participant's own expense
- included in the approved conservation plan
- approved by the Conservation District
- subject to COC or CED approval.

428 Managing Approved Cover

A Required Management

All CRP participants with CRP-1's effective beginning June 3, 2019, are required to perform at least 1 required management activity, if determined necessary in the approved conservation plan. This management activity must be designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. Management activities are site specific and are used to enhance the wildlife benefits for the site.

Management activities **must** be completed before the end of year 6 for CRP-1's with a 10-year CRP-1 period, or before the end of year 9 for CRP-1's with a 15-year CRP-1 period.

*--When required, the management activity **must** be listed on the approved conservation plan and clearly identify the specific year in which the activity **must** take place. Conservation plans that do not list a management activity, when one is required for the practice, are not acceptable.--*

Exceptions: A management activity is not required in the case where a natural disaster or adverse weather event occurs that has the same effect of the planned management activity.

Management activities are not required for CP88.

--In no case will the 1 required management activity occur during the last 3 years of the-- CRP-1 period. However, additional management activities may occur up to year:

- 8 for 10-year CRP-1's
- 13 for 15-year CRP-1's.

Thinning 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. C/S is not authorized for grazing as a management activity.-- Modified conservation plans are required to add grazing as a management activity.

Grazing as a management activity:

- must follow the NRCS/TSP conservation plan and occur for up to 90 consecutive days or
--a total of 90 days before and after the end of PNS in a single FY--
- can only be used once during a 10-year contract and twice during a 15-year contract

428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

A Required Management (Continued)

- 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.

- is not subject to a payment reduction
- is only available outside the PNS
- ~~is~~ is available for all CRP-1's in all States and counties, excluding those contracts for land enrolled through grassland CRP, Soil Health and Income Protection Program, or ~~is~~ 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. The management activity must be listed on the conservation plan with the year that the activity will be completed in identified.

Note: Listing a range of years to complete the management activity on the conservation plan is not acceptable. ~~is~~

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.

428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

B Voluntary Management

For all CRP-1's approved before June 3, 2019, modified to include tree thinning and associated forest management activities, management activities can be voluntarily performed, without C/S and/or incentives, if participants voluntarily request to revise the conservation plan to include management activities with the same terms and conditions as established for the required management activities.

C Determining Required Management Activities

SED will provide a list of existing practices with enrollment within their State to the State Conservationist by March 1 each year. The State Conservationist must review the list to determine whether a management activity is needed. The State Conservationist may ask for recommendations from the State Technical Committee. The State Conservationist must provide these recommendations to SED by May 31 each year.

Note: If an offer is received with a new practice within the State, SED will request a *--recommendation from the State Conservationist and forward the recommendation--* with SED's concurrence/nonconcurrence to DAFP.

D SED Approval

SED will concur or not concur with the State Conservationist's recommendations for **all** CRP practices identified as needing a management activity. SED's must send their concurrence or non-concurrence to DAFP by June 30 for **all** conservation practices within the State.

*--DAFP will notify State Offices which conservation practices have been determined to need required management activities within their State.

Note: If requested, conservation plans for CRP-1's approved before December 9, 2019, may be modified to remove management activities determined to be no longer needed according to this subparagraph.--*

E Development of Management Activities for New Practices

If DAFP determines the practice requires a management activity, FSA must establish a management activity development team to develop State-specific management requirements for needed management activities, to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits, while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. The development team must include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- NRCS
- FWS
- State fish and game agencies
- State foresters
- other appropriate agencies.

428 Managing Approved Cover (Continued)

E Development of Management Activities (Continued)

The team **must** develop a list of management activities for **any** practices which have been determined to need an approved management activity as shown in Exhibit 11. Needed management activities will be selected by the CRP participant, in consultation with NRCS or TSP, for the management and enhancement of plant diversity and wildlife benefits. The specifications **must** include the following for each management activity:

- frequency of management implementation
- time period for management action
- specifications for the management actions
- eligible practices.

Note: Management activities, with the exception of customary forest management activities,
*--must **not** be performed during PNS.--*

Recommendations must be presented to the State Technical Committee for review. The State Technical Committee recommendations **must** be provided to STC for recommendation to DAFP. STC must forward final activities to DAFP for approval.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan**A Allowed Modifications**

A modification to an approved conservation plan **must** be in the best interest of CRP. Acceptable modifications are:

- adding or modifying a CRP practice
- changing CRP practices

Notes: CRP practices with contract period of 15 years may not be changed to a practice with a contract period of less than 15 years.

General CRP practices may be changed only when the EBI score for the new practice is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the existing practice. See paragraph 401.

Important: When determining whether the EBI score of the new practice or practices is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the original practice or practices, COC or CED **must** use the same EBI criteria that was used for the original offer.

CP3 and CP3A cannot be changed to CP1 or CP2.

Changing continuous CRP signup practices must meet needed and feasible and address the resource concern.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)**A Allowed Modifications (Continued)**

- deleting land from CRP-1, according to paragraph 571
- *--re-establishment of the practice because of a failed practice at no fault of the participant--*
- reflecting change in ownership
- for authorizing haying and grazing
- implementing other non-C/S conservation measures, if producer agrees to install according to the approved conservation plan on CRP land already seeded to an acceptable cover.

Note: Participants may establish, at their own expense, additional practices that enhance:

- erosion control
- water quality
- wildlife
- other types of cover.

Exception: Participants may be eligible for C/S to establish a permanent water source for wildlife on CP1, CP2, and CP4D.

B Approving Conservation Plan Modifications

The designated conservationist must consult with the participant and COC or CED before preparing any modification to the conservation plan. COC or CED has final approval of all conservation plan modifications.

COC or CED must review and approve conservation plan modifications to ensure that the revised plan meets the requirements outlined in subparagraph 367 B.

COC or CED must reject the revised plan if these requirements have not been satisfied.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

B Approving Conservation Plan Modifications (Continued)

NRCS or TSP must revise conservation plans using any of the NRCS-approved planning forms, or when appropriate, by making pen and ink changes to:

- add, modify, or delete items
- substitute 1 practice for another to solve conservation problems
- delete land
- schedule seeding or installing of a practice
- extend CRP-1 period
- change ownership of the land
- change in the extent of performance.

Revisions to the contract support document are not needed when:

- changes take place in estimated costs
- practice installation is accomplished ahead of schedule or is delayed.

***--Note:** Dates must be included in the conservation plan and approved NRCS forms.--*

NRCS or TSP will notify FSA of these changes. If practice is delayed, COC or CED approval for an extension of time is required.

C C/S for Changing Practices

COC or CED must **not** approve C/S to change or add practices unless **all** of the following are met:

- C/S was not previously paid for the establishment of a permanent cover
- the participants have **not** started the revised practice **before** approval of the change
- the new practice is otherwise eligible for C/S according to Exhibit 11
- the change is an acceptable modification according to subparagraph A
- the conservation plan is modified to indicate the new practice or practices.

429 Modifying Approved Conservation Plan (Continued)

C C/S for Changing Practices (Continued)

Exception: COC or CED may approve C/S up to 50 percent of the eligible cost to change
*--CP1 or CP2, to CP25 only if **all** of the following requirements are met:--*

- the change of practices is requested, in writing, within 3 years of CRP-1 effective date
- the participants have **not** started the practice **before** approval of the change
- the practice and approved cover type, such as grasses, legumes, forbs, trees, other vegetative cover, and water:
 - are adaptable and suitable for the site and purpose of the practice
 - will **not** result in an excessive cost to establish, such as using nursery stock or exotic species
- the conservation plan is modified to indicate the new practice.

Important: The change in practices must not change the CRP-1 period.

Part 14 CRP Funds**461 Maximum Annual Payment Limitations****A Payment Limitation Attributed to Year Earned**

The maximum annual payment limitation that an eligible person or entity can receive under CRP is \$50,000 per FY based on the FY the payment is **earned**.

--4-PL, 5-PL, and 6-PL rules defining a person or legal entity apply to CRP-1's approved on-- or after October 1, 2008. 1-PL rules defining a "person" apply to CRP-1's approved before October 1, 2008.

This limitation does not apply to annual rental payments made to a rural water district or association for land enrolled in CRP for the purpose of protecting a wellhead.

The Finality Rule does not apply to CRP annual rental or incentive payments. See paragraph 465.

B Calculating Maximum Annual Payment Limitations

The maximum annual payment a person or entity may receive is equal to the lesser of:

- (annual rental payments) + (all incentive payments, except PIP and FMI payments)
- \$50,000.

When the sum of the (annual rental payments) + (all incentive payments, except PIP and FMI payments) exceeds \$50,000, the:

- payment must be reduced to \$50,000
- amount exceeding \$50,000 must never be paid.

461 Maximum Annual Payment Limitation (Continued)**C Attribution of Payments to Year Earned**

Payments are attributed based on the year the payment is **earned**.

For payment limitation purposes, a payment is attributed for:

- the annual rental payment in the FY program performance occurs
- SIP in the FY COC or CED approves CRP-1.

Example 1: A producer's CRP-1 No. 1001, entered into under a continuous CRP signup, for 8.00 acres at \$60 per acre is approved by COC on October 2, 2020. CRP-1 No. 1001 becomes effective on November 1, 2020. The first annual rental payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 of \$440 is due October 2021. The SIP payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 of \$156 is paid in October 2020. The producer also has CRP-1 No. 960, entered into under a general CRP signup number 16 (2016), with an annual rental payment of \$49,500.

For payment limitation purposes, a payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 is attributed for:

- the annual rental paid in FY 2022 (performance occurs in FY 2021)
- SIP paid in FY 2021 (the FY CRP-1 is approved).

For payment limitation purposes, SIP is attributed to FY 2021, and the first annual rental payment is attributed to FY 2021.

Event	Date	Fiscal Year		Pay Limit Year	
		Issued	Earned	2021	2022
CRP-1 No. 1001 Approved	October 2, 2020				
SIP Payment Issued for CRP-1 No. 1001	October 22, 2020	2021	2021	\$156	
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 Paid	October 4, 2021	2022	2021	\$440	
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 1001 Paid	October 3, 2022	2023	2022		\$480
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 960	October 4, 2021	2022	2021	\$49,500	
Annual Rental Payment for CRP-1 No. 960	October 3, 2022	2023	2022		\$49,500
Total Paid				\$50,000	\$49,980
Total Reductions due to Payment Limitation				\$96 on Annual Rental Payment	\$0

461 Maximum Annual Payment Limitation (Continued)**D Successor-in-Interest CRP-1's**

Following are ways payment limitation provisions apply when CRP-1 is revised because of successor-in-interest.

- The revised CRP-1 amount cannot exceed the initial CRP-1 amount.
- The annual payment on CRP-1 must be reduced for the successor on the revised CRP-1 if the maximum payment limitation will be exceeded.

***--Note:** CRP payments may continue to heirs of owners according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable. See paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest provisions.--*

462 Making CRP Payments**A CRP Payments**

All CRP payments will be paid to the exact dollar amount calculated, and will not be rounded to whole dollars.

B Annual Rental Payments

Provided the participant is in compliance with the terms and conditions of CRP-1, disburse annual rental payments as designated on CRP-1.

CRP annual rental payments must be made, when authorized:

- after:
 - acreage reporting requirements are met
 - certification of compliance with adjusted gross income limitation has been received
*--according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - all eligibility determinations have been made according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
 - October 1, for each effective year
 - receiving notice from DAFP authorizing payments to be made
- according to 1-FI.

Note: See paragraph 465 for finality rule.

462 Making CRP Payments (Continued)**C SIP**

SIP is a 1-time incentive payment made to eligible participants that enroll land devoted to an eligible continuous CRP signup practice. See subparagraph 197 A.

Provided the participant is in compliance with the terms and conditions of CRP-1, disburse SIP's according to the shares on approved CRP-1.

SIP's will be:

- made after:
 - CRP-1 is approved
 - certification of compliance with adjusted gross income limitation has been received
*--according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - all eligibility determinations have been made according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
- subject to the prompt payment provisions, see subparagraph E
- divided among participants according to the shares on CRP-1, see paragraph 463
- subject to the CRP \$50,000 FY payment limitation, see paragraph 461
- issued according to 1-FI
- refunded if CRP-1 is terminated, see paragraph 571
- offset, if applicable, see paragraph 465
- assigned, if applicable, see paragraph 465.

Note: See paragraph 465 for finality rule.

462 Making CRP Payments (Continued)

D PIP

*--PIP:

- is an incentive payment made to an eligible participant to whom CCC has made a C/S payment for installing a major component or practice that is an eligible continuous CRP signup practice

Note: Only the participant(s) to whom CCC has made a C/S payment is eligible for a PIP, and only after the eligible continuous CRP signup practice or major component has been installed in compliance with the conservation plan.

- will be paid in 2 phases:
 - forty percent PIP will be paid at certification of a major component or practice installation
 - the remaining 10 percent PIP will be paid at the time that NRCS completes a status review, not later than 2 years after certification that all practices were installed to determine if the approved permanent cover is fully established according to subparagraph 601 B--*

Note: See subparagraph 197 B.

- is considered a C/S payment.

Note: PIP, CCC C/S payments, and any C/S payments from other sources cannot exceed 100 percent of the cost of the practice.

***--Important:** PIP is not authorized for costs incurred for the re-establishment of failed practices according paragraph 492.--*

See paragraph 66 for the PIP amount for each applicable practice.

462 Making CRP Payments (Continued)**D PIP (Continued)**

PIP's will be:

- made after:
 - CRP-1 is approved
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - participant signs FSA-848B and reports completion of practice or major component
 - all necessary documents to calculate total C/S amount are obtained
 - certification of compliance with adjusted gross income limitation has been received
*--according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable
 - all eligibility determinations have been made according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
- subject to the prompt payment provisions, see subparagraph E
- refunded if CRP-1 is terminated, see paragraph 571
- offset, if applicable, see paragraph 465
- assigned, if applicable, see paragraph 465
- issued according to 1-FI.

Note: See paragraph 465 for finality rule.

E Prompt Payment

CRP participants who are issued CRP payments more than 30 calendar days after payments are authorized will receive interest under the Prompt Payment Act according to 61-FI. See 50-FI for prompt payment interest rates.

463 Dividing Payments Among Participants for Successor-in-Interest CRP-1's**A CRP Rental Payments**

Earned CRP annual rental payments **must** be paid according to the division of shares agreed to by the participants on CRP-1.

B Dividing CRP Payments Among Predecessor and Successor Participants

Annual rental payments must be divided between predecessors and eligible successors as agreed to among the participants if both of the following are met:

- COC determines there is no scheme and device to defeat or circumvent the purpose of any program provision, including payment limitation and permitted entity provisions
- eligible successors-in-interest sign a revised CRP-1 within 60 calendar days of notification by COC or CED.

If there is no agreement among predecessors and eligible successors, annual rental payments will be divided based on the earlier of the date the:

- deed is recorded on the land records
- successor acquired right of occupancy, through foreclosure proceedings, of the land under CRP-1.

Note: This provision only applies to land acquired through foreclosure proceedings. See paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest provisions.

CRP participants will be responsible for refunding any payments that may become due if CRP-1 is not assumed.

County Office must provide successor-in-interest the version of CRP-1 Appendix in effect when the initial CRP-1 was approved.

If acreage under CRP-1 is sold to a successor and the successor sells the acreage before the County Office becomes aware of the initial sale, the newest owner may be allowed to succeed to CRP-1.

Note: If the original owner received payments earned after the sale of the land, refunds of that amount, plus interest, must be collected from the original owner. Issue applicable payments to new owner(s) if CRP-1 is assumed.

463 Dividing Payments Among Participants for Successor-in-Interest CRP-1's (Continued)

B Dividing CRP Payments Among Predecessor and Successor Participants (Continued)

If a successor terminates CRP-1 and the predecessor has earned part of the annual rental payment, the successor is responsible for refunds, including the amount earned by the predecessor.

Note: Ensure that the payment is issued to the predecessor even though CRP-1 is terminated. No interest will be paid.

When dividing CRP annual rental payments between previous owners and new owners, see 5-CRP for CRP-1 effective date and division of payment agreement.

464 Effects of CRP Payments on Earned Income

A Not Advising About Earned Income

--County Offices must not advise CRP participants on whether CRP payments are considered "earned income" for IRS and Social Security purposes.--

B Referring Participants to Tax Consultant or SSA

County Offices will refer CRP participants to their tax consultant or SSA for determinations about CRP payments as earned income.

465 Refunds, Offsets, and Assignments**A Preparing Payments**

Use the following handbooks and procedures to process refunds, offsets, assignments, and joint payments:

- for refunds, see 64-FI
- for offsets, see 1-FI and 63-FI
- for receivables, see 64-FI
- for claims, see 58-FI and 64-FI
- for assignments:
 - prepare CCC-36 according to 63-FI
 - assign only cash payments
- for joint payments, prepare CCC-37 according to 63-FI.

B Finality Rule

The Finality Rule does **not** apply to any CRP payment.

C Assigning CRP Cash Payments

CRP cash payments may be assigned to secure or pay pre-existing debts.

Prepare CCC-36 and determine priority for honoring assignments according to 63-FI.

466 Nonresident Alien Income Tax**A Withholding Nonresident Alien Income Tax**

If nonresident alien income tax is to be withheld:

- see 62-FI
- prepare and distribute IRS-1042 and IRS-1042S.

Part 15 C/S Policies

490 General C/S Policy

A Participants Eligible for C/S Payments

CRP C/S must be paid only to participants who:

- are a signatory to CRP-1
- established the conservation practice.

See paragraph 519.

Note: Authorized payments may be assigned by the participants.

B C/S Level

Participants who elect to receive other Federal C/S assistance are obligated to refund CRP C/S payments, plus interest.

C/S assistance must not exceed 50 percent of the eligible costs of establishing the approved practice. Participants may receive C/S assistance from non-Federal sources; however, under ~~no~~ circumstances may the total C/S amount received exceed 100 percent of the out-of-pocket expense to install the practice.--*

C/S assistance to establish permanent vegetative cover on CRP land for the sum of the acres for CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP18B, and CP18C divided by the acres in CRP-1, **must not exceed** 50 percent of the price per acre at which the land placed in CRP could be sold for use as farmland at the time at which CRP-1 is signed by the producer.

Use the most recent NASS survey.

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

C C/S Funds Authorized on CRP Acres

Acreage on which CRP C/S has been paid is not eligible for other Federal C/S during the term of the CRP-1 unless approved by DAFP. This does not apply to Federal funding that is not Federal C/S funding. Requests must be submitted to DAFP on a case-by-case basis for only the most highly meritorious cases as determined by STC.

***--Example:** A participant with an approved contract receives assistance other than cash, such as providing the equipment for seeding the cover, from FWS Partners for Wildlife program. For the purpose of determining the participant's C/S, these services are not considered C/S assistance. FWS provides the participant documentation indicating the value of their service is \$2,500. The participant also receives C/S equaling \$1,500 from a private conservation organization. The participant has other expenses related to the practice that are eligible for C/S, according to Exhibit 11, and equal to \$6,000. Since the participant did not receive C/S from FWS, the participant may receive CRP C/S assistance.

The total practice establishment cost, considering all contributions, is \$10,000.
 *--The calculated C/S is \$5,000; however, the participant may not be eligible for the full amount because PIP plus C/S from all sources may not exceed the out-of-pocket cost of the participant. See subparagraph 197 B for the calculation of PIP.

Note: Participants who receive ECP payments during the term of the CRP-1 on the same land for which they received CRP C/S payments are ineligible to retain CRP C/S unless approved by DAFP on a case-by-case basis. Approval of ECP funds by DAFP does not automatically waive this requirement. Restoration of re-enrolled CRP acreage or components where no C/S was paid under the existing contract will be C/S'd under CRP.

CRP participants may receive C/S funding from non-Federal sources to install conservation practices on CRP acreage. See paragraph 517.

Note: Practices must only be approved if they are according to an approved conservation plan on CRP acreage.

D C/S Not Authorized

C/S is not authorized for:

- hand-collected seed, except when producer provides verification of PLS factor, germination, quality of seed, amount planted, and types and varieties of seed and seed mixtures
- acreage not under CRP-1

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

D C/S Not Authorized (Continued)

- streambank stabilization
- CP12
- splitting practices on the same land for C/S purposes between different Federal programs
- establishing required practice on CRP if any other Federal C/S has been, or is being, made to establish that practice
- drilling wells

***--Exception:** C/S may be authorized for establishing drilled wells on filter strips, *--riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, marginal pastureland wetland buffer, and grassland CRP-1's, if needed as determined by NRCS or TSP and is the most cost-effective alternative.--*

- developing water facilities

Exceptions: C/S may be authorized for establishing:

- *--livestock water facilities outside grassland CRP, filter strips, riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, and marginal pastureland wetland buffer, if needed as determined by NRCS or TSP and is the most cost-effective alternative--*

Note: See paragraph 511.

- a permanent water source for wildlife, when developed on certain acreage enrolled in CRP and according to a conservation plan. See Exhibit 11.
- installing irrigation systems
- improving or reorganizing existing irrigation systems
- purchasing and planting vegetative cover for certain practices exceeding 50 percent of the agricultural market value of the land

Note: See subparagraph B.

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

D C/S Not Authorized (Continued)

- fencing CRP land

***--Exception:** C/S may be authorized for internal fencing on grassland CRP, and--* fencing around filter strips, riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, and wetland buffers on marginal pastureland.

- re-establishing practice because of damage from emergency haying or grazing
- establishing practices for unacceptable offers
- practice not meeting specifications
- practices not included in the approved conservation plan
- plastic mulch or supplemental irrigation water, except where CP5, CP5A, CP16, CP16A, CP17, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, and CP25 (only if devoted to trees) will be established in areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less
- tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except in areas designated by STC for use only on CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP31, CP39, CP40, or CP41

Notes: C/S is not approved for such devices for other practices.

See paragraph 31 and Exhibit 11.

- re-enrolled practices.

Exception: C/S is authorized **only** if additional work/activity is required for the practice to meet current practice standards according to Exhibit 11. C/S is **not** otherwise authorized for re-enrollments.

***--Important:** Change in the seeding mix or interseeding is not considered a change to the practice standard for purposes of paying C/S. No C/S or PIP is authorized for a change in seeding mix or interseeding when a practice is re-enrolled.--*

490 General C/S Policy (Continued)

D C/S Not Authorized (Continued)

Example: Expiring CRP-1 with practice CP8A is re-offered as practice CP8A. A site visit reveals CRP-1 is in compliance according to contractual requirements. NRCS or TSP noted that normal degradation has occurred that requires grading and shaping and subsequent re-seeding to meet current CP8A standards with a total estimated cost of \$2,000. For CP8A only, COC or--* CED may approve CRP-1 and 50 percent eligible C/S of approximately \$1,000 according to procedure.

Example: Producer re-offers expiring acreage as a continuous signup practice. The practice is in compliance and is determined as meeting current practice standards. The producer requests to revise the conservation plan and add a 5 species seeding mix as an interseeding or re-seeding to provide enhanced wildlife habitat benefits. COC or CED may approve CRP-1 and conservation plan; however, since the existing practice and vegetative cover meets procedural standards, COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1 that includes C/S.

491 C/S for Post-Emergence Weed and Insect Control

A Authorizing C/S

C/S may be authorized for 1 weed and/or insect control application if:

- NRCS or TSP determines it is necessary for successful establishment of the cover and it is included as part of the approved conservation plan

Note: It is applied within the first 12 months after planting or seeding the approved permanent cover or additional time is necessary for determining successful establishment.

Exception: See subparagraph B.

- it will not disturb the cover during PNS.

Note: This is in addition to any application that may have been applied when the cover was initially installed.

491 C/S for Post-Emergence Weed and Insect Control (Continued)**B Exceptions to Establishment Period for CRP-1's**

Participants who plant CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP31, CP36 devoted to tree plantings, on--* acres offered may receive C/S:

- for 1 weed and/or insect control application
- within 24 months after the planting
- if:
 - NRCS or TSP determines it is necessary for successful establishment of the cover
 - it was included as part of the approved conservation plan
 - it will not disturb the cover during PNS.

Example 1: Producer planted 10 acres of CP3, Tree Planting. The conservation plan required a chemical site preparation, pre-application herbicide, and a post-emergence weed control to be applied within 12 months of planting. C/S for the post-emergence weed control is eligible.

Example 2: Producer planted 10 acres of CP3, Tree Planting. The conservation plan required a chemical site preparation, pre-application herbicide, and a post-emergence weed control to be applied within 12 months of planting. C/S for the post-emergence weed control is eligible. Eighteen months after planting, NRCS or TSP recommended an additional post-emergence weed control be performed. The additional weed control measures are not eligible for C/S since the producer has received C/S for a post-emergence weed control. The additional weed control measure is considered maintenance.

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice**A When to Start CRP Practice**

Producers must be advised that:

- approved CRP practices may be started:
 - after submitting the offer to the County Office
 - when notified that CRP-1 has been approved
- ~~starting a practice before environmental review and final approval of CRP-1 is at the~~ producer's own risk
- where practical State-certified seed must be used for CRP

Note: However, common seeds, especially for natives, may be used when certified seed is **not** available.

- C/S payments are ineligible if:
 - offer is not accepted
 - designated acres are ineligible
 - practice does not meet specifications
 - practice is not included in the approved conservation plan
 - ~~ground disturbance below previously disturbed depths occurs before environmental review is completed.~~

Note: See paragraph 429 for C/S when modifying approved conservation plan.

B C/S for Practice Re-Establishment

The practice failed because of a natural disaster or through no fault of the participant. C/S assistance for restoring CRP practices include component restoration and re-establishing the CRP cover. If the practice failed because of a natural disaster or through no fault of the participants, COC must evaluate the site to determine both of the following if:

- the purpose of the practice is being met
- remaining cover provides the same environmental benefits as the original cover, which includes:
 - water quality benefits
 - wildlife habitat benefits
 - erosion control.

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice (Continued)**B C/S for Practice Re-Establishment (Continued)**

If both criteria are met, COC must not authorize C/S for re-establishment.

If both the criteria are not being met, COC must determine whether the cost of restoring the approved cover outweighs the benefits that would be received from the restoration. COC's must, at a minimum, consider all of the following:

- cost of restoring cover
- length of time needed to restore the cover
- benefits received from restored cover
- years remaining before CRP-1 expires
- type of cover to be restored.

If the cost of restoring the approved cover outweighs the benefits that would be received from the restoration, COC must terminate CRP-1. See paragraph 571.

If the benefits that would be received from the restoration outweighs the cost of restoring the approved cover, COC must authorize eligible C/S for:

- re-establishing the approved cover
- temporary cover, if needed
- dead litter crop, if needed.

C C/S for Restoration of CRP Practice Components on the Conservation Plan

C/S is authorized for restoring CRP practice components on the original conservation plan when damaged by a natural disaster and at no fault of the participant. State Offices will use the following **sub-categories** to create C/S component codes for restoring CRP components subject to the provisions in subparagraph 511 A:

- **Fence Restoration due to Natural Disaster**, for fencing needed to exclude livestock
--from a filter strip, buffer or internal fencing for grassland CRP--
- **Livestock Crossing Restoration due to Natural Disaster**, for water gaps, bridges or other livestock crossings facilities needed to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream.

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice (Continued)**C C/S for Restoration of CRP Practice Components on the Conservation Plan (Continued)**

- **Water Development Restoration due to Natural Disaster**, for water developments needed to provide a water source away from the filter strip or buffer or water source for *--grassland CRP
- **Watering Facility Restoration due to Natural Disaster**, for watering facilities needed to provide a water source away from the filter strip or buffer or water source for grassland CRP
- **Livestock Water Pipeline Restoration due to Natural Disaster**, for Pipeline needed to provide a water source away from the filter strip or buffer or water source for grassland CRP--*

D C/S for Dry Litter Crops

CRP participants may receive C/S for dry litter crops needed to establish vegetative cover if the crops are:

- **not** grazed or harvested
- included in practice specifications developed by NRCS or TSP
- included in the approved conservation plan.

E Modifying Conservation Plans

Participants must request a modified conservation plan for restoring the CRP practice components or re-establishing the CRP cover.

493 Establishing C/S Rates**A Eligible Items**

Items eligible to establish C/S rates include the cost of any direct and significant factors necessary to perform the practice, such as:

- equipment
- new or used materials
- services
- labor
- sales tax.

B Estimated Costs

Estimated costs of eligible items may be based on:

- STC, COC, or CED, as applicable, knowledge and judgment of anticipated costs
- current cost data from:
 - application for payment
 - vendor and dealer cost quotations or advertised prices
 - estimates from COC, NRCS, FS, and other agencies

Note: Keep copy of estimates.

- other available sources.

493 Establishing C/S Rates (Continued)**C Ineligible Items**

The cost of the following items are ineligible for establishing C/S rates:

- engineering charges, consultant fees, permit fees, or archeological surveys

Note: Archeological surveys will be paid for by CCC according to 1-EQ.

- providing land
- other C/S payments
- right to use water
- incentives
- power sources, including but not limited to electrical and obtaining utility service generator

Exception: Solar fence charger included as part of or attached to the fence.

- portable equipment
- donated material
- meeting supplemental requirements, such as abstaining from harvesting
- loss of or reduction in revenue from the land
- cost of pumps and pumping accessories, except for permanently installed pumps that are needed as an integral part of the practice.

Note: One or more of these items may be required to make the practice serve its purpose, but these items may not be used to establish C/S rates.

D Arbitrary Hold-downs

STC, COC, and CED must ensure that arbitrary hold-downs are not used when establishing C/S rates and limitations.

494 National Component Codes**A Denitrifying Bioreactors**

The National Office established the component code DENBIO for C/S for denitrifying bioreactors on existing or re-enrolled CP21's and CP22's. This code is not authorized on practices other than CP21 and CP22.

B Saturated Buffers

Use component code SATBUF for C/S for saturated buffers on existing or re-enrolled CP21's and CP22's.

C No C/S Management Activities

National component codes for management activities with no C/S have been created in *--Program Provisioning. The National component codes may be broader than the exact description approved by DAFP. County Offices will compare the management activity on the conservation plan and select the National component code that best fits the planned activity. Program Provisioning will not allow changes at the State or county level.

County Offices are required to copy the following uniform component codes to their county database in Program Provisioning.

Category 21 – No C/S – Required Management--*			
Sub-Category		Description	Component Code
Mechanical	disking	MCM No Cost Share – Disking	MCMNOCSDSK
	mowing	MCM No Cost Share – Mowing	MCMNOCSMOW
	tree thinning/pruning	MCM No Cost Share – Thinning or pruning	MCMNOCSTREE
Chemical	chemical treatment	MCM No Cost Share – Chemical	MCMNOCSCHM
Burning	prescribed burning	MCM No Cost Share – Burning	MCMNOCsBRN
Inter-seeding	inter-seeding	MCM No Cost Share – Seeding	MCMNOCsSEED
Haying and Grazing	haying	MCM No Cost Share – Haying	MCMNOCsHAYNG
	grazing	MCM No Cost Share – Grazing	MCMNOCsGRZNG
Any Other Method or Combination of Methods	any other method	MCM No Cost Share – Other	MCMNOCsOTH

497 County C/S Policy (Continued)**C Percentage-of-Cost Not to Exceed C/S Rates**

COC will use percentage-of-cost not to exceed \$_____ per unit of measure C/S rates.

Express percentage-of-cost C/S rates as “_____ percent of cost, not to exceed \$_____ per unit of measure”. Base the limitation on the average cost of performing the unit of measure.

File the cost data used to establish percent-of-cost not to exceed \$_____ per unit of measure rates with the County eligibility status list.

COC or CED must inform the producer that supporting evidence and proof of payment for completed practices paid on a percent of cost not to exceed method **must** be:

- maintained for 1 year after the end of FY in which the practice is completed
- presented within 30 calendar days to the County Office if selected for spot check.

D Acceptable Evidence

COC or CED will obtain evidence to determine proper payment to eligible participants. This may include, but is not limited to:

- invoices
- canceled checks
- receipts
- analysis tags
- other acceptable evidence to determine payment.

See paragraph:

- 519 for making C/S payments
- 513 for supporting evidence.

498 Amending County CRP Practices**A Effective Date of C/S Rates**

A CRP amendment that changes C/S rates or specifications must specify the effective date, which must not be retroactive.

Exception: When the average cost of performance changes substantially for reasons beyond the producer's control, COC or CED may compute C/S based on the average cost of carrying out the practice using the rates in effect when the practice is performed. These exceptions must be documented in COC minutes.

Rates and specifications in effect before an amendment's effective date must remain in effect for C/S approvals issued before that date.

Use the revised rates and specifications for all approvals issued on or after the amendment's effective date.

499 Issuing and Processing FSA-848's**A Approval**

When CRP-1 is approved, the practices scheduled on the approved conservation plan are automatically approved. By approving CRP-1, COC or CED is committing funds for completing the practices.

*--FSA-848 is not required for CRP **unless** the 1155 does not reflect the county or State approved C/S payment rate. Information from CRP-1 and the conservation plan must be used to complete the C/S application according to the 2-EFRP. Enter the CRP-1 "signature approval date" and "submitted date" before submitting the C/S applications in CSS.--*

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B***--A FSA-848A, C/S Agreement**

Process initial FSA-848A for all practices, C/S, and management activities within 5 workdays after approving CRP-1 according to guidance in 2-EFRP and this paragraph.

All establishment activities will be on FSA-848A and FSA-848B separate from any requirement management activity. A separate FSA-848A and FSA-848B is required for each management activity receiving C/S payments associated with CRP-1. If required management activities will not receive C/S payment, all management activities will be on one FSA-848A and FSA-848B.--*

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

--A FSA-848A, C/S Agreement (Continued)

The following CRP-1's require FSA-848A:

- general CRP and continuous CRP-1's with conservation plans that include either of the following:
 - C/S for the establishment of the practice
 - a required management activity
- grassland CRP-1's with conservation plans that include C/S for installation of interior fencing, water systems, animal trails, and walkways
- SHIPP CRP-1S's with conservation plans that include C/S or zero C/S for the establishment of the practice
- CLEAR30 CRP-1's for which the CRP participant chose to complete the maintenance activities themselves.

The following CRP-1's **do not** require FSA-848A:

- general CRP and continuous CRP-1's with conservation plans for re-enrolled acreage that do not include **both** of the following:
 - C/S for establishment of a practice
 - a required management activity
- grassland CRP-1's with conservation plans that do not include C/S
- CLEAR30 CRP-1's with conservation plans for which the CRP participant chose to have FSA hire a third-party vendor to complete the maintenance activities
- Practice CP12.--*

FSA-848A and FSA-848B must serve as a:

- reminder of approval
- report of performance
- claim for payment.

County Offices may request the producer's signature on FSA-848A; however, the producer's *--signature is not required unless the 1155 does not reflect the county or State approved C/S payment rate.

Participants must sign all revised FSA-848A's.--*

COC or CED must still sign and approve FSA-848A.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

B Example of FSA-848A

--FSA-848A's are generated through CSS according to 2-EFRP. The following example displays entries that are generated as a result of a C/S agreement processed in CSS.--

FSA-848A (12-02-19)										U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency				Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0082			
COST-SHARE AGREEMENT (See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Burden Statements)										1. ST. & CO. Code: 29 101				2. County Office Name, Address and Telephone Number Johnson County Farm Service Agency 727 PCA RD STE A Warrensburg, MO 64093-7913 (660) 747-8400			
THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the Farm Service Agency (referred to as "FSA") and the undersigned owners, operators, tenants, and/or producers (who individually will herein be referred to as "the Participant"). By signing this form, the Participant agrees to the following: 1) the Participant requested cost-share assistance to perform a practice(s) designed to meet the objectives of the program referenced on FSA-848; 2) the Participant agrees that this practice(s) would not be performed without Federal cost-sharing; and, 3) for the practice(s) approved, the Participant agrees to refund all or part of the funds paid to him/her, as determined by the Approving Official, if before expiration of the lifespan of the specified practice(s), the Participant (a) destroys the approved practice(s), or (b) voluntarily relinquishes control of or title to, the land on which the approved practice(s) has been established, and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice(s) for the remainder of its life span. The Participant further agrees that if he or she began the practice(s) before receiving written approval, he or she may be denied cost-share funding. Further, the Participant hereby authorizes a representative of USDA to have access to the practice site area(s). Further, the participant understands that form FSA-848A-1 is by reference incorporated herein. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: FSA-848A AND ANY ADDENDUM THERE TO.										3. Application Number 29 101 2013 000E				4. Agreement Number 29 101 2012 000E			
										5. Program Year				6. Disaster ID Number Non-Project Area			
										7. Program Code CRP				8. Contract ID (if applicable) 123			
9. PRACTICES APPROVED																	
A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Program Accounting Code	F. Fund Code	G. Practice Units	H. Practice Extent Approved	I. Practice Expiration Date	J. Practice Life Span	K. Approved Cost-Share Rate and Type	L. Approved Cost-Share						
000156	000001		29-101-2013-0000-01-CP2	3305		Acre	36.60	09-15-2013			\$804.00						
M. TOTALS:											\$804.00						
10. COMPONENTS APPROVED																	
A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Component No.	F. Component Title	G. Component Units	H. Component Extent Approved	I. Approved Cost-Share Rate and Type	J. Approved Cost-Share								
001657	000116		29-101-13-00-01-CP2	Disk	MOM - Strip Disking	Acre	36.6	508 Flat Rate \$11.00 per unit	402								
001657	000116		29-101-13-00-01-CP2	Seed	MOM - Interseeding	Acre	36.6	508 Flat Rate \$11.00 per unit	402								
11. USDA USE ONLY - Application Approval																	
A. Signature of FSA Representative						B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 03-10-2016		C. Cost-Share Willing to Approve		D. Cost-Share Approved 804							
12. PARTICIPANT APPROVAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT																	
Your request for program cost-sharing to perform the practice(s) shown above is approved for the farm(s) identified above. By signing below, you agree to complete the specified practice(s) and components on or before the practice expiration date(s). To receive payment or credit for any cost-shares earned on these practice(s), report performance on the FSA-848B and file with the issuing office by the practice expiration date(s) listed above. If you decide not to perform this practice, or if you cannot complete it by the practice expiration date, please notify the Approving Official's office in writing at once.																	
A. Participant's Name, Address and Telephone Number Any Farmer 123 Main Street Anytown, USA 12345 (123) 456-7890						B. Signature (By)				C. Title/Relationship of the Individual If Signing in a Representative Capacity		D. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)					

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

B Example of FSA-848A (Continued)

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13. AGREEMENT INFORMATION					EMERGENCY PROGRAMS ONLY	
A. Program Code	B. Program Year	C. ST. & CO. Code	D. Agreement Number	E. Contract ID	F. Disaster ID	
CRP		29-101	29-101-2013-000E	12	Non-Project Area	
14. REMARKS						
<p>NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 701, 7 CFR Part 1410, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and 16 U.S.C. § 2201-2206. The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under a cost-share assistance program through documentation of the participant's agreement to comply with the terms and conditions contained in the cost-share agreement. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under a cost-share assistance program.</p> <p>According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0082. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE</p> <p>By signing this form, the Participant 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.</p>						
<p><small>In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing procedures vary by program or activity.</small></p> <p><small>Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.</small></p> <p><small>To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (FD-302), found online at http://www.ers.usda.gov/complaint_help_out.htm and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (800) 652-6692. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) email: USDA-Program-Discrimination@usda.gov; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.inmate@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.</small></p>						

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

C Completing FSA-848A for CRP

Note: The items highlighted are not filled by CSS, manual entries must be made, when applicable.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter the State and county codes.
2	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the County Office.
3	Enter the C/S application number.
4	Enter the agreement number (same as #3).
5	Enter the program year of the CRP-1 contract.
6	Enter "non-Project Area" for CRP.
7	Enter the program code (CRP).
8	*--Enter the CRP-1 number.--*
9A	Enter FSN.
9B	Enter tract number.
9C	Leave blank for CRP.
9D	Enter the practice control number (auto generated).
9E	Enter program accounting code. Note: For CRP, this is nationally allotted.
9F	Leave blank for CRP.
9G	Enter the practice unit (acres, feet, etc.).
9H	Enter the practice extent approved that corresponds to items 9A through 9G.
9I	Enter the practice expiration date.
9J	Enter the practice life span (contract length).
9K	Enter the approved C/S rate and type that correspond to items 9A through 9J, if the practice control number has a practice rate. Leave blank if component rates are used.
9L	Enter the approved C/S that corresponds to items 9A through 9K and items 10A through 10I, as applicable. If there are additional approved practices, complete FSA-848A-1, item 2.
9M	Enter the sum of all C/S requested that corresponds to the sum of item 9L.
10A	Enter FSN.
10B	Enter the tract number.
10C	Leave blank for CRP.
10D	Enter practice control number.
10E	Enter component number.
10F	Enter component title.
10G	Enter component unit.
10H	Enter component extent approved that corresponds to items 10A through 10G.
10I	Enter the approved C/S rate and type that corresponds to items 10A through 10G.
10J	Enter the approved C/S rate and type that correspond to items 10A through 10I. If there are additional approved components, complete FSA-848A-1, item 3.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

C Completing FSA-848A for CRP (Continued)

Item	Instructions
11A	The FSA representative must sign.
11B	Enter today's date.
11C	Enter C/S willing to approve.
11D	Enter the C/S approved amount.
12A	Enter the participant's name, address, and telephone number.
12B	*--The participant or signing authority must sign. Optional for CRP unless the 1155 does not reflect the county of State approved C/S payment rate. Participants must sign all revised FSA-848A's.
12C	Enter the title/relationship that corresponds to the signing authority in item 12B. Optional for CRP unless the 1155 does not reflect the county or State approved C/S payment rate. Participants must sign all revised FSA-848A's.
12D	Enter the date. Optional for CRP unless the 1155 does not reflect the county or State approved C/S payment rate. Participants must sign all revised FSA-848A's.--*
13A	Enter the program code.
13B	Enter the program year of CRP-1.
13C	Enter the State and county codes that correspond to item 1.
13D	Enter the agreement number that corresponds to item 4.
13E	Enter the contract ID that corresponds to item 8.
13F	Enter "non-Project Area".
14	Enter any applicable remarks.

--D FSA-848B, C/S Performance Certification and Payment--

FSA-848B must serve as both a report of performance and claim for payment for completed practices and components.

It is used for both partial and final performance.

For partial performance, item 9G is completed with "no" and item 9K is completed indicating components that will be completed. By completing item 10, the participant agrees to complete the remaining practices.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

E Example of FSA-848B

--FSA-848B's are generated through CSS according 2-EFRP. The following example-- displays entries that are generated as a result of a practice completion and payment request processed in CSS.

This form is available electronically.

FSA-848B
(12-02-19)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

COST-SHARE PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

(See Page 3 for Privacy Act and Burden Statements.)

THIS CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENT is submitted by the undersigned owners, operators, tenants, and/or producers (who individually will herein be referred to as "the Participant"). By signing this form, the Participant agrees to the following: 1) the Participant requested cost-share assistance to perform practice(s) designed to meet the objectives of the program referenced on FSA-848; 2) the Participant agrees that this practice(s) would not be performed without Federal cost-sharing; and, 3) for the practice(s) approved, the Participant agrees to refund all or part of the funds paid to him/her, as determined appropriate by the Approving Official, if, before expiration of the lifespan of the specified practice(s), the Participant (a) destroys the approved practice(s), or (b) voluntarily relinquishes control of or title to, the land on which the approved practice(s) has been established, and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice(s) for the remainder of its life span. The Participant further agrees that if he or she began the practice(s) before receiving written approval, he or she may be denied cost-share funding. Further, the Participant hereby authorizes a representative of USDA to have access to the practice site area(s). Further, the participant understands that form FSA-848B-1 is by reference incorporated herein. BY SIGNING THIS CERTIFICATION, THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: FSA-848B AND ANY ADDENDUM THERETO.

NOTE: To receive payment or credit for any cost-shares earned on these practice(s), report performance below, by completing Items 9 and 10, and file with the issuing FSA county office by the practice expiration date(s) listed on the FSA-848A.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0082

1. ST. & CO. Code: 29 101

2. County Office Name, Address and Telephone Number
Any County Farm Service Agency
12345 State Road 123
Anytown, NY 09876-5432
(000) 123-4567

3. Application Number
29-101-2013-000E

4. Agreement Number
29-101-2013-000E

5. Program Year
2014

6. Disaster ID Number
Non Project Area

7. Program Code
CRP

8. Contract ID (if applicable)
123

A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Practice Units	F. Practice Extent Approved	G. Is the Practice Complete? (YES or NO)	H. Acres Served	I. Approved Cost-Share	J. Total Installation Cost	K. If practice is not complete and cost-share is still requested for this practice, list codes for completed components.
01637	00116		29-101-2013-00-01-CP2	Acre	36.6	YES	36.6	804	2108	
L. TOTALS:										

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANT To receive payment or credit for any cost-shares earned on this agreement, report performance on page 1, and file with the issuing FSA county office by the practice expiration dates.

10. CERTIFICATION BY PARTICIPANT. I certify that the above information is true and correct. I further certify that the entry(ies) in Item 9C show that the practice(s) was performed in accordance with the practice specifications and other requirements. If Item 9C indicates that the practice is not complete, I request cost-share for the completed components shown in Item 9K. I agree to complete the remaining components approved on the FSA-848A, for this practice(s), by the practice expiration date, regardless of whether or not cost-share assistance is approved. I agree to refund any cost-share assistance paid to me under this practice(s), if I fail to complete it. I hereby apply for payment to the extent that the Approving Official has determined that the practice has been performed and further certify that this payment is not a duplicate of any other earned by me. I agree to maintain and use the practice(s) for the minimum maintenance period established for the practice(s). I agree to refund all or part of the cost-share assistance paid to me, as determined by the Approving Official, if before expiration of the practice lifespan specified above, (a) I destroy the practice installed, or (b) voluntarily relinquish control or title to the land on which the installed practice(s) have been established and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice(s) for the remainder of these lifespan. I understand that FSA-848 and FSA-848A and any addendum thereto are by reference incorporated herein and with this form constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

A(1) Did you and the other participants on this agreement bear all the expense (except for program cost sharing) for performing this practice?
☒ YES ☐ NO

A(2) If "NO", report name(s) and addresses of other person(s) or agency who bore any part of the expenses. Also, show kind, extent and value of their contribution.

B(1) During the current fiscal year Oct. 1 - Sep. 30, have you received or will you or any participant on this agreement receive a cost-share payment under the same program on this or any other farm other than through this FSA-848B?
☐ YES ☒ NO

B(2) If "YES", report State, County, and amount by farm.

C. Participant Signature (By) _____

D. Title/Relationship of the Individual If Signing in a Representative Capacity _____

E. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

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500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

F Completing FSA-848B for CRP

Note: The items highlighted are not filled by CSS, manual entries must be made if needed.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter the State and county codes.
2	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the County Office.
3	Enter the C/S application number.
4	Enter the agreement number (same as #3).
5	Enter the program year of the CRP-1 contract.
6	Enter "Non-Project Area" for CRP.
7	Enter the program code (CRP).
8	*--Enter the CRP-1 number.--*
9A	Enter FSN.
9B	Enter tract number.
9C	Leave blank for CRP.
9D	Enter the practice control number (auto generated).
9E	Enter the practice unit.
9F	Enter the practice extent approved that corresponds to items 9A through 9E.
9G	If the practice in item 9D is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete, ENTER "Yes" • not complete, ENTER "No".
9H	Enter the acres served.
9I	Enter the approved C/S that corresponds to items 9A through 9I.
9J	If the practice is complete, enter the total installation cost that corresponds to items 9A through 9I.
9K	If the practice is not complete and C/S is still requested for this practice, list codes for completed 9I.
9L	Enter the total approved C/S that corresponds to the sum of item 9I and the total installation cost that corresponds to the sum of item 9J. If there are additional practices, complete FSA-848B-1, item 2.
10A	Check "Yes" or "No", as applicable.
10B	Check "Yes" or "No", as applicable.
10C	The producer or signing authority must sign.
10D	Enter the title/relationship that corresponds to the signing authority in item 10C.
10E	Enter current date.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

F Completing FSA-848B for CRP (Continued)

Item	Instructions
11A	Enter the program code.
11B	Enter the program year of CRP-1.
11C	Enter the State and county codes.
11D	Enter the C/S agreement number.
11E	*--Enter the CRP-1 number.--*
11F	Enter "Non-Project Area" for CRP.
12A	Enter FSN.
12B	Enter the tract number.
12C	Leave blank for CRP.
12D	Enter the practice control number.
12E	Enter the practice unit.
12F	Enter the practice extent approved that corresponds to items 12A through 12E.
12G	Enter the practice extent performed that corresponds to items 12A through 12F.
12H	Enter the acres served that correspond to items 12A through 12G.
12I	Enter the approved C/S that corresponds to items 12A through 12H.
12J	Enter the total installation cost that corresponds to items 12A through 12I.
12K	Enter the total C/S earned that corresponds to items 12A through 12J.
12L	Enter the sum of all approved C/S from item 12I and continuation pages, the sum of the total installation cost from item 12J and continuation pages, and the total C/S earned from item 12K and continuation pages. If there are additional practices, complete FSA-848B-1, item 4.
13A	Enter FSN.
13B	Enter the tract number.
13C	Leave blank for CRP.
13D	Enter the practice control number.
13E	Enter the component number.
13F	Enter the component title.
13G	Enter the component unit.
13H	Enter the component extent approved that corresponds to items 13A through 13G.
13I	Enter the approved C/S that corresponds to items 13A through 13H.
13J	Enter the component extent performed that corresponds to items 13A through 13I.
13K	Enter the C/S earned that corresponds to items 13A through 13J. If there are additional components, complete FSA-848B-1, item 5.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

F Completing FSA-848B for CRP (Continued)

Item	Instructions
14A	Enter FSN
14B	Enter the tract number.
14C	Leave blank for CRP.
14D	Enter the practice control number.
14E	Enter the technical practice code.
14F	Enter the technical practice title.
14G	Enter the technical practice unit.
14H	Check the box indicating if the technical practice is cost-shared.
14I	Enter the technical practice extent planned that corresponds to items 14A through 14H.
14J	Enter the technical practice extent applied that corresponds to items 14A through 14I. If there are additional technical practices, complete FSA-848B-1, item 6.
15A	The technical service provider must sign at practice certification. *--Note: TSP will not sign FSA-848B for management activities.--*
15B	Enter today's date.
15C	Enter the affiliation.
15D	Enter the practice control number.
15E	Enter the performance statement. If there are additional practices with performance certifications, complete FSA-848B-1, item 7.
16A	Enter the program code.
16B	Enter the program year of CRP-1.
16C	Enter the State and county codes.
16D	Enter the C/S agreement number.
16E	Enter the contract ID, if applicable.
16F	Enter the disaster ID.
17A	Enter FSN.
17B	Enter the tract number.
17C	Leave blank for CRP.
17D	Enter the practice control number.
17E	Enter the component number.
17F	Enter the participant's name.
17G	Enter the program accounting code.
17H	Enter the partial or final payment for the practice.
17I	Enter the partial or final payment for the agreement.
17J	Enter the C/S earned.
18A	The FSA representative must sign to approve performance.
18B	Enter today's date.
18C	Enter the total approved C/S for the agreement.
18D	Enter the current amount earned.
18E	If final payment, enter the total C/S earned on the agreement.


501 Notifying Applicant of C/S Approval

A Notifying Producers

--Notify the producer of the practice extent and approved C/S according to 2-EFRP.--

B CRP C/S Approval Letter

The following is a sample of the CRP C/S approval letter, which is generated through CSS.



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural
Services

Farm Service
Agency

Any County FSA Office
XXX Any Ave
Any City, Any State
XXXXX-XXXX
(XXX)XXX-XXXX

PRODUCER A
Any Address
Any City, Any State 12345

June XX, 2013

Dear PRODUCER A:

Your request for financial assistance under the above program has been approved for the practice(s) indicated on the attached FSA-848A and summarized below:

Practice Code	Farm Number(s)	TSP	Lifespan (yrs)
CP2	1234		10
CP2	1234		10

If you are not satisfied with the practice(s) or financial assistance approved, you may appeal in writing to the County FSA Committee within 30 days from the date of this letter.

The following items should serve as a guide in completing and reporting the approved practice(s):

1. Make arrangements to install the conservation practices(s) as soon as practical.
2. Make arrangements to obtain the necessary easements and permits to perform the practice(s).
3. Carry out the practice(s) in accordance with the specified requirements to ensure effective practice(s). The specifications must be met to qualify for the financial assistance approved.
4. If you start the practice(s) and cannot complete the practice(s) before the expiration date, please notify us in advance. If the reasons justify an extension of time, the committee may approve an extension.
5. Furnish a report of performance on the attached FSA-848B immediately upon completion of the practice and not later than the expiration date indicated on the Cost Share Agreement. Otherwise, the approval for financial assistance will be cancelled.
6. Furnish sales slip, invoices, or other evidence for the materials used in connection with each practice to be used in determining your financial assistance.

Note: Activities must cease and the FSA office immediately notified if any archaeological site or remains are discovered when installing the practice(s).

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

Program: Conservation Reserve Program
Application No: ST_CO_YEAR_XXXX
Contract No: XXXXX

504 Reinstating Canceled Approvals**A Conditions to Reinstate Canceled Approvals**

COC or CED may reinstate a canceled FSA-848A practice approval when **all** of these conditions apply:

- the participant requests reinstatement
- the practice was started before cancellation
- the practice was or will be completed within a time prescribed by COC or CED.

Important: FSA-848A or FSA-848B may be reinstated through CSS C/S software according to 2-EFRP.

505 Filing Performance Reports**A Who May File**

Any eligible “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, who paid a part of the cost of a completed practice and is signatory on CRP-1, may sign and date the performance report. See 1-CM for provisions applying to minors and dead, missing, or incompetent persons.

B Performance Reports

To be eligible for C/S payments, “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, who perform approved practices **must** report performance on FSA-848B, and provide any required supporting data by the practice expiration date.

If the practice or component is not completed, the producer must not sign FSA-848B. County Offices must date stamp reports when received.

Note: See paragraph 490 for persons eligible for C/S.

506 Reporting Dates for Performance**A Final Date to Report Performance**

Performance **must** be reported on or before the expiration date or by the authorized extension date granted by COC or CED. See paragraph 502.

B Filing in Timely Manner

FSA-848B is filed in a timely manner when it is delivered to the County Office or is postmarked on or before the expiration date.

C Not Filing in Timely Manner

For reports not filed in a timely manner enter either of the following on FSA-848B:

- date received and initial the entry
- postmarked date and initial the entry.

Cancel FSA-848A and notify the participant with appeal rights.

***--Note:** FSA-848A or FSA-848B may be reinstated through CSS according to 2-EFRP--* because the performance report was not filed in a timely manner, if provisions in paragraph 503 are satisfied.

507 Reporting Practice Completion**A Reporting Completion**

On FSA-848B, participants will:

- report completion of practice by entering “Yes” in item 9G
- complete items included under “Instructions to Participant”, item 10.

Note: See paragraph 500 for FSA-848B instructions.

County Offices must not process FSA-848B until all information is submitted.

NRCS, FS, or TSP will certify on FSA-848B that all practices (CP1, CP2, etc.) on CRP-1 were installed according to NRCS standards and specifications. FSA-848B, items 12, 13, 14, and 15 must be completed in full. See subparagraph 513 C for required supporting documentation.

B Multiple Contributors

If multiple persons shared in the cost of the practice, the participant must include a list of names of all persons who shared in the cost of the practice and the extent of their *--contributions. The list must include all C/S from all sources.--*

A “person” who is fully compensated or reimbursed for materials, equipment, services, or labor is not a contributor.

COC or CED may consider all available information to determine the eligibility of other contributors.

If more than 1 person contributed to a practice, determine whether:

- all contributors qualify as separate “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity *--according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, or are considered 1 “person” according to 1-PL or a person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable--*
- each eligible contributor is eligible to receive C/S if included on CRP-1 as a participant.

508 Certification on FSA-848B by Technical Agency**A Technical Agency Certification**

The technical agency's certification of practice completion on all FSA-848B's is required.

Example: The participant has CRP-1 for CP21, Filter Strip. The conservation plan includes a seeding, fencing, pipeline, and water facility. The producer certified final practice completion on FSA-848B. NRCS or TSP conducts a site visit to determine whether the practice or practices were installed according to NRCS standards and specifications. NRCS or TSP determines that the pipeline was not installed correctly. NRCS or TSP will document on FSA-848B and certify all installed technical practices (for example: Fence – 382) and extents that meet NRCS standards and specifications in item 14. NRCS or TSP will also provide NRCS-LTP-13 and additional documentation to explain why the pipeline does not meet NRCS standards and specifications and certify that practice CP21 does not meet NRCS standards and specifications.

B Items To Be Reported by Technical Agency

The technical agency must report the following on FSA-848B:

- a certification showing items and extent that meet specifications
- any conservation practices that do not meet specifications and explain the reasons for the failure.

509 Adjusting Extent or C/S After Practice Performance**A Increase in Extent or C/S Before Payment**

COC may increase the extent or C/S originally approved after performance is completed, but before payment is made on a case-by-case basis, if the extent approved was based on an estimate that proved to be in error and the producer could not reasonably have known in advance the extent needed to complete the practice.

All adjustments must be in compliance with the approved conservation plan. The conservation plan must be modified to reflect any changes in the extent of performance before COC may approve the change.

Notes: A new FSA-848A is not required when increasing the extent or C/S after performance. However, FSA-848A must be modified and approved before performance is recorded according to 2-EFRP.

Changes in the number of acres on CRP-1 is not authorized.

509 Adjusting Extent or C/S After Practice Performance (Continued)**B Decrease After Performance and Before Payment**

COC may decrease the extent and C/S originally approved after performance and before payment if the technical agency approves the lesser extent for practice completion.

All adjustments must be in compliance with the approved conservation plan. The conservation plan must be modified to reflect any changes in the extent of performance before COC may approve the change.

Note: Changes in the number of acres on CRP-1 is not authorized.

C Participant Notification

Notify the producer by letter and enclose a copy of the revised FSA-848B and modified conservation plan.

D Increase Extent or C/S After Payment

COC may increase the extent or C/S originally approved after payment has been issued if 1 of the following situations occurred:

- County Office made an error on original extent or payment computation
- technical agency made an error on original extent reported
- *--producer failed to initially bring in a receipt or invoice--*
- other similar situation that resulted in a lesser extent or C/S payment.

E Documenting Increase After Payment

Documentation of extent or C/S increase must be recorded through CSS on FSA-848A. The person making changes must initial and date the changes.

- *--Enter the total C/S and extent approved on FSA-848A. See 2-EFRP.--*
- Issue payment to the producer for the additional C/S.

510 Eligible Items for Computing C/S**A Eligible Costs**

Review all applicable costs for labor, material, equipment used, sales tax, and value of used material to determine the total eligible cost of the practice.

--Expenses for personal labor and personal equipment must be less than that charged by-- contractors who are entitled to make a profit for their efforts.

B Ineligible Costs

Ineligible costs for computing C/S earned include:

- pumps and pumping accessories

Exception: Permanently installed pumps that are required as an integral part of water
*--facilities constructed outside of a riparian buffer, marginal pastureland
wildlife habitat buffer, marginal pastureland wetland buffer, or filter--*
strip.

- dry wells
- engineering charges or permit fees
- consultant's fees
- providing land or the right to use land or water
- meeting supplemental requirements, such as abstaining from harvesting
- loss or reduction in revenue from the land
- rent or other costs of using land
- shipping
- fence chargers

Exception: Solar fence charger included as part of or attached to the fence.

- seed and/or materials in excess of the NRCS or TSP recommended, and COC or CED approved amounts
- personal mileage
- items or activity not required to meet the minimum practice standards.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities**A C/S Approval Authority**

Exhibit 11 provides that certain components for practices CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP22, CP22B, CP22S, CP29, CP30, and CP88 are eligible for C/S.

Approvals for the following components must be as follows:

- Water developments
- Water Facilities
- Pipelines
- Livestock Crossings.

IF C/S amount per contract, per component is...	THEN approval authority is...
\$4,000 or less	COC.
\$4,001 to \$7,500	STC.
more than \$7,500	DAFP.

Example 1:

NRCS planned 3 water tanks, including applicable gravel apron and fencing. Each tank, including gravel apron, and fencing is estimated to cost \$2,200 each. The total cost of this component for this CRP-1 contract is \$6,600 or \$3,300 C/S. Since the C/S for this component on this contract is less than \$4,000, the C/S request may be approved by COC.

Example 2:

NRCS or TSP determines, based on the site conditions, 2 water developments are needed because a steep pasture is bisected by a stream. The steep topography and rocky site condition prohibit the crossing of the stream by a pipeline. Each water development will cost \$5,100.

The total cost of this component for this CRP-1 contract is \$10,200 or \$5,100 C/S. Since the C/S for this component on this contract is over \$4,000 and does not exceed \$7,500, then the C/S request must be reviewed by COC and recommended to STC for approval.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

B Water Developments

Water developments are any of the following:

- spring
- dug, bored, or drilled well
- pond.

Producers may receive C/S if all of the following are met:

- technical authority (NRCS, * * *, TSP) determines, based on the specific site conditions, that a water development is needed to provide water for livestock
- livestock currently graze or normally graze (crop residue) the marginal pastureland or cropland acreage located adjacent to the acreage enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, riparian *--buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer--*
- water development is installed according to the NRCS FOTG standard and this handbook

Note: More than 1 water development per contract may be allowed, if needed, to provide the water for livestock, and no other technically feasible and economically viable alternatives for water are available.

- water development is the lowest cost option that provides a dependable water source.

Examples: NRCS or TSP determines, based on the site conditions, that the producer could construct a \$4,000 spring or a \$3,100 drilled well. Both options would provide dependable water and would address the resource concerns. The \$3,100 drilled well **must** be selected.

A steep pasture is bisected by a stream. The steep topography and rocky site condition prohibit the crossing of the stream by a pipeline. Two spring developments may be permitted because it is the lowest cost option to provide a dependable water source.

NRCS determines the most efficient location to install a well would require a pumping station. These 2 technical practices are needed to address resource concerns.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)**C Water Development Distance From Filter Strip or Riparian Buffer**

Water developments may be approved for C/S for CRP if the water development distance *--from the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer contract acres are either of the following:

- up to 750 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on COC or CED approval
- up to 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on STC approval.

Note: Water developments in excess of 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer **must** be submitted to CD for approval. See subparagraph J.--*

D Water Facilities

Water facilities are any of the following:

- trough
- tank
- fencing, included around the tank or trough
- hydrants and other necessary piping, excluding pipeline to convey water to the watering facility.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

D Water Facilities (Continued)

Producers may receive C/S for water facilities if all of the following are met:

- technical authority (NRCS, FS, TSP) determines, based on the specific site conditions, that water facilities are needed to provide water for livestock
- livestock currently graze or normally graze (crop residue) the marginal pastureland or cropland acreage located adjacent to the acreage enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, riparian *--buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland--* buffer
- water facilities are installed according to the NRCS FOTG standard and this handbook.

Note: More than 1 water facility per contract may be allowed, if needed, to address the resource concern, and no other technically feasible and economically viable alternatives for water are available.

Important: C/S is available to provide the lowest cost option that provides a dependable water facility needed to address the resource concerns.

Example: A producer could choose to install 3 water tanks, gravel aprons, and fencing. Each tank, gravel apron, and fencing costs \$1,500 each. The total eligible costs are \$4,500.

E Water Facility Distance From Filter Strip or Riparian Buffer

Water facilities may be approved for C/S for CRP if the water facility distance from the filter *--strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer contract acres are either of the following:

- less than 750 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on COC or CED approval
- less than 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer based on STC approval.

Note: Water facilities in excess of 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer **must** be submitted to CD for approval. See subparagraph J.--*

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)

F Pipelines

Installing pipelines to convey water to water facilities is eligible for C/S if all of the following are met:

- livestock currently graze or normally graze (crop residue) the marginal pastureland or
*--cropland where the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer is located
- pipeline is installed according to the NRCS FOTG standard and this handbook
- COC's or CED's may approve contracts with pipelines less than 750 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer
- STC may approve pipelines less than 1,500 feet from the outer edge of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer.--*

G Fencing

C/S is available for installing fencing if the following are met:

- fencing is necessary to prohibit livestock access to the CRP acres devoted to filter strips,
*--riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer
- fencing is installed parallel and adjacent to the CRP acreage

Note: For extraordinary cases, if the existing size and width requirements for filter strips, riparian buffers, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer in Exhibit 11 do not allow for installing the fence--* parallel and adjacent to the buffer, these cases may be submitted to CD through STC for review.

- C/S does not exceed the STC- or COC-established cost for a 4-strand barbed wire fence.

Note: Producers may install fencing other than a 4-strand barbed wire fence. However, C/S is limited to the cost of the 4-strand barbed wire fence.

Important: C/S is available only for the lowest cost option that provides adequate fencing needed to address the resource concerns.

511 C/S Policy for Water Development and Water Facilities (Continued)**H Cost**

--COC or CED and STC must review all cost data for water facilities, water developments, water gaps, and livestock crossings. COC's or CED's and STC's must take steps-- necessary to ensure that components of the practice are essential for the practice and the minimum needed for completing the practice.

I Livestock Crossing

Livestock crossing is only permitted if it is determined by COC or CED, based on the technical authority finding, that a livestock crossing is essential for implementing the filter *--strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer.--*

J STC or CD Approval Request

Requests for STC or CD, according to subparagraphs A, C, E, and G, forwarded to STC or *--CD will include a minimum of the following:

- digital imagery/map of the site
- location of the filter strip, riparian buffer, marginal pastureland wildlife habitat buffer, or marginal pastureland wetland buffer--*
- location of current or proposed water facilities
- location of current or proposed pipelines
- size of pasture impacted and approximate amount of livestock using the pasture
- options considered
- option selected and the rationale for selecting the option
- estimated costs
- technical contact person for the plan
- environmental justification
- letters of concurrence from the State conservationist and STC
- any other pertinent documentation to support the request.

512 C/S Policy for Management Activities**A C/S Authorized Before June 3, 2019**

Paragraph 428 and Exhibit 11 provide that certain management activities are required for all practices on CRP-1's approved before June 3, 2019. These management activities are eligible for C/S. C/S is limited to 50 percent of eligible cost not to exceed:

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

B C/S Not Authorized Beginning on June 3, 2019

Paragraph 428 and Exhibit 11 provide that all participants with CRP-1's approved beginning June 3, 2019, are required to perform at least 1 management activity if determined needed by the State Technical Committee according to their approved conservation plan. C/S is not authorized for these management activities.

513 Supporting Data**A Obtaining Evidence**

COC's or CED's must obtain evidence to determine proper payment. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- invoices
- canceled checks
- paid receipts
- analysis tags
- other evidence to determine proper payment.

Evidence **must** be obtained from participants to ensure that C/S received does not exceed 100 percent of the cost of the practice. Participants **must** provide acceptable evidence to determine actual cost to determine the C/S payment.

COC's or CED's must obtain acceptable evidence of practice completion regardless of whether the participant will receive C/S. COC's or CED's **must** ensure that the practice was completed according to the standards and specifications in the conservation plan.

B Retaining Documentation

Review, date stamp, copy, and return to participant the supporting evidence required by COC or CED that the producer submits to receive C/S payments.

513 Supporting Data (Continued)

C Invoices and Documentation for Percent of Cost

Process data for C/S payments based on percent of cost according to the following.

Step	COC Action
1	Applicant must provide satisfactory evidence to determine proper payment according to subparagraph A.
2	Record the cost of performing the components of the practice on FSA-848B *--according to 2-EFRP.
3	If a discount was applied, use the sale price minus the discount to compute C/S.
4	Consider C/S reported paid by all outside sources.--* Note: See paragraph 516 for an example.
5	If used materials are involved, COC must determine and document the value of these materials based on current commercial rates.
6	<p>If the producer performed the practice with the producer's own labor, equipment, or materials, the producer must submit signed, itemized statements.</p> <p>Statements must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dates of work performed • cost per hour charged for labor • type of equipment used • charge for equipment • type and cost of materials used • other applicable information. <p>*--Costs for personal labor and personal equipment must be less than that--* charged by contractors who are entitled to make a profit for their efforts.</p>

514 Computing C/S**A When to Compute C/S**

Compute C/S earned only after **all** these actions have been taken:

- participant has certified completion of the practice on FSA-848B
- NRCS or TSP has certified installation of the practice on FSA-848B
- all required information has been obtained
- approved adjustments have been made in:
 - C/S
 - extent
 - materials
 - practice components.

B Computing C/S Earned

Manually compute C/S earned for practice and components and enter on FSA-848B
*--according to 2-EFRP and paragraph 500. Payments will not be rounded.

The C/S payments to the owner or operator, when combined with the sum of payments from all other funding sources for measures and practices, must not exceed 100 percent of the total actual cost of establishing those measures and practices.

Further, CRP regulation 1410.40 (d)(2) provides that “the amount of C/S payments, including practice incentive payments, may not be an amount that, when added to such assistance from other sources, exceeds 100 percent of the cost of establishing the practice.”--*

515 Cost Data When Ineligible “Persons” According to 1-PL or Person or Legal Entity According to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL Contributed

A Ineligible Contributor

Any contributor that is not a signatory to the contract is:

- an ineligible contributor
- not eligible to receive C/S.

Examples of contributions from an ineligible contributor include materials, services, or cash provided to an eligible “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to *--4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable.

B Reporting Payments From All Other Sources Including Ineligible Contributors

Report the payments from other sources, including ineligible contributors, according to subparagraph 507 B.

Include the following information:

- name of all payment sources
- total cost of performing the practice
- dollar value of the payment from all other sources--*
- describe the ineligible contribution.

516 Computing C/S if Ineligible Persons Have Contributed

A CRP C/S

--C/S payments, payments from all other sources, and PIP payments, if applicable, must not-- exceed 100 percent of cost paid by CRP participant, including contributions of ineligible persons, to carry out a CRP practice.

B Computing C/S Payments

If an ineligible person contributed to a practice, C/S is computed by including the ineligible *--contributor’s contribution in the total cost. C/S payments from all other sources, and PIP payments, if applicable, is limited to the participant’s out-of-pocket cost.

Note: The participant must never earn C/S payments from all other sources, and PIP payments, if applicable, exceeding 100 percent of out-of-pocket costs.--*

516 Computing C/S if Ineligible Persons Have Contributed (Continued)**C Example of Percent of Cost, Not to Exceed**

*--The total cost of installing a practice on a CRP-1 is \$5,000.

- Participant A, an eligible “person” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, incurs \$4,000 for a practice
- an ineligible contributor contributes \$1,000 for the practice.

The C/S rate is set at 50 percent of actual cost, not to exceed \$3,000.

The ineligible contribution of \$1,000 is considered a payment from another source and will not be deducted from the total practice cost of \$5,000 to compute the C/S amount. Participant A is eligible for up to a \$2,500 C/S payment, which is 50 percent of the actual cost, not to exceed \$3,000.

The participant must never earn C/S, payments from all other sources, and PIP payments, if applicable, exceeding 100 percent of out-of-pocket costs. Total out-of-pocket expense was \$4,000 and the applicable PIP rate is 50 percent of the producer’s actual cost. The C/S for this CRP-1 is calculated as follows:

- total participant’s actual cost is \$4,000. Participant A’s C/S is \$2,000
- Participant A received \$1,000 C/S from an outside source
- calculation of payments to Participant A:
 - $\$4,000 \times 50 \text{ percent (PIP)} = \$2,000$
 - $\$2,000 \text{ C/S} + \$1,000 \text{ Outside C/S} + \$2,000 \text{ PIP} = \$5,000$
 - the combination of PIP + outside sources + C/S = \$5,000, which is greater than Participant A’s out of pocket cost of \$4,000.

PIP paid to Participant A is \$2,000. C/S paid to Participant A is \$1,000. C/S is reduced by \$1,000 so that Participant A’s payments from all sources plus PIP equals the participant’s out-of-pocket cost.--*

--517 Computing C/S if Special Interest Groups (Outside Source) Contributed--**A Special Interest Groups**

Special interest groups, such as Ducks Unlimited or Pheasants Forever, are eligible to receive C/S payments if they are part of the contract.

*--When special interest groups (outside source) contribute to the cost of a practice, their contribution must **not** be subtracted from the total cost when computing C/S.

Non-C/S services (land preparation, use of equipment, etc.) are permitted from special interest groups, such as Ducks Unlimited or Pheasants Forever, and are included in the calculation of total establishment costs.

Notes: C/S payment, payments from all other sources, and PIP payments, if applicable, must not exceed 100 percent of the eligible “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, out-of-pocket cost of installing the practice.--*

Special interest groups **may** not be eligible to receive annual rental payments.

B Example

*--An eligible participant contributes \$5,000 to the cost of a practice. A special interest group provides a monetary contribution of \$1,500 to the cost of the same practice for a total cost of \$6,500. The practice C/S level is 50 percent.

The eligible participant may receive up to \$3,250 C/S payment, which is 50 percent of \$6,500.

Note: C/S of \$3,250 does not exceed 100 percent of the participant’s out-of-pocket cost because the participant contributed \$5,000 to the cost of the practice.

- calculation of payments to participant:
 - $\$6,500 \times 50 \text{ percent (PIP)} = \$3,250$
 - $\$3,250 \text{ C/S} + \$1,500 \text{ outside source monetary contribution} + \$3,250 \text{ PIP} = \$8,000$
 - the combination of PIP + outside source monetary contribution + C/S = \$8,000, which is greater than the participant’s out of pocket cost of \$5,000.

PIP paid to the participant is \$3,250. C/S paid to the participant is \$250. C/S is reduced by \$3,000 so that payments from all sources plus PIP equals the participant’s out of pocket cost.--*

518 Dividing C/S Based on Contributions**A All Costs Paid by 1 Eligible “Person” or Person or Legal Entity**

An eligible person who performs the obligation of establishing the practice may earn the C/S payment.

Note: See paragraph 490 for eligible persons.

B Costs Paid in Equal Proportions by Eligible “Persons” or Person or Legal Entity

If 2 or more eligible “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, equally contribute to the cost of performing the practice,--* divide C/S equally.

C Costs Paid in Unequal Proportions by Eligible “Persons” or Person or Legal Entity

If 2 or more eligible “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, contribute to the cost of performing a practice and COC determines that each “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, contributions are not in equal proportions, COC or CED--* must:

- prorate the C/S payments based on the individual’s contributions
- document how each “persons” according to 1-PL or person or legal entity according to *--4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, percent of contribution was determined.--*

D All Costs Paid by Ineligible “Person”

Make no C/S payments to any person for a practice for which all costs are paid by ineligible “persons”.

519 Making CRP C/S Payments**A C/S Payments**

CRP C/S payments must:

- be made when authorized according to 1-FI
- be computed based on the rates and specifications in effect when C/S is approved on FSA-848A

Note: See paragraph 498 for an exception.

- be paid as soon as possible after all of the following have been completed:
 - COC or CED approves CRP-1
 - producer signs FSA-848B and reports completion of the practice
 - NRCS or TSP certifies performance
 - AD-1026 has been completed and signed
 - CCC-901, as applicable, has been completed and signed
 - *--compliance with 5-PL or 6=PL, as applicable--*

Note: See 61-FI for prompt payment provisions.

- not exceed:
 - 50 percent of actual costs
 - 50 percent of land value for certain practices

Exceptions: See paragraph 490.

- *--100 percent of participant's out-of-pocket cost when added to payments from other sources and PIP, as applicable--*
- be exempt from maximum payment limitation provisions and offset for debts to FLP
- only be paid to signatories to approved CRP-1
- not be authorized for splitting practices on the same land for C/S purposes between different Federal programs

519 Making CRP C/S Payments (Continued)**A C/S Payments (Continued)**

- not be issued to Federal entities
- be recorded on FSA-848B
- be spot-checked according to paragraph 513.

***--Note:** See 58-FI. Make partial payments according to 2-EFRP and paragraph 520. Record partial and final performance according to 2-EFRP.--*

B Approval Responsibilities for C/S Payments

STC or DAFP representative must review certain FSA-848B's before approval. The following shows required reviews, persons responsible for review, and persons responsible for approval or disapproval.

FSA-848B for...	MUST be reviewed by...	BEFORE approval or disapproval by...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC members * * * • FSA County Office employees • other County USDA employees • Conservation District board members 	DD	DD.
State Office employees	STC	STC.
STC members	DAFP	SED.
SED's	DAFP	STC.
other FSA employees	DAFP	STC.

Note: Reviews **must** be completed for any entity for which the employees, who are subject to a required review, have a substantial beneficial interest, according to 1-PL, 4-PL, *--5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

Persons making the required reviews must ensure that all:

- eligibility requirements are met
- required entries on FSA-848B are completed.

SED or STC, as applicable, must not approve FSA-848B unless authorized by DAFP in writing.

520 Partial Payments

A Authority for Partial Payment

Partial payment for a practice may be paid if the participant will complete **all** of the practice within the time prescribed by COC or CED.

If the practice is not completed within the time prescribed, the participant **must** refund the payment.

B Making Partial Payments

Make partial payments only when **all** of the following conditions are satisfied:

- a request for payment is made on FSA-848B
- NRCS or TSP determine that the completed components are a reasonable attainment toward completing the practice
- participant certifies that a major component is complete.

Example 1: The participant enrolled 20 acres of CP-1. The participant purchased the seed, applied herbicides, and disked the field; however, the planting was not completed. The participant is requesting a partial payment for the completed activities. Since a major component of the practice (seeding) was not completed, a partial payment must not be issued.

Example 2: The participant enrolls 5 acres of CP-21 with fencing to exclude cattle from the seasonal stream. The participant has installed the fence but has not planted the filter strip. The participant is requesting a partial payment for the installed fence. The partial payment may be issued because the participant has completed a major component by installing the fence.

521 Adjustments Because of Overpayment or Underpayment

A Adjustments

--County Offices must adjust FSA-848B according to 2-EFRP:--

- overpayment is caused by an error in data or computations, which includes excess refunds
- underpayment is caused by an error in data or computations, which includes deficient refunds.

Note: The participant **must** sign the corrected FSA-848B.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations

A CSS Reports and Purposes

Reports available in CSS.

The following reports are available in CSS for State and County Offices to use as tools for monitoring C/S requests and payments.

Applicability	Report Title	Report Description
FSA-848's	All FSA-848, Pending Approval	Displays all FSA-848's. Also displays revisions to previously approved FSA-848A's where the revisions are in process, but not yet approved. Note: CRP FSA-848A's in revision status will have an alpha suffix in the control number.
FSA-848A's	FSA-848A, Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report	Displays all FSA-848A's (CRP only) with practices that expire within a user-defined window beginning with the current date and ending on the date designated by the user.
	FSA-848A, Practices *--Nearing Expiration Report	Displays all FSA-848A's (ECP, CRP, etc.) with practices that expire within a 59-calendar-day window from the date--* of the report request.
	FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded	Displays all FSA-848A's with an unpaid practice that has passed its expiration date. If FSA-848A contains multiple practices, only the practices that have passed the expiration date will be shown.
FSA-848's and FSA-848A's	Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements	Displays agreements and practices according to criteria selected by the user. Searching for practices with statuses of “Approved”, “Pending Certification”, “Partially Earned”, and “Payment Failed” can display all agreements with practice expiration dates that occur in the near future.

Note: The following CSS reports must be used by County Offices, DD's, State Office Specialists, and SED's for monitoring CRP C/S obligations.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**B All FSA-848, Pending Approval Report**

The All FSA-848, Pending Approval Report identifies FSA-848's where editing, revision, or termination actions have been conducted but those actions have not yet been approved by COC. County Office will focus on FSA-848's that have an alpha suffix as those FSA-848's are in a revision status and require action.

The report lists all unapproved FSA-848's that contain at least 1 practice. FSA-848's that have been started but do not yet have a practice added do not display on this report.

FSA-848A's that are in the process of being revised but the revised FSA-848A has not yet been approved display with a status of:

- "Revise in Process" before being designated revise complete on the FSA-848A Approval Page
- "Incomplete" when the user answered that a producer is being removed or that shares are *--changing but no receivable will be created during the revision process--*
- "Complete" after designating "Application information Complete" during revision of the "Incomplete" status revision
- "Revise Complete" after being designated revise complete but before being submitted to COC/CED
- "Revise COC" after being submitted to COC/CED but before COC approval.

FSA-848A's that are in the process of being terminated but the termination has not yet been approved display with a status of "Terminate COC".

C Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report and Letters

The Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report allows users to set the date range for expiring practices to be included in the report to something greater than what is available in the "Practices Expiring within 30 days Report. This report facilitates a proactive approach to notifying CRP producers of practices approaching expiration.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**C Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report and Letters (Continued)**

Additionally, a practice expiration letter specific to CRP is available. This letter advises the producer that:

- the C/S will be cancelled if performance is not reported or an extension of the practice expiration date is not requested by the practice expiration date
- *--failure to complete the practice may result in termination of the associated CRP-1.--*

The Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report is available to both State and County users.

The report is generated based upon the timeframe and county selected by the user.

- Report Begin Date is defaulted to the current date and cannot be edited
- Report End Date is selected by the user and can be entered manually in MM/DD/YYYY format or can be selected from the calendar help tool.

D CRP/EFCRP Practice Expiration Reminder Letters

Expiration reminder letters are only available to County users.

Expiration reminder letters are generated based upon the timeframe and county selected by the user.

Report Begin Date is defaulted to the current date and cannot be edited.

Report End Date is selected by the user and can be entered manually in MM/DD/YYYY format or can be selected from the calendar help tool.

--2-EFRP contains instructions for generating expiration reminder letters.--

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)***--E FSA-848A, Practices Nearing Expiration Report**

Use FSA-848A, Practices Nearing Expiration Report, to identify producers who need to be sent letters warning of practices expiring in 59 calendar days.

The report displays all practices with a “Practice Completion Date” that falls within the next 59 calendar days. FSA-848A’s with multiple practices will have multiple rows displayed in the report if more than 1 practice associated with FSA-848A will expire in the next 59 calendar days. Practice statuses in this report include “Approved”, and practices with--* performance reported (“Partially Earned” or “Pending Certification”).

F FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded Report

Use FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded Report, to identify FSA-848A’s needing action because the completion date for the practices on FSA-848A has passed.

This report contains all practices with expected practice completion dates that have passed and that have not yet had the “Practice complete?” question that appears in the Producer Certification process answered with a “Yes”.

Practice statuses included in the report include:

- “Approved” (no performance reported)
- “Partially Earned” (partial performance reported with a payment issued)
- “Pending Approval” (approval data entered but no COC/CED approval date for FSA-848A)
- “Pending Certification” (TSP and producer certification of performance, but no County Office signature date entered for the payment)
- “Payment Failed” (payment attempted but not successful).

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)**G Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements**

Use the Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements to identify:

- practices not designated as “practice complete” with expiration dates:
 - that have already passed, or
 - that are in the immediate future
- “Paid” status agreements with practices that have a status other than paid.

Version 1 lists expired practices and practices where expiration is imminent that have not been designated as “Practice complete”. The County Office must review the report and complete the applicable action for each FSA-848A including:

- certify and mark practice complete
- extend practice expiration date
- potentially terminate agreement.

Version 2 lists practices with practice statuses of something other than “Paid” that exist on agreements with agreement statuses of “Paid”. The County Office must address the practice status to get it to paid. This may require a zero certification, processing a pending payment, or marking a failed payment as a valid failure. The County Office must never terminate the agreement because terminating a “Paid” agreement will create receivables for prior payments.

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities

Use this table to monitor CRP obligation reporting action responsibilities.

Report	Employee	Required Action
All FSA-848, Pending Approval	Program Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the first of each month, prepare a report of all FSA-848’s, pending approval to ensure that FSA-848’s in revision status are approved timely. FSA-848A’s in revision status that require action will have an alpha suffix in the control number and require action. • Approve, revise, or terminate the pending FSA-848’s, as applicable. • Provide a copy of the monthly report to the DD with action taken documented on the list by the 15th of each month.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
All FSA-848, Pending Approval (Continued)	DD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the monthly report provided by each County Office. Contact the County Offices that do not provide a report by the 15th of each month. Provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office by the end of each month.
	State Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the monthly reports provided by DD'. Provide summary report for the State to SED.
	SED	Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's.
FSA-848A, Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report	Program Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate the report in October of each FY to *--identify all CRP C/S practices expiring in that--* FY. Generate and mail expiration reminder letters using "CRP/EFCRP Practice Expiration *--Reminder" option in CSS Reports Menu.--* On the first of each month, rerun the report to monitor progress of practice completion for the current date through the end of the FY. Provide a monthly update of practice completion progress to DD by the 15th of the month.
	DD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the monthly report provided by each County Office. Contact the County Offices that do not provide a report by the 15th of each month. Provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office by the end of each month.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
FSA-848A, Customizable CRP Practice Expiration Report (Continued)	State Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the monthly reports provided by DD's. Provide summary report for the State to SED.
	SED	Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's.
FSA-848A, *--Practices Nearing Expiration	Program Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the first of each month, prepare a report of FSA-848's expiring within 59 calendar days to track performance that needs to be completed within 59 calendar days according to subparagraph 502 B. Mail all participants on the list the "Practice Nearing Expiration" letter.--* Provide a copy of the monthly report to DD with action taken documented on the list by the 15th of each month.
	DD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the monthly report provided by each County Office according to paragraph 33. Contact the County Offices that do not provide a report by the 15th of each month. Provide a summation of actions taken to the State Office by the end of each month.
	State Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the monthly reports provided by DD's. Provide summary report for the State to SED.
	SED	Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's.

523 National Office Monitoring**A C/S Reports**

The National Office established 2 monthly CRP C/S reports:

- *--CRP-1's that are not matched ("Unmatched") with a corresponding FSA-848A--* recorded in CSS
- current and aged FSA-848A's, recorded in CSS with unpaid balances after the practice expiration date.

B Monthly Unmatched Report

*--The Unmatched Report provides a list of CRP-1's that are not matched with a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS.

The National Office provides the monthly report to the State Office of CRP-1's that do not have a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS. The purpose of the report is to assist the County Office in identifying CRP-1's that require a corresponding FSA-848A to be recorded in CSS.

C County Office Action Required

County Offices must use the monthly Unmatched Report to identify CRP-1's that do not have a corresponding FSA-848A recorded in CSS, and record the required C/S requests in CSS according to 2-EFRP.

If CRP-1 meets 1 of the criteria listed in subparagraph 500 A, the County Office must notify their State Office that the specific CRP-1 does not require FSA-848A.

The State Office must then provide the list to FMD to remove CRP-1 from the Unmatched Report.

The following items must be provided for each CRP-1 to be removed from the list:

- State
- county
- CRP-1 number with suffix, if applicable
- program year.--*

523 National Office Monitoring (Continued)***--D National Office Quarterly Certification**

On a quarterly schedule, the National Office will provide the list of unmatched CRP-1's to the State Office with a required certification of action taken by the County Office. The State Office will send the report to the applicable County Offices. This quarterly report will have specific fields to be completed by the County Office. County Offices will complete the requested fields for each CRP-1 on the report and return to the State Office for submitting to the National Office according to instructions provided with each report.

The following table provides the quarterly schedule for certification.

Date of Report	Date Report Will Be Emailed to State Office	Date State Office Will Return Certification to National Office
January 31st	February 5th	March 1st
April 30th	May 5 th	June 1st
July 31st	August 5 th	September 1st
October 31st	November 5th	December 1st

E Current and Aged FSA-848A's With Unpaid Balances After the Practice Expiration Date Report

The Current and Aged FSA-848A's with Unpaid Balances after the Practice Expiration Date Report provides a list of FSA-848A's that have an unpaid balance after the expiration date recorded in CSS.

The National Office provides the monthly report to the State Office of FSA-848A's with an unpaid balance after the expiration date recorded in CSS. The State Office must provide the report to applicable County Offices.

The purpose of the report is to assist the County Office in identifying FSA-848A's that have an unpaid balance after the expiration date recorded in CSS. County Offices must use this report to identify FSA-848A's that have an unpaid balance after the expiration date recorded in CSS and ensure that the C/S associated with the FSA-848A's that have an unpaid balance after the expiration date are processed in CSS.--*

524-545 (Reserved)

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

J Applicability of CRP-1 Appendix for CRP Offers (Continued)

IF CRP acreage was offered during...	THEN CRP-1 is effective for program year...	AND the date of the applicable CRP-1 Appendix is...
continuous signup 35	2007 and 2008	May 1, 2003.
continuous signup 36	2008 and 2009	
continuous signup 37	2009 and 2010	
continuous signup 38	2010 and 2011	
general signup 39	2011	
continuous signup 40	2011 and 2012	
general signup 41	2012	
continuous signup 42	2012 and 2013	
general signup 43	2013	
continuous signup 44	2013 and 2014	May 7, 2013.
general signup 45	2014	
continuous signup 46	2014 and 2015	
continuous signup 47	2015 and 2016	
continuous signup 48	2016 and 2017	One of the following:
general signup 49	2017	
grassland signup 200	2017 and subsequent	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 22, 2015, for CRP-1's approved before August 30, 2016 • August 30, 2016, for CRP-1's approved on or after August 30, 2016 • October 14, 2016, for CRP-1's approved on or after October 14, 2016.
continuous signup 50	2017 and 2018	Either of the following:
continuous signup 51	2018 and 2019	October 14, 2016.
grassland signup 201	2018	
continuous signup 52	2019 and 2020	
continuous signup 53	2020 and 2021	December 9, 2019.
general signup 54	2021	
grassland signup 202	2021	

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

J Applicability of CRP-1 Appendix for CRP Offers (Continued)

IF CRP acreage was offered during...	THEN CRP-1 is effective for program year...	AND the date of the applicable CRP-1 Appendix is...
continuous signup 55	2021 and 2022	*-- Either of the following: • December 9, 2019 • June 14, 2021, for CRP-1's approved on or after June 14, 2021.--*
general signup 56	2022	
grassland signup 203	2022	
continuous signup 57	2022 and 2023	June 14, 2021--*
general signup 58	2023	
grassland CRP signup 204	2023	

*--**Note:** Continuous signup 34 was used for EFCRP.

K CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report

The county level CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report provides a list of CRP contracts that have an "Invalid" indicator.

The CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report identifies CRP contracts, by State, county, and CRP contract number, with an invalid status. The report also provides the reason for the invalid status, including but not limited to missing participant, invalid participant, and deceased participant. See 5-CRP, subparagraph 100 B, for CRP contract validity status indicators and the associated corrective action. See 5-CRP, subparagraph 140 B, to run the Pending Invalid Contract Report.

County Offices must use the CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report to identify CRP contracts with an invalid status and determine the corrective action needed, review Farm Records data, and Business Partner data to ensure that the CRP contracts are accurate, and to make needed corrections.

On the first business day of each month, County Office must:

- run the county level Pending Invalid Contract Report
- review all CRP contracts listed on the report--*

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

***--K CCMS Pending Invalid Contract Report (Continued)**

- take corrective action to address the invalid reason according to 5-CRP, subparagraph 100 B.

Note: If the CRP contract is expired and the invalid reason is a producer is not found in Farm Records or CCMS is missing an owner listed in farm records, the contract does not need to be corrected. The focus is to ensure that current CRP contracts data is accurate.

On a quarterly schedule, the National Office will provide a list of invalid CRP contracts to the State Office for certification of action taken by the County Office. The report will be run according to the following table. The State Office will send out the report to County Offices. This quarterly report will have specific fields to be completed by the County Office. County Offices will complete the requested fields for each contract on the report and return to the State Office for submission to the National Office.

The following table provides the quarterly schedule for certification.

Date of Report	Date Report will be emailed to State Office	Date State Office will return certification to National Office
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547 Revising CRP-1 Because of Loss of Control of Land**A General Policies**

CRP-1 **may** need to be revised because of loss of control of land under CRP-1.

If loss of control occurs because of death, sale, inheritance, incompetency, foreclosure, or exercise of eminent domain, follow:

- paragraph 630 for conservation easements placed on CRP land
- paragraph 554 for succession-in-interest
- subparagraphs 550 B and C for other revisions
- paragraph 551 for land acquired by a Federal agency
- paragraph 571 for:
 - land acquired by eminent domain
 - terminations
 - terminations because of foreclosure.

B If Owner Loses Control of CRP Land

Follow this table if owner loses control of CRP land.

IF loss of control occurs...	THEN...
on a tract of land on which all CRP-1 acres are located	revise CRP-1 and the approved conservation plan according to paragraph 546.
on part of CRP-1 acreage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue CRP-1 on the remaining acreage still under control of participant • follow paragraph 571 for partial terminations • offer person acquiring control successor-in-interest rights.
and CRP-1 is not continued on any part of acreage	terminate CRP-1 according to paragraph 571.

552 Revising CRP-1 Because of Inheritance

A Policy

A producer who becomes the owner of land enrolled in CRP because of inheritance, and succeeds to CRP-1, may receive payments for that CRP-1 without regard to the amount of payments received under any other CRP-1 executed before the inheritance. The participant must provide adequate documentation, as defined by COC, to prove that acreage was inherited.

B When the Recipient Already Has an Interest in the Inherited CRP-1

When a CRP participant inherits CRP acreage and the recipient already has a share of the inherited CRP-1, use the following table for guidance.

Note: Each example assumes the son inherits the father's share of CRP-1.

IF the recipient's revised payment total for all CRP-1's is...	THEN...
less than \$50,000 Example: Father and son share CRP-1, each receives 50 percent of the \$20,000 annual rental payment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant and increase the shares of the recipient to 100 percent according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 process payments in the normal manner according to 5-CRP, Part 5, Section 2.
greater than \$50,000 Example: Father and son share CRP-1, each receives 50 percent of the \$60,000 annual rental payment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant and increase the shares of the recipient to 100 percent according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 update the Subsidiary software using the inheritance adjustment. See 3-PL (Rev. 2), paragraph 142 and the inheritance policy in 5-PL, *--or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

552 Revising CRP-1 Because of Inheritance (Continued)**C When the Recipient Has No Prior Interest in CRP-1**

When a CRP participant inherits CRP acreage, and the recipient had no share in CRP-1 before inheritance, use the following table for guidance.

IF the recipient's revised payment total for all CRP-1's is...	THEN...
less than \$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant and add the recipient • payments will be processed in the normal manner according 5-CRP, Part 5, Section 2.
greater than \$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise the inherited CRP-1 to remove the deceased participant, and add the recipient according to 5-CRP, Part 2, Section 2 • revise through pay limit system using the inheritance adjustment. See 3-PL (Rev. 2), paragraph 142 and the inheritance policy in 5-PL, *--or 6-PL, as applicable.--*

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)**D Responsibilities of Eligible Successors (Continued)**

Within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the death of the participant, regardless of whether the deceased participant is still listed as an owner on the deed, purchase contract, or other acceptable document that affirms ownership, deceased participants with a share:

- greater than zero, the County Office must initiate a revision to CRP-1
- of zero, the County Office must remove the deceased participant from CRP-1.

--If MIDAS Business Partner is the method of notification, the 10 workdays are from the-- date the County Office confirms the producer's death through the Date of Death Workflow process according to 11-CM, paragraph 151. The participant will only receive prorated payment from October 1 to the date of death.

E Policy for Using Correct CRP-1 and CRP-1 Appendix

Successors-in-interest electing to succeed to an existing CRP-1 must:

- sign the current version of CRP-1
- receive the same CRP-1 Appendix that was agreed to by the predecessor.

Note: **Do not** provide a different CRP-1 Appendix if the participant on the revised CRP-1 is the **same** participant signing the original CRP-1.

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)**F Policy When Heir or Estate of Deceased is Unknown**

If the County Office knows or becomes aware of the passing of a participant, and the County Office does not know of an heir or estate of the deceased to contact, the County Office must mail CRP-30 (Exhibit 7) to the last known address of the deceased participant within 10 workdays of finding out the participant is deceased.

Note: County Offices must mail a copy of CRP-30 to all participants on CRP-1. See Exhibit 7.

--If the County Office becomes aware of the deceased through MIDAS Business Partner--
Date of Death notification, the 10 workdays start from the date the County Office confirms the producer's death via the Date of Death Workflow process, according to 11-CM, paragraph 151.

If a successor is not identified within 90 calendar days of the date of CRP-30, COC must terminate CRP-1.

The purpose of CRP-30 is to:

- identify point of contact for the deceased
- provide the County Office contact information so the potential successor can contact the County Office and provide information or ask questions
- provide notification that CRP-1 will be terminated if a potential successor is not identified within 90 calendar days of the letter.

County Office will **not** include a copy of CRP-1 with CRP-30. CRP-30 is **not** the notification to successor giving her/him 60 calendar days to sign a revised CRP-1.

***--G Succeeded Contract Start Date and Payment to Deceased Producers**

When a CRP is succeeded to as a result of a deceased participant the contract start date will be the day after the date of death. The deceased participant earned the payment up to the date of death. The payment earned by the deceased participant will be paid under the deceased participant tax ID and will be issued through an FSA-325.

H Deceased CRP Participant Reports

The Conservation Division provides State Offices a weekly report that identifies CRP contracts for which one of the participants has been identified as deceased. State Office will provide this report to County Offices.--*

554 Successor-in-Interest (Continued)***--H Deceased CRP Participant Reports (Continued)**

This CRP Deceased Participant Report identifies CRP contracts, by State, county, and CRP contract number, for which one of the participants is recorded in Business Partner as deceased. This report identifies only those CRP contracts that are in an approved status. The report also provides additional information, such as the name of the deceased participant(s), date of death recorded in Business Partner, and the number of days since the date of death.

County Offices will use these reports to identify CRP contracts that need to be reviewed because of a deceased participant, including participants with a zero share.

Upon receipt of the weekly CRP Deceased Participant Report from State Office, County Offices must:

- review all CRP contract listed on the report
- take corrective action to address the deceased participant on the CRP contract according to 2-CRP and 5-CRP.

County Offices will also use the CCMS Pending Invalid Report to ensure that CRP contracts in a revised status with a deceased participant are addressed.

On a quarterly schedule, the National Office will require State Office certification of action taken by the County Office to address the CRP contracts listed with a deceased participant. This quarterly report will have specific fields to be completed by the County Office. County Offices will complete the requested fields for each contract on the report and return to the State Office for submission to the National Office.

The following table provides the quarterly schedule for certification.

Date of Report	Date Report will be emailed to State Office	Date State Office will return certification to National Office
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555 Revisions Authorized by DAFP**A DAFP Authorized Revisions**

Revisions, other than in this section, require DAFP approval.

556-570 (Reserved)

571 Terminations (Continued)

B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)

- **both** of the following conditions are met:
 - **all** signatories to CRP-1 request, in writing, to terminate part of the acreage under an approved CRP-1
 - the later of the following:
 - CRP-1 has been effective for at least 2 years
- Exception:** CRP-1's that have been re-enrolled do not have to be in effect for at least 2 years.
- *--Example:** CRP-1 number 926 was enrolled in 2011 and was scheduled to expire September 30, 2021, but was re-enrolled to CRP-1 number 10025 with an effective date of October 1, 2021. CRP-1 number 10025--* does **not** have to be in effect for 2 years to request a partial termination.
- the approved cover is established on the acreage
 - for continuous signup practices only, NRCS determines the remaining practice functions after part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated.

Notes: A paid-for measurement service must be completed to determine the acreage terminated. The producer must refund annual rental payments plus interest and liquidated damages for the acreage terminated. Any cover destroyed on the acreage not terminated must be re-established at the producer's expense.

SRR's for remaining acreage under CRP-1 must not be recalculated.

Requests for termination of part of the land under CRP-1 that do not meet these requirements may only be approved by DAFP.

571 Terminations (Continued)**B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)**

Requests for DAFP approval of termination of part of the land under CRP-1 **must** include, at a minimum:

- written request, signed by all signatories to CRP-1, to terminate part of the acreage under an approved CRP-1 that includes the reason for termination and what the land will be used for after termination
- COC and STC recommendations
- map of acreage to be terminated
- *--copy of original CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP2G and revised CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP2G with **all** item numbers completed for acreage that will remain enrolled in CRP. Participants must **not** sign revised CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2C30, or CRP2G.--*

Note: See paragraph 573 for terminating CRP-1's.

572 Terminations Because of Foreclosures and Eminent Domain**A CRP-1 Terminated Because of Foreclosure**

CRP participants will not be required to refund payments received when CRP-1 is terminated because of foreclosure, regardless of the foreclosure date.

Note: Sufficient documentation **must** be provided to COC or CED verifying the CRP acreage was foreclosed upon.

If the participant regains control of the land under CRP-1, then CRP-1 will be in effect on the date the foreclosure will apply.

Note: See paragraph 580.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

B COC Waivers of Refunds

COC must:

- determine whether criteria exist to warrant a waiver of refunds

Note: See subparagraph C.

- thoroughly document requests for waivers, including reasons and justification for decision, in COC minutes
- ensure that COC determination letter includes appeal rights and fully documents reasons for any waiver of refunds, how the waiver was determined, and why it is equitable
- submit requests for waivers in excess of \$5,000 to STC or SED, as applicable
- not submit requests for waivers to STC or SED if COC does not recommend approval
- provide CD a report of waivers of refunds, no later than December 1 for each FY, according to subparagraph F.

Notes: COC may waive liquidated damages according to paragraph 578.

COC may waive TIP liquidated damages according to subparagraph 812 C.

Important: If the CRP participant is requesting a waiver of refunds for more than one CRP-1 and any CRP-1 refund is in excess of the \$5,000 COC authority, no waiver of any CRP-1 may be provided by COC. Waivers for all CRP-1's must be submitted to STC.

Example: The CRP participant has a haying and grazing violation on three CRP-1's, and requests a waiver of refunds on all CRP-1's. Contract 1 calculated refund is \$2,360. Contract 2 calculated refund is \$15,400. Contract 3 calculated refund is \$18,000.

COC has no authority to waive refunds for any CRP-1 even though Contract 1 is within the \$5,000 COC authority. All CRP-1's must be submitted to STC for a determination.

Note: If any of CRP-1's is in excess of the \$25,000 STC authority, all contracts must be submitted to DAFP for authority to waive refunds.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

B COC Waivers of Refunds (Continued)

Important: In no case can either COC or STC provide a partial waiver for a contract in excess of their applicable authority.

Example: The CRP participant has a violation on their CRP-1. The calculated refund is \$7,200. COC **may not** waive any portion of the refund.

C Criteria for Waivers of Refunds

Refunds are requested from CRP participants when either the participant requests to terminate all or a portion of CRP-1 or COC terminates all or a portion of CRP-1. COC termination for a violation of CRP-1 occurs when a determination of “good faith” cannot be made. COC’s are responsible for maintaining program integrity and will not approve a waiver for refunds simply because a participant requests it. COC’s will only approve a waiver of refunds when extenuating circumstances warrant a waiver. COC must document the justification to support the determination. When determining whether a waiver of refunds will be approved, COC’s must include, but are not limited to, all of the following considerations:

- could the waiver be justified to other participants who continue to comply with CRP and to taxpayers
- does approving a waiver treat all similarly situation participants fairly and equitably
- did the participant know or have reason to know that the action they took, or failed to take, could result in a violation of CRP-1 and requirement to refund payments
- were there conditions beyond the participant’s control that contributed to requirement to refund benefits
- will the participant gain a financial benefit from their actions

Example: Returning the land to agricultural production, or harvesting and selling a commodity planted in violation.

- whether the participant provided all required information timely without any misrepresentation, concealment, or intention to evade any program compliance provision

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

C Criteria for Waivers of Refunds (Continued)

- whether the participant brought the failure to FSA's attention or if FSA learned of the program failure or discrepancy by other means
- if the failure was the result of oversight and not an intent of the participant to comply with only some of CRP's requirements
- the actual performance rendered by the participant toward compliance with CRP's requirements
- whether the termination was a result of repeated violations.

Example: The CRP participant hayed the CRP acreage without authorization 3 times in the last 5 years.

Important: Financial hardship must not be the sole factor in COC's determination to approve the CRP participant's request for a waiver of refunds.

D STC Waivers of Refunds

STC must:

- thoroughly document requests for waivers, including reasons and justification for decision, in STC minutes
- ensure that the STC determination letter includes appeal rights and fully documents reasons for any waiver of refunds, how the waiver amount was determined, and why it is equitable
- provide CD a report of waivers of refunds for the previous FY, no later than December 1 each year, according to subparagraph F.

Notes: STC may waive liquidated damages according to paragraph 578.

STC may waive TIP liquidated damages according to subparagraph 812 C.

Important: If the CRP participant is requesting a waiver of refunds for more than one CRP-1 and any CRP-1 is in excess of the \$25,000 STC authority, no waiver of any CRP-1 may be provided by STC. Waivers for all CRP-1 must be submitted to DAFP.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)

E SED Waivers of Refunds for Equitable Relief

SED's:

- have separate relief authority found in 7-CP
- may approve requests for waivers of refunds because of termination of CRP-1 or CRP-1R when the total amount calculated according to paragraph 574, plus interest is equal to or less than \$20,000

Example: The total refund amount calculated according to paragraph 574 is \$23,000. The participant requested a waiver of \$20,000. Because the total calculated refund amount exceeds \$20,000, SED must submit the request for waiver to DAFP if it recommends approval of the waiver.

Note: Sufficient documentation must be maintained when waivers are approved.

- must thoroughly document requests for waivers, including reasons and justification for decision and include OGC concurrence according to 7-CP in the file
- ensure that the SED determination letter includes appeal rights and fully documents reasons for any waiver of refunds, how the waiver amount was determined, and why it is equitable
- must submit all cases for waivers of refunds to DAFP for relief, when the total refund amount calculated according to subparagraph D exceeds \$20,000

Note: The cases must contain the following:

- copy of participant's written request for relief
- copy of COC and STC minutes thoroughly documenting request and justification
- copy of all applicable forms and documents in the case file, including but not *--limited to CRP-1's, CRP-2's, CRP-2C's, CRP-2C30's, or CRP-2G's,--* copy of digital imagery, conservation plans, land deeds, etc.

576 Requests for Waiver of Refunds (Continued)**E SED Waivers of Refunds for Equitable Relief (Continued)**

- all documentation used by COC and STC during review
- narrative of the case in chronological order.

Note: Incomplete case files may delay response.

- must not submit requests for waivers of refunds to DAFP if STC does not recommend approval.

F Report

STC's and COC's must provide a report to the State Office of all refunds waived during the previous FY. The report must include the following:

- State and county code
- CRP participant name
- CRP-1 number
- calculated refund amount
- amount waived
- reason waived.

State Offices must provide a compilation of the STC and COC reports to the CRP Program Manager no later than December 1 for each FY. The following is an example of the report.

FY Refunds Waiver Report					
State and County Code	CRP Participant Name	CRP-1 Number	Calculated Refund Amount	Amount Waived	Reason Waived
Total			\$	\$	

577 Assessing Liquidated Damages

A Determining Liquidated Damages Amounts

To determine the amount when assessing liquidated damages, multiply the number of acres being terminated times 25 percent times the annual rental rate.

B When to Assess Liquidated Damages

After CRP-1 is approved, COC will assess liquidated damages if an original or revised CRP-1 is terminated.

Note: Assess liquidated damages for TIP CRP-1R according to Part 21.

C When Not to Assess Liquidated Damages

Do not assess liquidated damages if:

- CRP-1 is not approved and the producer withdraws in writing any request for CRP participation
- CRP-1 participant is adversely affected by a person determination or by being determined *--not “actively engaged” according to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL, as applicable, and--* withdraws from CRP-1
- CRP land is acquired under threat of condemnation or by eminent domain or acquired by an entity with the right of eminent domain, according to paragraph 572
- CRP land is under an existing lease for earth, oil, gas, or other mineral exploration before submission of CRP, and lessor exercises rights under the lease
- an estate does not succeed to CRP-1
- all signatures are not obtained after the offer is determined acceptable.

Note: If all signatures are not obtained after offer is determined acceptable, the offer is determined ineligible and CRP-1 must not be approved.

605 Request for Waiver of Payment Reductions**A Waiver or Reduction of Standard Payment Reduction**

COC must:

- authorize a waiver or reduction of the standard payment reduction only if the request is received from participants, in writing

Note: It is the participant's responsibility to request a waiver or reduction of refunds.

- ensure that participants are provided applicable appeal rights according to 1-APP
- thoroughly document requests for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction refunds in COC minutes
- submit requests for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction to STC only if COC determines that the action is justified based on documented and verifiable facts of the individual case
- provide a report of waivers or reductions of the standard payment reduction, no later than December 1 for each FY according to subparagraph B.

Notes: Each case is unique. Determinations must be made on a case-by-case basis based on the facts of the individual case.

COC's may waive up to 50 percent of the assessed standard payment reduction.

STC must:

- thoroughly review each request for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction
- thoroughly document requests for waiver or reduction of standard payment reduction in STC minutes
- provide a report of waivers or reductions of standard payment reduction, no later than December 1 for each FY according to subparagraph B.

Note: Each case is unique. Determinations must be made on a case-by-case basis based on the facts of the individual case.

STC's may waive up to 100 percent of the assessed standard payment reduction.

605 Request for Waiver of Payment Reductions (Continued)**B Reports**

STC's and COC's must provide a report to the State Office of all waivers of the standard payment reduction during the previous FY. The report must include the following:

- State and county code
- CRP participant name
- *--CRP-1 number--*
- calculated standard payment reduction amount
- amount waived
- reason waived.

State Offices must provide a compilation of the STC and COC reports to the CRP Program Manager no later than December 1 each year.

The following is an example of the report.

Standard Payment Reduction Waiver Report					
State and County Code	CRP Participant Name	*--CRP-1--* Number	Calculated Standard Payment Reduction	Amount Waived	Reason Waived
Total			\$	\$	

606-625 (Reserved)

633 Recreational Hunting and Commercial Shooting Preserves on CRP Acreage (Continued)

B Commercial Shooting Preserves (Continued)

- related CRP cover maintenance, as determined by STC according to FOTG and in consultation with the State Technical Committee, **must**:
 - be performed according to the conservation plan
 - provide benefit and enhancement to all wildlife normal to the area
 - be conducted outside the PNS
 - not adversely impact the CRP cover
 - not degrade wildlife habitat benefits, water quality benefits, or erosion control measures.

Important: STC, in consultation with the State Technical Committee, **must** determine the extent and method of cover maintenance acceptable for all CRP acreage within the State that provides enhancement for all wildlife habitats.

C Mowing of CRP Cover

As provided in paragraph 427, periodic mowing and mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited at all times. Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control is prohibited. Mowing of CRP cover, not to exceed 20 percent of the total CRP acres in a field, is permitted. This activity **must** be:

- included in the conservation plan
- part of a State-approved management plan for habitat maintenance and wildlife and land management
- conducted outside the PNS.

***--Note:** The location of this mowing must be changed from year to year.--*

633 Recreational Hunting and Commercial Shooting Preserves on CRP Acreage (Continued)**C Mowing of CRP Cover (Continued)**

Until a status review to certify practice establishment has been completed by NRCS, TSP, COC or CED, in consultation with NRCS, may allow participants to spray and mow the acreage under CRP-1 at any time, if such activity is required in the conservation plan to establish the approved cover.

634 Authorized Use**A Authorized Uses of CRP Acreage**

COC may determine authorized uses of CRP acreage on a case-by-case basis during the contract period, except during the PNS, if the use is not otherwise prohibited in procedure.

Example: COC may authorize using CRP acreage for a parking lot for a special event or as a camp site on a limited basis. COC has no authority to authorize the harvesting of forage or trees.

Each request must be documented in COC minutes with justification for actions taken. Inspection fees or payment reductions may be assessed as determined by COC.

B Beehives on CRP Acreage

Consistent with the soil, water, and wildlife goals of CRP, beehives may be stored on CRP acreage.

635 Applying Waste Products on CRP Acreage

A Application Requirements for Sludge and Agriculture By-Products

COC's may permit the application of sludge or an agricultural by-product on acreage under CRP-1 if:

- *--NRCS-CPA-052 does not reveal any adverse impacts to the human environment that--* cannot be successfully mitigated
- the participant has sought approval to apply the waste and the waste has been approved, or is not prohibited, by any State or local water quality agency with jurisdiction over the area of application

Note: COC must consult with State or local water quality agencies on an as needed basis to ensure proper application of the materials.

- all requirements and specifications are met as required by EPA and State and local regulatory authorities that provide oversight for air quality and water quality
- a current soil and waste test analysis that is conducted by a State-approved laboratory determines the nutrient level for the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium of the waste and the amount of material to be applied per acre
- the waste will be applied by injection
- the amount of nutrients applied are limited to the level that can be used by the vegetative cover
- the waste is free of toxic elements, or does not contain amounts of toxic elements that could build up over a period of time to a level injurious to animals and humans
- all required State or local permits for applying the waste to agricultural land are obtained by parties responsible for applying the material
- the approved conservation plan is modified to include the entire acreage that will be treated
- the waste will not be applied within 100 feet of property boundaries or water sources, such as wells, streams, rivers, wetlands, or swamps
- the waste will be applied when the wind direction allows minimal odor detection by neighbors and the humidity level is low.

635 Applying Waste Products on CRP Acreage (Continued)**B Application Requirements for Animal Waste**

COC's or CED's may permit the application of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product on CRP acreage if NRCS or TSP provides, in writing, that the conservation plan developed meets or exceeds the minimum standards of FOTG. The approved conservation plan must be modified to include the application of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product.

Note: Soil contaminated with petroleum products or hazardous waste will not be allowed for application on CRP acreage.

C Application Restrictions

The amount applied must not exceed the:

- permitted application rate as determined by the soil and waste test analyses for animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-products
- quantity specified in the modified conservation plan as determined by NRCS for animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-products.

The participant **must** agree to re-establish, at the CRP participant's expense, the vegetative cover in the event of failure or damage after application.

--The timing of each application will minimize adverse impacts to:--

- air quality, including odor
- water quality
- wildlife
- environment
- endangered species.

Note: CRP cover must not be disturbed during the PNS.

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration (Continued)

C Participants' Responsibilities

Determine participants' responsibilities according to the following.

Note: Measurement service is available at the participant's expense for requests to prepare only a portion of the acreage under CRP-1.

WHEN participants, in the final year of CRP-1, intend to destroy CRP cover to...	THEN participants...
prepare for spring- or fall-seeded crops from July 1 through September 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must submit requests on CRP-1G Addendum before beginning any activity • are required to meet with NRCS or TSP to obtain an approved conservation plan for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the destruction of the CRP cover when the method of destruction could cause adverse environmental effects, as determined by TSP • conservation compliance, if applicable • may not hay, graze, or otherwise make commercial use of the CRP acreage during the PNS • may not destroy cover during the PNS • may plant fall-seeded agricultural commodities in areas where planting such crops normally occurs before October 1, as determined by STC • may mechanically remove cover and make commercial use of CRP acreage during the CRP-1 period with a 25 percent reduction of the annual rental payment <p>Note: Participants may mechanically remove cover from CRP acreage without a reduction of the annual rental payment if no commercial use is made of the forage. The *--participant must pay for a site visit by COC or CED to--* verify destruction of the cover.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must receive a reduced annual rental payment for the period indicated on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3. <p>Notes: See subparagraph D for processing requests.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All signatories to CRP-1 are required to sign CRP-1G Addendum before COC or CED approval.</p>

636 Destroying CRP Cover Before CRP-1 Expiration (Continued)

D Processing Participants' Requests

County Office must process participants' requests for early land preparation according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Accept requests on CRP-1G Addendum. See subparagraph E for example of CRP-1G Addendum. Ensure that all required signatures are obtained.
2	Ensure that participants meet with NRCS or TSP to develop a conservation plan for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the destruction of the CRP cover when the method of destruction could cause adverse environmental effects, as determined by NRCS or TSP conservation compliance, if applicable.
3	Remind participants that approval is for land preparation activities only. However, planting fall-seeded agricultural commodities is permitted when fall planting of these crops normally occurs before October 1, as determined by STC. Note: Unauthorized haying and grazing during the contract period are violations of CRP-1.
4	Ensure that participants are aware that no annual rental payment will be earned for the period indicated on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3. Nonpayment period must begin on the day land preparation commences, but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no earlier than July 1 ends September 30. Note: The nonpayment period may be for a portion of a month. The payment reduction will be based on the number of nonpayment days entered on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3.
5	Attach to CRP-1G Addendum a copy of digital imagery with the acreage on which the cover will be destroyed highlighted.
6	Provide each participant and NRCS or TSP with a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> copy of approved CRP-1G Addendum a photocopy highlighting the acreage on which the cover will be destroyed.
7	File CRP-1G Addendum and attached digital imagery in the CRP-1 folder.
8	Immediately approve requests received on eligible acreage.
9	During the normal payment cycle, after October 1, prorate the final payment to exclude payment for the nonpayment period identified on CRP-1G Addendum, item 3.

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 C/S--*
- must not allow supplemental feeding of hay, grain, silage, etc.
- may allow use of mineral supplements
- must not allow any haying, grazing, or other activity that would adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice
- must require management of heavy use locations, such as watering facilities and loafing areas, to minimize bare ground conditions and trails
- must require minimum grazing 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
- *--may sell the harvested hay--*
- limit haying or harvesting for biomass to 1 cutting per program year
- must not hay or harvest for biomass **during the PNS**
- *--must not use land enrolled in CRP for the storage of hay bales

Note: Bales must be removed to ensure that there is no long-term damage to the cover.--*

- 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 31.--*

Example 1: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. A CRP participant may obtain a modified conservation plan to allow haying or harvesting for biomass from March 1, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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.

--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 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 * * * 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. Note: All participants are required to sign the agreement before haying or grazing begins.
5	Receive notification of approval in writing from COC * * * before beginning any haying or grazing.
6	Report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed, within 10 calendar days of the end of the haying or grazing period in the conservation plan, and sign and date CRP-118. See Exhibit 49.
7	Re-establish the CRP cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of any non-emergency haying or grazing.
8	Be assessed a payment reduction, if applicable, according to subparagraph 663 D.
9	<p>*--CRP participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove livestock from all fields within 1 calendar day of the end of the modified conservation plan end date for grazing • not use land enrolled in CRP for the storage of hay bales <p>Note: Bales must be removed to ensure that there is no long-term damage to the cover.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove all livestock from CRP acreage no later than the end date for invasive--* species grazing treatment as specified in the conservation plan.
10	Non-emergency grazing must not be conducted during the PNS without a 50 percent reduction in carrying capacity. Haying is not allowed during the PNS.

--670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)*B Maintenance Defaults**

Maintenance defaults apply to participants who conducted unauthorized non-emergency haying or grazing

Use the following table when a maintenance default occurs.

IF the non-emergency haying or grazing occurs on...	THEN...
fewer acres than requested on the CRP-117	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117 and the COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118 and assess a standard payment reduction on the acreage in excess of the acreage requested on the CRP-117 according 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.--*

--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.

No additional State or DAFP approval is required and County and State Offices are not required to submit a request to the National Office for this type of emergency haying and grazing authorization. After a county has been authorized for emergency haying and grazing, the County Office must publicize the availability of emergency haying and grazing.

A CRP participant can utilize up to 90 consecutive days or a total of 90 days before and after the PNS (if county is still eligible for emergency grazing) of emergency grazing subject to a *--modified conservation plan during the program year on all practices. A CRP participant has up to 60 days from receiving a contract plan modification allowing emergency haying to harvest one cutting of hay outside the PNS.--*

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.

683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

A General Provisions (Continued)

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

In addition, for grazing only must:

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

In addition, for haying only must:

- not hay **during the PNS**
- *--not use land enrolled in CRP for the storage of hay bales

Note: Bales must be removed to ensure that there is no long-term damage to the cover.-
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Participants who hay or graze CRP acreage, or fail to follow these provisions, will be subject to the noncompliance provisions according to paragraph 685.

683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

B Conservation Plan Requirements

The conservation plan:

- must require that the vegetative cover is maintained, soil erosion is minimized, and water quality and wildlife habitat are protected
- must require that no long-term damage to the vegetative cover occurs
- must be site-specific and reflect the local resource concerns
- must utilize NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Prescribed Grazing (Code 528) or NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Forage Harvest Management (Code 511)
- *--must require fencing livestock at least 20 feet from adjacent water bodies without C/S--*
- must not allow supplemental feeding of hay, grain, silage, etc.
- may allow use of mineral supplements
- must not allow any haying, grazing, or other activity that would adversely affect the purpose and performance of the practice
- must require management of heavy use locations, such as watering facilities and loafing areas, to minimize bare ground conditions and trails
- must require minimum grazing stubble heights based on current conditions when the plan is developed
- must limit haying to 1 cutting per program year
- **must limit the plan to 90 days of CRP emergency grazing.**

683 Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

C Participant Provisions

CRP participants must:

- file a request to hay or graze CRP acreage before emergency haying or grazing begins
- take the following actions.

Step	Action
1	Identify the acreage to be hayed or grazed on digital imagery/map.
2	Obtain a modified conservation plan to include emergency haying or grazing requirements, outside the PNS , without long-term damage to the cover as determined by NRCS or TSP. The haying or grazing as specified in the conservation plan must be site specific and reflect the local wildlife needs and concerns.
3	Record intended haying or grazing use on CRP-117. See Exhibit 47.
4	Sign agreement in Exhibit 52. Note: All participants are required to sign the agreement before haying or grazing begins.
5	Receive notification of approval in writing from COC * * * before beginning any haying or grazing.
6	Report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed, and sign and date CRP-118. See Exhibit 49.
7	CRP participant will re-establish the CRP cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of emergency haying or grazing.
8	Haying must be limited to 1 cutting per program year.
9	Participants must stop haying and grazing according to the modified plan developed based on the current site-specific conditions; at a minimum the plan must provide minimum grazing stubble heights.
10	*--CRP participants must not use land enrolled in CRP for storage of hay bales. Bales must be removed to ensure there is no long-term damage to the cover.--*
11	CRP participants must remove all livestock from all fields no later than 1 day after the end of the emergency grazing period.

--684 Payment Reductions*A Reduction Rates**

Authorized emergency haying and grazing may be conducted without any reduction to the annual rental payment.

685 Compliance**A Required Spot Checks**

To ensure that CRP cover is not damaged, wildlife and associated habitat is protected, and participants are complying with their conservation plans, COC's must spot-check at least 10 percent of CRP-1's approved for 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.

IF the haying or grazing occurs on...	THEN...
fewer acres than requested on the CRP-117	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117 and the COC determines the participant made a good faith effort to comply	compute applicable payment reduction based on the actual acres hayed or grazed and reported on the CRP-118 and assess a standard payment reduction on the acreage in excess of the acreage requested on the CRP-117 according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 604 A.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117, and the COC determines the participant did not make a good faith effort to comply	terminate the CRP-1 according to 2-CRP.

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Part 21 TIP

Section 1 TIP Policy

801 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 amended the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize \$50 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring *--CRP-1 from an owner or operator to a veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to--* return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

Owners or operators who qualify under TIP may be eligible to receive annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP-1 expiration date provided the transition is **not** to a family member as defined in Exhibit 2.

Note: Family members of the owner or operators may participate in TIP; however, the additional 2 years of annual rental payments will **not** be paid.

B Signup Period for TIP

Eligible owners and operators, veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis.

To be considered eligible, veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers and CRP *--participants must enroll in TIP during the period beginning 2 years before the CRP-1--* expiration date and the earlier of the following:

- *--August 15 of the FY that the CRP-1 is scheduled to expire--*
- \$50 million statutory limit has been reached.

Note: The August 15 deadline is to allow NRCS or TSP the required time to complete the TIP sustainable grazing or crop production conservation plans.

802 Eligible Land**A Eligible Land for TIP**

--All or a portion of land under an expiring CRP-1 may be eligible to enroll in TIP, if COC-- or CED determines that **all** of the following have been met:

- producer eligibility requirements in paragraph 803
- land eligibility requirements in subparagraph 804 A for contracts scheduled to expire
- land under CRP-1 is in compliance according to Part 17.

B Easement Eligibility for TIP

Land expiring from CRP-1 under an easement that would prohibit the land from being farmed in a sustainable manner is **not** eligible to be enrolled under CRP-1R.

803 Eligible Producers**A Owner or Operator Eligibility**

To be eligible for TIP, producers must be owners or operators on land under an expiring *--CRP-1.--*

One or more participants under CRP-1 may be eligible to transition land to a veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher and enroll in TIP if **all** of the following have been met:

- persons or entities on the expiring CRP-1 must receive, in the aggregate, at least 50 percent of the annual rental payments

Note: The owner or operator that is a member of an entity must own at least 50 percent of the stock of the entity to be eligible for TIP.

- owner or operator agrees to sell, has a contract to sell, or leases the land for a minimum of 5 years to a veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher before CRP-1R begins

Notes: See paragraph 807.

In the case of a long-term lease, the lease must be a nonrevocable, long-term lease of at least 5 years, or less than 5 years with an option to purchase the land, which must begin on the CRP-1R beginning date.

803 Eligible Producers (Continued)

A Owner or Operator Eligibility (Continued)

- owner or operator and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher have signed CRP-1R according to paragraph 805
- owners or operator agrees to allow veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to make conservation and land improvements, according to a modified conservation plan approved by NRCS or TSP, **beginning** on the date COC or CED approves CRP-1R according to paragraph 806.

***--Notes:** Land improvements in the last year of the CRP-1 under CRP TIP will **not** be--* permitted during PNS unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of PNS.

If land improvements are to be made in the last year of CRP-1 according to paragraph 806, CRP-1 participants must modify the CRP conservation plan according to the recommendations of NRCS or TSP.

Important: CRP participants:

- are responsible for the land under an expiring CRP-1 until that CRP-1 expires
- must modify the CRP-1 conservation plan if land improvements are to be made during the last year of CRP-1.

When 1 or more owners or operators on a CRP-1 agree to transition their portion of the land under CRP-1 to veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher, CCC may approve CRP-1R provided all signatories to CRP-1 sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria are met. The land transfer must not have taken place until after participants have signed CRP-1R.

Note: All CRP-1 signatories are required to sign CRP-1R. At least 1 participant with at least 50 percent share on CRP-1 must meet participant criteria. If all signatories on CRP-1 do **not** agree to sign CRP-1R, then the land is **not** eligible under TIP.

***--Example 1:** Three participants have equal shares in an expiring CRP-1. Two of the--* participants intend to participate in TIP. The land is eligible for TIP because the shares of the 2 participants equal at least 50 percent provided all signatories sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria have been met.

803 Eligible Producers (Continued)

A Owner or Operator Eligibility (Continued)

***--Example 2:** Four participants have equal shares in an expiring CRP-1. Two of the--* participants intend to participate in TIP. The land is eligible for TIP because the shares of the 2 participants equal at least 50 percent provided all signatories sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria have been met.

***--Example 3:** Five participants have equal shares in an expiring CRP-1. Two of the participants intend to participate in TIP. The land is **not** eligible for TIP because the shares of the 2 participants do **not** equal at least 50 percent of the shares on the expiring CRP-1.--*

Notes: All CRP-1 shareholder signatories are eligible to receive the 2 years annual rental payments provided they have signed CRP-1R, are otherwise eligible, and the provisions of this paragraph are met.

TIP payments will be issued according to the shares at the time CRP-1 expires.

B Veteran, Beginning, or SDA Farmer or Rancher Eligibility

A veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher may be eligible for TIP provided the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher agrees to **all** of the following:

- buy or lease (under a long-term lease of at least 5 years) the land under CRP-1 from an owner or operator during the last year of CRP-1 before its scheduled September 30 expiration
- develop and implement the required conservation plans according to paragraph 806
- self-certify and sign CRP-1R.

Notes: A minor combined with a parent or legal guardian in a farming operation under 4-PL, would not meet beginning farmer or rancher criteria until the minor is of legal age and no longer combined. In rare cases, where COC has determined the minor stands alone and is not combined with a parent or legal guardian, the minor may meet the beginning farmer or rancher definition provided COC determines the minor materially and substantially participates in the operation of the farm or ranch involved in CRP-1R.

For TIP, the definition of SDA farmer or rancher does **not** include gender. See Exhibit 2.

804 TIP for CRP-1's

A TIP for CRP-1's That Expire on or After September 30

Generally, land subject to CRP-1R must be returned to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

Beginning on October 1 that is 2 years before the CRP-1 scheduled expiration date of September 30, the owner or operator may sign CRP-1R to allow the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to do 1 or more of the following:

- modify the current CRP-1 conservation plan to begin conservation and land improvements

Note: CRP-1 signatories are responsible for the CRP cover until CRP-1 expires. If land improvements are to be made in the last year of CRP-1, conservation plan must be modified by CRP-1 participants.

- begin the certification process under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990

- offer eligible land into continuous CRP.

***--Note:** Land improvements in the last year of the CRP-1 under CRP TIP will **not** be--* permitted during PNS unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of PNS.

If all other eligibility requirements are met, the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher with an approved CRP-1R is eligible to offer transitioned land for continuous CRP according to Part 6, Section 1.

Note: Eligible veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers with an approved CRP-1R will be eligible to re-enroll, beginning on April 1 of the year CRP-1 expires, partial field continuous conservation practices in CRP, according to a CRP conservation plan and the provisions of TIP. The re-enrolled acres will become effective on October 1 following the expiration of CRP-1 of the qualified owner or operator, provided that the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher has control of the property and meets all other qualifying conditions of CRP.

The veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher enrolling into continuous CRP is **not required** to meet 12-month owner/operator criteria for acres under CRP-1R.

In cooperation with NRCS, County Offices must inform the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to contact NRCS for more information about the opportunity to enroll in CSP or EQIP. Enrollment in CSP or EQIP must begin October 1, on or after CRP-1 expires.

Note: Land under CRP-1R is **not** eligible to be enrolled into general signup.

805 CRP-1R Signature Requirements

A Required Signatures

CRP-1R must be signed by **all** of the following:

- owners or operators
- veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher
- all signatories to CRP-1.

Exception: See subparagraph 335 C for signature requirement exceptions.

Note: See paragraph 810 for an example of CRP-1R.

806 Required Conservation Plans for TIP

A Veteran, Beginning, or SDA Farmer or Rancher TIP Conservation Plan Requirements

During the last year of CRP-1 before its scheduled expiration, the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher must develop a conservation plan that meets acceptable standards for sustainable grazing or crop production methods to be implemented beginning on the approved CRP-1R beginning date (item 7 A). The sustainable grazing and crop production methods must be designed as a part of an overall plan defined on an ecosystem level to be useful in creating integrated systems of plant and animal production practices that have a site-specific application that would:

- enhance the environment and the natural resource base
- use nonrenewable resources efficiently
- sustain the economic viability of the farming operation.

The veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher must complete **all** of the following for acres under CRP-1R:

- **sustainable grazing or crop production conservation plan** that meets NRCS FOTG for sustainable grazing or crop production methods according to this paragraph to be effective on the CRP-1R beginning date
- conservation plan according to Conservation Compliance Provisions of the 1985 Act that requires completing AD-1026 for HEL
- **CRP conservation plan** that meets the requirements for continuous CRP, CSP, or EQIP, as applicable, if enrolling the acres in 1 or more of these programs that are under CRP-1R after CRP-1 expires.

806 Required Conservation Plans for TIP (Continued)**C TIP and Early Land Preparation (Continued)**

Activities allowable under TIP in the last 2 years of CRP-1 relates to conservation and land *--improvements. As a general matter, destruction of the cover before CRP-1 is expired must--* **not** be approved. If, however, in the extraordinary case where NRCS or TSP determines that allowing the cover to be disturbed in the last year of CRP-1 to prepare to plant an agricultural crop after CRP-1 expires meets the criteria of a sustainable conservation system, the CRP conservation plan may be modified.

807 Approving CRP-1R's**A Requirements Before CRP-1R Approval**

Before approving CRP-1R's, County Offices must:

- ensure that a separate CRP-1R is completed and signed for each **expiring** CRP-1 enrolled in TIP

Note: CRP-1R must be approved no later than September 30 of the year CRP-1 expires.

- determine acres to be transitioned
- ensure that the owner or operator and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher has completed all required conservation plans according to paragraph 806, as applicable
- ensure owners or operators have provided sufficient evidence that the land entered into under TIP will be either sold or long term leased to a veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher effective the day CRP-1R begins.

Note: Sufficient evidence must include 1 of the following:

- written long term lease (at least 5 years duration)
- contract for deed
- statement signed by TIP participants reflecting either the long term lease or contract to sell.

807 Approving CRP-1R's (Continued)**B COC or CED Approval of CRP-1R's**

COC or CED must approve CRP-1R's if all of the following are met:

- all required signatures have been obtained on all related CRP forms and conservation plans according to paragraphs 805, 806, and 808
- a modified conservation plan is approved for land improvements in the last year of CRP-1, if applicable
- the conservation plan is consistent with policies in Part 11
- all producer eligibility criteria has been met
- all land eligibility criteria has been met
- sufficient evidence has been provided according to subparagraph A.

C COC Responsibilities

COC or CED must:

- approve/disapprove CRP-1R, as applicable
- sign and date CRP-1R
- follow conflict of interest provisions in 22-PM.

Note: COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1R until **all** requirements in subparagraph B has been met.

D Approval Responsibilities

Follow the provisions for approval responsibilities for CRP-1R's according to subparagraph 401 D.

E County Office Action

After requirements in subparagraphs A through D have been met, notify the owner or operator and the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher in writing of approval/disapproval of CRP-1R's.

808 CRP-1R Provisions**A CRP-1R Duration**

CRP-1R begins on October 1 that is the day after the CRP-1 scheduled expiration date and ends 2 years following the CRP-1 expiration date of September 30.

Note: Preparing or installing certain conservation practices may occur up to 2 years before the beginning date of CRP-1R according to paragraph 806.

***--Example:** A operator has land under CRP-1 that expires on September 30. The operator--* and SDA farmer signed CRP-1R on June 14, and the operator modified the CRP-1 conservation plan to make conservation land improvements in the last year of CRP-1. COC or CED approved the modified conservation plan and CRP-1R on August 1. CRP-1R goes into effect October 1.

B CRP-1R Payments

Owners or operators with an approved CRP-1R may receive up to 2 additional annual rental payments **after CRP-1 expires** provided that the owner or operator is **not** a family member of the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher according to the definition of family member in Exhibit 2.

Example: The farmer and a nonfamily member veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher completed and signed CRP-1R on May 17, for CRP-1 scheduled to expire on September 30. The CRP-1R period is October 1 through September 30. The owner or operator may receive the first CRP-1R payment after October 1, and the final TIP payment after October 1, provided all other payment eligibility criteria are met.

C CRP TIP Payment Limitation

Payment limitation as applicable for other CRP-1's will be applied to CRP-1R annual rental payments.

808 CRP-1R Provisions (Continued)**D CRP TIP AGI Provisions**

The AGI determination of the expiring CRP-1 will continue for the additional 2 years for annual rental payments under TIP.

E Succeeding to CRP-1R

A new owner of land, purchased from the owner or operator, that was transitioned under TIP and is under a long-term lease with a veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher, may succeed to an approved CRP-1R, provided the successor continues to honor the lease with the veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher and all the provisions of CRP-1R are met.

F Modifications to CRP-1R's for Payments

Allowable modifications to TIP CRP-1R's are:

- *--processed according to instructions in 5-CRP--*
- TIP acres **must** be less than or equal to the acres on the expiring CRP-1.

Note: Unless correcting a data entry error, the following CRP-1R fields must **not** be changed:

- Rental Rate Per Acre CRP-1
- CRP-1R Beginning Date
- CRP-1R End Date.

809 Outreach

A Targeting Veteran, Beginning, or SDA Farmers or Ranchers

FSA will announce TIP through press releases, newsletters, and any other available means. In addition, State and County Offices must conduct additional outreach activities to ensure participation of veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers.

For outreach efforts specific to this notice, State Offices must ensure, using all available means, that veteran, beginning, or SDA groups are informed of the opportunities provided under TIP.

State Offices must prioritize efforts to plan targeted outreach activities jointly with partner organizations whose mission specifies service to target groups as veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers.

810 Completing CRP-1R's

A Instructions for Completing CRP-1R

--Complete CRP-1R according to the following table and 5-CRP, Section 9.--

Item	Instructions
1	Enter State and county code and administration location.
2	Enter CRP-1R number. Note: Expiring CRP-1 contract number from CRP-1, item 3, plus the extension "TIP". Example: 567-TIP.
3	Enter acres for enrollment into TIP.
4	Enter farm number.
5	Enter tract number.
6	Enter County Office address and telephone number.
7	Enter rental rate/acre from CRP-1, item 7.
8A	Enter TIP beginning date (beginning date of CRP-1R). See subparagraph 808 A.
8B	Enter TIP ending date (ending date of CRP-1R). See subparagraph 808 A.
9	Owner or operator and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher must read the self-certification statement.
10	*--Participants must read and fill in the CRP-1 number.--*
10A	Require owner or operator to * * * enter share on CRP-1, sign, and date.
10B	Require veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher to * * * sign, and date. Note: Do not enter share for veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher.
10C	Require CRP-1 signatories to * * * enter share on CRP-1, sign, and date.
11	COC or CED approves CRP-1R.

810 Completing CRP-1R's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-1R

The following is an example of CRP-1R.

Note: CRP-1R is available at

<http://intra3.fsa.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/currentforms.asp>.

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This form is available electronically.			
CRP-1R (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM TRANSITION INCENTIVES PROGRAM CONTRACT		1. ST. & CO CODE & ADMIN. LOCATION 40 029	2. CONTRACT NUMBER 567 TIP
		3. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT 15.1	4. TRACT NUMBER 2258
5A. COUNTY OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) Codington County FSA Office PO Box 1536 810 10th Ave. SE Watertown, SD 57201		6. RENTAL RATE 58.00	7. CONTRACT PERIOD A. BEGINNING (MM-DD-YYYY) 10/01/2021 B. ENDING (MM-DD-YYYY) 09/30/2023
5B. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code): 605-886-8202			
NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a, as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) and 7 CFR 1410. The information will be used by CCC to consider and, if so decided, process the offer to enter into a Conservation Reserve Program contract, to assist in determining eligibility, and to determine the correct parties to the Conservation Reserve Program contract. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, and Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/AFSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Information provided hereunder will be subject to the provisions of section 1619 of Pub. L. 110-246 (7 U.S.C. 8701), section 2004 of Pub. L. 107-171 (16 U.S.C. 3844), the Privacy Act, and other applicable privacy laws. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to offer to enter into a Conservation Reserve Program contract.			
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement. The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3845(b)(1). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE			
8. CERTIFICATION:			
By signing below, the participant in Item 9A(1) certifies to all of the following: (1) effective on the date in Item 7A, I have a contract to sell, or lease under a non-revocable long-term lease of at least 5 years, the acres identified in Item 3 to the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer(s) or rancher(s) identified in Item 9B(1); (2) I will no longer operate, or allow to be operated other than by the individual specified in item 9B, unless such individual voluntarily withdraws from or terminates the above-mentioned contract or lease, the acres identified in Item 3 beginning on the date in Item 7A; and (3) the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer(s) or rancher(s) in Item 9B(1) may: a) begin Organic Foods Production Certification, b) develop a conservation plan and install practices and initiate land improvements consistent with the conservation plan as necessary, and c) offer to enroll under continuous Conservation Reserve the acres identified in Item 3.			
By signing below, the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher identified in Item 9B(1) certifies: (1) I am a beginning farmer or rancher or a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher as shown on a form FSA-860; (2) I agree to develop and implement a conservation plan in compliance with the Conservation Compliance Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, Pub. L. 99-198 (the 1985 Act), as amended, which requires completion of form AD-1026; (3) I understand that I must present a copy of my conservation plan to CCC prior to the beginning date in Item 7A, before CCC will approve this contract; (4) I agree to develop and implement a conservation plan that meets applicable standards for sustainable grazing and/or crop production methods on the acres identified in Item 3; (5) I understand that I may be eligible to enroll in the Conservation Stewardship Program under 7 CFR Part 1470 or the Environmental Quality Incentives Program under 7 CFR Part 1466; (6) I understand that I may be eligible to enroll under the continuous Conservation Reserve Program; (7) I understand that I may begin Organic Foods Production Certification; (8) I am not related to the participant in item 9A, and (9) the effective date of the above-mentioned sale or lease will be the date specified in item 7A.			
9. PARTICIPANTS: (As a signatory to CRP contract , I agree to allow this contract to be modified under the TIP provisions.)			
A(1) FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Joe Farmer	(2) SHARE 75 %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Joe Farmer	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity) (If more than three individuals are signing, continue on attachment.)	
B(1) BEGINNING OR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Peter Lancer	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Peter Lancer	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity) (If more than three individuals are signing, continue on attachment.)	
C(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Gladys Forsyth	(2) SHARE 15 %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Gladys Forsyth	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity) (If more than three individuals are signing, continue on Page 2)	
(If more than three individuals are signing, continue on Page 2)		(If more than three individuals are signing, continue on Page 2)	
10. CCC USE ONLY – Payments according to the shares are approved.		A. SIGNATURE OF CCC REPRESENTATIVE	B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
<small>In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.</small>			
<small>Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.</small>			
<small>To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intel@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.</small>			
Date Printed:			

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810 Completing CRP-1R's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-1R (Continued)

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CRP-1R (12-02-19)		CONTINUATION OF ITEM 9		Page 2 of 2
A(1) FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code): Sue Olson	(2) SHARE 10 %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY): /s/ Sue Olson	DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY)	
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)		
B(1) BEGINNING OR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code):	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (BY):	DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY)	
		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)		
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		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP (of Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity)		

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811 Processing Applications for TIP

A TIP Application Process

The following provides a chronological guide for processing applications for TIP.

Step	Action
1	FSA will announce TIP through press releases, newsletters, and any other available means. In addition, State and County Offices will conduct additional outreach activities to ensure participation of low income and minority producers.
2	<p>A producer is interested in enrolling in TIP. County Offices must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review TIP with the producer • provide the producer with the TIP factsheet and discuss applicable program provisions • explain producer, land, and other eligibility requirements.
3	<p>The owner or operator and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher will initiate CRP-1R and identify the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and county code where the acreage being transitioned is administratively located • *--expiring CRP-1 to transition under TIP--* • TIP contract number and contract acres <p>Note: Expiring CRP-1 contract number from CRP-1, item 3, plus the extension "TIP".</p> <p>Example: 567-TIP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of CRP-1 transition acres • farm number • tract number • rental rate/acre from CRP-1, item 7.

811 Processing Applications for TIP (Continued)

A TIP Application Process (Continued)

Step	Action
4	Owner or operator will self-certify to selling or long-term leasing expiring acres on CRP-1R.
5	Veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher will self-certify on CRP-1R.
6	<p>The following producers will sign CRP-1R:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • owners and operators • veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers • all signatories to CRP-1.
7	Owner or operator and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher will work with NRCS or TSP to develop and complete the modification of conservation plan if land improvements will be made on the land subject to CRP in the last year of CRP-1.
8	<p>Veteran, beginning, or SDA farmer or rancher will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop and implement a conservation compliance plan and submit a completed AD-1026 to the administrative county • ensure that the conservation plan meets applicable standards for sustainable grazing and/or crop production methods.
9	COC or CED after review will provide CRP-1R approval.

Section 2 TIP Payments

821 General Information for TIP Payments

A Introduction

The TIP payment process is an automated process that determines the following:

- whether the producer is eligible to receive payment
- payment amounts that can be sent to NPS for disbursement
- overpayment amounts that will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report if the producer is determined ineligible after a payment has been disbursed.

B Payment Processing and Eligibility

--The TIP payment process uses the same common payment process developed for CRP.--
See 9-CM for additional information on the common payment process including the eligibility rules applicable for TIP.

C Frequency of Payment Processing

TIP payments are processed nightly for the following:

- *--payments staged using the Make NPS payment option in Conservation Payments

Note: See 5-CRP.--*

- any payment on the Nonpayment or Insufficient Funds Reports will be reprocessed nightly to determine whether the condition previously preventing the payment has been corrected. See 9-CM for additional information on the Common Payment Reports.

D Payments Less Than \$1

*--TIP payment process will:

- issue payments that round to at least \$1.00
- not issue payments less than \$0.50.--*

E eFunds Allotment

--TIP payments are controlled through the e-funds process. TIP operates at the national allotment level and does not require State and county allotments. All collection, obligation, and payment transactions update the national allotment. Only the National Office can update and view the national allotment.--

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821 General Information for TIP Payments (Continued)

F Payment Limitation

The payment limitation for TIP is \$50,000. The following programs are subject to the same \$50,000 for the program year:

- CIB
- *--CRP, all signup types--*
- * * *
- * * *
- TIP.
- * * *

The accumulated total of all payments for these programs cannot exceed \$50,000 for the applicable program year. Determining the amounts subject to payment limitation also varies *--based on whether the contract is subject to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL rules. All TIP payments are subject to 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL provisions.

See 1-PL, 4-PL, 5-PL, or 6-PL for additional information on controlling payment--* limitation.

G Payment Due Date

61-FI provides general guidance for determining payment due dates for various programs. The TIP payment system sends the current system date to NPS as the payment due date. The system **cannot** determine the payment due date because of numerous factors. County Offices must manually determine the payment due date by determining the later of the following:

- date producer signed CRP-1R
- date producer filed payment eligibility documentation, including the following:
 - AD-1026
 - *--CCC-502 or CCC-902
 - CCC-526, CCC-526C, CCC-931, CCC-931C, CCC-933, or CCC-941, if AGI provisions were applicable to the expiring CRP contract--*

821 General Information for TIP Payments (Continued)

G Payment Due Date (Continued)

- if the producer is an entity or joint operation, date members filed the requisite payment eligibility documentation
- availability of software to process the payment, usually the first week of October of the applicable payment year.

If the payment is **not** issued within 30 calendar days after the later of the dates in this subparagraph, then prompt payment interest is payable to the producer. County Offices must:

- manually determine the payment due date based on the factors identified in this subparagraph
- follow the provisions of 61-FI for issuing the interest payment.

H AGI

The AGI determination of the expiring CRP-1 will continue for the additional 2 years for annual rental payments under TIP.

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822-826 (Withdrawn--Amend. 2)

827-830 (Reserved)

Part 22 SAFE

831 Basic SAFE Information

A Background

On March 22, 2007, FSA announced the SAFE initiative, which allows:

- State Offices to address local wildlife conservation needs
- producers to install practices that benefit high priority State wildlife conservation objectives through the use of targeted restoration of vital habitats.

This cooperative conservation effort is based on locally developed conservation proposals that address the highest priority wildlife objectives in the State.

B Basic Information

SAFE provides an opportunity to develop grassroots cooperative conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration. The practices must be used to address wildlife habitat that can be enhanced through the restoration of eligible cropland through CRP. Enrollment is available under continuous * * * signup criteria * * *.

832 Policy

A Eligibility

Eligible cropland is:

- acreage determined to be eligible according to the land criteria provided in paragraph 151
- located within the State-designated SAFE project area.

Note: Marginal pastureland is **not** eligible unless criteria is met for a threatened or endangered species with specific habitat needs of marginal pastureland. See paragraph 181.

832 Policy (Continued)**B Practices and Signup Type (Continued)**

SAFE is limited to the following practices that are based on applicable CRP practices listed in the following table.

SAFE Practice	Practice Type	Applicable CRP Practices
CP38A	Buffers	CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP21, CP22, CP33, CP43
CP38B	Wetlands	CP9, CP23, CP23A, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP37
CP38C	Trees	*--CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP25, CP31--*
CP38D	Longleaf Pine	CP36
CP38E	Grass	CP1, CP2, CP4D, CP12, CP18B, CP18C, CP24, CP25, CP42

The applicable CRP practice being used with a SAFE practice may be referred to as the subpractice or supporting practice.

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Follow subparagraph 66 C for SAFE practice and sub-practice combinations that may be offered for SAFE under continuous signup.

832 Policy (Continued)**C Contract Duration and Effective Date**

--The CRP-1 period for CRP-1's is 10 to 15 years. The effective date of CRP-1 is defined-- in paragraph 213 for continuous signup * * *.

D Incentives

SIP's and PIP's are authorized for SAFE practices offered under continuous CRP signup consistent with paragraphs 66 and 197.

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E Management Activity

Approved SAFE proposals must have periodic management activities performed. Reference paragraph 428 for information on required management. This activity may be based on the management activity approved for the CRP practice used as a basis for the SAFE practices. If new or modified management activities are necessary, these activities must be established according to paragraph 428.

SAFE proposals may include additional management activities as deemed advantageous for the habitat management for the targeted species. Additional management activities included in the approved SAFE proposal may not be waived by the State Office.

*--**Note:** A management activity is required for all practices under SAFE. C/S is not authorized.--*

F C/S

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. Refer to Part 15 for C/S policy.

State Offices must develop a C/S table similar to Exhibit 11, after practices are selected.

Note: See Exhibit 11, page 6 for an example.

832 Policy (Continued)

G Review and Approval Cycle

*--Opportunities to submit new SAFE project proposals will be announced periodically by DAFP.

Proposals for SAFE projects received **after** the review period will not be considered, and the proposal will need to be resubmitted during the next open period for proposals.

Proposals not approved may be resubmitted for consideration during the next review period.--*

833 SAFE Proposals

A Proposal Development

A SAFE proposal may be developed and put forth by a Federal, State, or local agency or by a private organization. The proposal must be developed consistent with the process set forth in this paragraph and must comply with the format provided in the proposal announcement each year.

Proposals must include documentation of support from cooperating partners or stakeholders.

Proposals must be based on the existing CRP framework and CRP practices. All proposals must be limited to the existing CRP practices described in subparagraph 832 B.

A SAFE proposal may select 1 or more CRP practices for use as SAFE practices. CRP practices may be used without modification, or 1 or more practices may be modified. See subparagraph C.

Example: SAFE practices intended to restore habitat for the benefit of Sharp-Tailed Grouse in Idaho may incorporate CP2 (Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses) and CP4D (Permanent Wildlife Habitat * * *) as best suited for the project and these practices may be used under CP38E (Grass) without changes.

833 SAFE Proposals (Continued)**B Proposal Criteria**

SAFE practices may be used to restore plant and animal habitats of the following categories:

- rare, threatened, and endangered species
- species that have suffered a significant population decline
- species that provide significant social or economic value to the community.

Note: This includes restoration of habitat for game species, such as pheasant or quail, salmon or steelhead streams, or other socially or economically significant species.

SAFE project proposals must include measurable and tangible benefits to the target species. Methods of monitoring populations of target species within the project area must be included in the proposal.

--SAFE project proposals must define the project area. Project areas must be limited to the-- historic and current range of the target species.

In kind service contributions are required and must be defined in the proposal. In kind contribution services may include, but are not limited to conservation planning, outreach and evaluation.

Approved SAFE proposals are considered agreements between USDA/FSA and the SAFE proposal partners.

Haying and grazing is allowed on CP38 contracted acres only if the SAFE agreement specifically allows haying and grazing, subject to any restrictions in the SAFE agreement.

Failure to adhere to SAFE provisions and guidelines may result in suspension or termination of the SAFE agreement.

833 SAFE Proposals (Continued)

B Proposal Criteria (Continued)

Additional SAFE proposal criteria will be set each year and may include at minimum requirements:

- that the proposal must center around the purpose of the wildlife focus or continuity of wildlife habitat
- for a more diverse mix, at least the highest point score for general CRP signup for that practice
- for increased forbs and legumes or different species of trees/shrubs or different understory, as opposed to general CRP signup
- for increased management and maintenance of the cover, more frequent management activities, as planned by NRCS or TSP

Example: Every 4 years vs. 1 time in the CRP-1 period.

- that multiple SAFE proposals per State be for a different type of habitat.

SAFE and CREP projects areas cannot overlap.

C Practice Modifications

As part of the SAFE proposal, CRP practices provided in this handbook may be modified by imposing additional requirements. Rationale for CRP practice modifications must be:

- part of the SAFE proposal
- supported by scientifically-defensible information or expert judgment
- follow NRCS conservation practice standards.

These changes apply only within the approved SAFE project area.

Note: Practice requirements may not be relaxed.

Examples: The Sharp-Tailed Grouse Restoration SAFE practice, CP38E, could require all plantings (based on CP4D) to have 5 native species of grasses plus a requirement that Silver Sage Brush be a part of the planting.

The Sharp-Tailed Grouse Restoration SAFE practice, CP38E, could alter CP2 (Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses) by the seeding rates or frequency of disturbance.

834 Existing SAFE Project Agreements

A Modifications to Existing SAFE Project Agreements

Proposed modifications will generally be entertained only during the SAFE Project Proposal Submittal period * * * unless the modification is initiated by FSA.

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

Reports

None.

Forms

The following lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
AD-893	Recommendation of Percent of Cropland To Be Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE	83	81
AD-894	Request for Cropland Waiver for CRP/ACEP-WRE	82	81
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification		35, 462, 519, 602, 806, 811, 821
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		465
CCC-37	Joint Payment Authorization		465
CCC-502	Farm Operating Plan		35, 104, 821
CCC-505	Voluntary Permanent Base Acre Reduction		401
CCC-526	Payment Eligibility Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification		131, 401, 821
CCC-526C	Payment Eligibility - Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification for Certain Conservation Reserve Program Contracts Approved Before October 1, 2008		35, 131
CCC-674	Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements	Ex. 6	6
CCC-860	Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification		Ex. 24

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

Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
CCC-901	Member's Information		35, 519
CCC-902	Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility 2009 and Subsequent Program Years		35, 104
CCC-920	Grassland Reserve Program Contract		401
CCC-926 <u>1/</u>	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement		131
CCC-931	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information		131, 401
CCC-931C	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information		35, 131
CCC-933	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information (For the 2013 crop, program, and fiscal years only)		131, 401
CCC-941	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information		35, 131, 401
CRP-1	Conservation Reserve Program Contract	Ex. 21	Text and Exhibits
CRP-1 Appendix	Appendix to Form CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract	Ex. 29	Text
CRP-1 Continuation	Continuation to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract		211
CRP-1E Addendum	Addendum Regarding Possession of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Property Held by Federal Agency		551
CRP-1G Addendum	CRP-1 Modification to Allow Early Land Preparation	636	35
CRP-1R	Conservation Reserve Program Transition Incentives Program Contract	810	Text

1/ CCC-926 is obsolete; however, is still in effect for existing CR-1's.

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

Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
CRP-2	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For General Signup)	333	Text, Ex. 11, 21, 26
CRP-2C	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For Continuous Signup)	212	Text, Ex. 5, 21
CRP-2C30	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (For Continuous Signup CLEAR30)	184	81, 101, 184, 401, 571, 576 Ex. 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, 184, 215, 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	265, 269
CRP-28	Notice of Unacceptable Offer	Ex. 5	265, 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
CRP-817U	Certification of Compliance for CRP	602	335
FSA-325	Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent		468
FSA-578	Report of Acreage		332, 602

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

Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
FSA-848	Cost-Share Request		Text, Ex. 5
FSA-848A	Cost-Share Agreement	500	Text
FSA-848A-1	Continuation Sheet for Cost-Share Agreement		500
FSA-848B	Cost-Share Performance Certification and Payment	500	Text, Ex. 5
FSA-848B-1	Continuation Sheet for Cost-Share Performance Certification and Payment		500
FSA-850	Environmental Screening Worksheet		635
FSA-860	2009 Crop Assistance Program (CAP) Application		Ex. 48
IRS-1042	Annual Withholding Tax Return for U.S. Source Income of Foreign Persons		466
IRS-1042S	Foreign Persons U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding		466
NRCS-CPA-52	Environmental Evaluation Worksheet		171, 286, 366, 367, 369, 401, 639
NRCS-CPA-1155	Conservation Plan or Schedule of Operations		369, 546
NRCS-CPA-1156	Revision of Plan / Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract		369
NRCS-LTP-13	Status Review		508, 601
SF-424-1 <u>1</u> /	Application for Federal Assistance		52
SF-LLL	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Ex. 6	6
SF-LLL-A	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet	Ex. 6	6

1/ SF-424-1 is obsolete.

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
CLEAR30	Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers 30 Pilot	184
COLS	Conservation Online System	Text, Ex. 26
CP	conservation practice	Text, Ex. 11, 26
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program	151, 640, 804, 806
CSS	Cost-Share Software	Text
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
MUSYM	map unit symbol	101
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
RUSLE2	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation	52, 151, Ex. 26
SAFE	State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement	Text, Ex. 26
SDMS	Soils Database Management System	102
SHIPP	Soil Health and Income Protection Program	428, 501
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
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
COC may delegate to CED the responsibility to approve requests for emergency and nonemergency haying and grazing.	669, 670, 683

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook

Affected Acres

The affected acres are designated CRP acres, as determined by COC, to be in violation of a term or condition of CRP-1.

Agricultural Commodity

An agricultural commodity means:

- any crop planted and producer by annual tilling of the soil or on an annual basis by 1-trip planters
- sugarcane planted or produced in a State, or
- alfalfa and other multi-year grasses and legumes grown in a rotation practice not to exceed 12 years.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

ACEP means the program that provides the establishment of wetland easements on land under subtitle H of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended.

Annual Rental Payment

Annual rental payment is, unless the context indicates otherwise, the annual payment specified on the CRP-1 that, subject to the availability of funds, is made to a participant to compensate a participant for placing eligible land in CRP, including any incentive payments that are not specifically C/S payments. For purposes of this definition, practice incentive payments and incentive payments related to forest management are not considered part of annual rental payments.

Approved Cover

An approved cover means the permanent vegetative cover or water cover specified in an approved CRP-1.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Beginning Farmer or Rancher

A beginning farmer or rancher is, as determined by CCC, a person, or entity who:

- has not been a farm or ranch operator or owner for more than 10 consecutive years
- materially and substantially participates in the operation of the farm or ranch involved in the CRP-1
- if an entity, is an entity in which 50 percent of the members or stockholders of the entity meets the first 2 requirement of this definition.

Carrying Capacity

Carrying capacity has the same meaning as normal carrying capacity defined in 7 CFR Part 1416.

Commercial Pond-Raised Aquaculture Facility

A commercial pond-raised aquaculture facility is, any earthen facility from which \$1,000 or more of freshwater food fish were sold or normally would have been sold during a calendar year.

Common Grazing Practices

Common grazing practices means grazing practices, including those related to forage and seed production, common to the area of the subject ranching or farming operation. Included are routine management activities necessary to maintain the viability of forage or browse resources that are common to the locale of the subject ranching or farming operation.

Conservation District

Conservation District means a political subdivision of a State, Indian Tribe, or territory, organized pursuant to the State or territorial soil conservation district law, or Tribal law. The subdivision may be a conservation district, soil conservation district, soil and water conservation district, resource conservation district, natural resources district, land conservation committee or similar legally constituted body.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Conservation Plan**

Conservation plan means a record of the participant's decision and supporting information for treatment of a unit of land or water, and includes a schedule of operations, activities, and estimated expenditures needed to solve identified natural resource problems by devoting eligible land to permanent vegetative cover, trees, water, or other comparable measures. For land enrolled under a grassland signup, the conservation plan will contain provisions for common grazing or forage management practices and related activities consistent with achieving CRP purposes and maintaining the health and viability of grassland resources.

Conservation Priority Area

Conservation priority area means an area designated with adverse water quality, wildlife habitat, air quality, or other natural resource impacts related to agricultural production activities or to assist agricultural producer to comply with Federal and State environmental laws or to meet other conservation needs, such as for air quality.

Conserving Use

Conserving use means a use of land that meets crop rotation requirements, as specified by CCC, for: alfalfa, multi-year grasses, and legumes planted during 2012 through 2017; for summer fallow during 2012 through 2017; or for land on which the CRP-1 expired during the period 2012 through 2017 and on which the grass cover required by the CRP-1 continues to be maintained as though still enrolled. Land that meets this definition of "conserving use" will be considered to have been planted to an agricultural commodity for the purposes of eligibility specified in §1410.6(b)(1).

Considered Planted

Considered planted means land devoted to a conserving use during the crop year or during any of the 2 years preceding the crop year if the contract expired; cropland enrolled in CRP; or land for which the producer received an approved prevented planting claim, according to 2-CP.

Contour Grass Strip

Contour grass strip means a vegetation area that follows the contour of the land that complies with FOTG and a conservation plan developed.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Contract Period**

Contract period means the term of the CRP-1.

Cost-Share (C/S) Payment

C/S payment means, unless the context indicates otherwise, the payment made by CCC to assist program participants in installing the practices required in a CRP-1.

Cropland

Land defined as cropland in 7 CFR Part 718, except for land in terraces that are no longer capable of being cropped.

CRP Contract or CRP-1

CRP contract or CRP-1 is the approved agreement, including the approved conservation plan, that:

- is entered into, in writing, between COC and the participant
- sets forth the terms and conditions for participation in CRP.

Dead or Dry Litter Crop

A dead or dry litter crop:

- provides high tonnage of residue and mulch for erosion control
- conserves moisture until the permanent vegetative cover is established
- is an annual crop established before seeding of a permanent vegetative cover
- is used in arid areas where a lack of moisture prevents establishment of permanent vegetative cover in the normal manner.

Eligible Partner

Eligible partner means a State, political subdivision of a State, nongovernmental organization, or an Indian Tribe.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Technical Service Provider (TSP)**

TSP is an individual certified to provide technical assistance on behalf of USDA. Technical assistance includes conservation planning and design, layout, installation, and checkout of approved conservation practices.

Tenancy

Tenancy is the maintaining of acreage according to the Conservation Plan or as otherwise required on the farm.

Violation

Violation means an action or inaction by the participant, either intentional or unintentional, that would cause the participant to no longer be eligible for all or a portion of cost-share, incentive payments, or annual rental payments.

Water Cover

Water cover means flooding of land by water either to develop or restore shallow water areas for wildlife or wetlands, or as a result of a natural disaster.

Wellhead Protection Area

Wellhead protection area means the area designated by EPA or the appropriate State agency with an Environmental Protection Agency approved by Wellhead Protection Program for water being drawn for public use, as defined for public use by the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended.

Wetland

Wetland means land defined as wetland according to provisions of 7 CFR Part 12.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

WRP means the program authorized by 7 CFR Part 1467 in which eligible person enter into long-term agreements to restore and protect wetlands.

Manually Determining Hardwood Tree Practice Re-Enrollment Eligibility

Instructions for Manually Determining Re-Enrollment Eligibility

The following table provides instructions to County Offices to determine whether land being offered for enrollment in CRP to be devoted to CP3A, CP36, CP38C-3A, CP38D-36, CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only), or CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only) has been re-enrolled in CRP 1 or more times.

Important: Land enrolled in CRP devoted to CP11, Vegetative Cover – Trees – Already Established, for hardwood trees is not eligible for re-enrollment.

Step	Action	
1	Review CRP-2 or CRP-2C, as applicable, for the current CRP contract of the land being offered for re-enrollment.	
	IF page 2 of CRP-2 or CRP-2C (Crop Land Use Summary), as applicable, for the current CRP contract has...	THEN...
	commodities or MPL listed as what the land was devoted to before current CRP enrollment (that is, the land was not enrolled in CRP before the current CRP contract)	the land is not prohibited from being re-enrolled because of the statutory hardwood trees re-enrollment prohibition.
	“CRP”, “Expiring CRP”, or other similar language that indicates the land was enrolled in CRP before current CRP enrollment	go to step 2.
2	IF FSA-578 for the year before the effective date of the current CRP contract is...	THEN...
	available (fully certified in the Crop Acreage Reporting System, on file in the County Office, or provided by the producer)	go to step 3.
	not available	go to step 4.
	Example: If the effective date of the current CRP-1 is October 1, 2008, then the County Office determines whether FSA-578 for 2007 is available.	

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Manually Determining Hardwood Tree Practice Re-Enrollment Eligibility (Continued)

Step	Action	
3	Review FSA-578 to determine the CRP practice (Intended Use) to which the land was devoted the year before the effective date of the current CRP contract.	
	IF the land was devoted to...	THEN the land is not...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP3A • CP36 • CP38C-3A • CP38D-36 • CP11 (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only) 	<p>eligible to be re-enrolled as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP3A • CP36 • CP38C-3A • CP38D-36 • CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only). <p>Inform the producer the eligibility requirements are not met using CRP-26.</p>
	<p>a practice other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP3A • CP36 • CP38C-3A • CP38D-36 • CP11 (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only) 	<p>prohibited from being re-enrolled because of the statutory hardwood trees re-enrollment prohibition.</p>

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Manually Determining Hardwood Tree Practice Re-Enrollment Eligibility (Continued)

Step	Action
4	<p>Review the C/S documents (AD-245, FSA-848, AD-862, etc.) associated with the current CRP contract to determine whether any C/S was paid to plant the hardwood trees on the land that is under the current CRP contract.</p> <p>If no C/S was paid or there are no C/S documents for the current CRP contract, then the land is not eligible to be re-enrolled as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP3A • CP36 • CP38C-3A • CP38D-36 • CP38C-25 – SAFE Trees (Hardwood Trees Only) • CP25 (Hardwood Trees Only). <p>If the C/S documents indicate that C/S was paid for purchasing and planting hardwood trees on land under the current CRP contract, then the land on which the hardwood trees were planted is not prohibited from being re-enrolled because of the statutory hardwood trees re-enrollment prohibition.</p>


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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status

A Example of CRP-23

The following is an example of CRP-23.

Note: The producer is not required to notify the County Office in writing; however, the County Office shall notate the producer's response in the CRP folder. See paragraph 341.

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

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

This notice is to inform you that your offer on tract _____ under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been determined acceptable by FSA.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Technical Service Provider (TSP) must develop a conservation plan, approved by the Conservation District, and signed by all signatories on the CRP contract offer to participate in the CRP. So that we may continue to process your offer, you should continue to work with NRCS or TSP to obtain the required plan on the acreage which is subject to the offer. Your offer cannot be approved by the County Committee without an approved conservation plan.

Practices to be carried out under CRP 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.

You have 30 days from the date of this letter to notify this office of whether you want your offer approved to participate in the CRP so that NRCS or TSP may begin plan development. If I do not hear from you within the 30-day period, we will reject your offer.

The same acreage cannot be enrolled under CRP and Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC). The total of the CRP and ARC/PLC acres on a farm cannot exceed the total eligible land for the program on the farm. The owner of the land offered for CRP may be required to reduce all or a portion of ARC/PLC acreage before CRP-1 will be approved. Please contact the _____ County FSA Office for more information.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-23 (02-13-20)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)**B Using CRP-23**

Because continuous signup offers and general signup offers are not processed in the same manner and certain provisions do not apply to both offer types, County Offices **must** ensure that the correct information is provided in CRP-23.

CRP-23 **must** be:

- reproduced locally, including form number and date
- prepared in duplicate
- mailed to producers **before** CRP-1 is approved.

County Offices shall:

- for general signup offers:
 - use CRP-23 to notify producers that:
 - their CRP offer has been determined acceptable by the National Office
 - ~~they~~ they have 30 days, unless a different timeframe is authorized by DAFP, from the ~~the~~ date of the letter to notify the County Office whether they want the offer approved provided all eligibility requirements are met
 - they **must** work with the technical agency to develop a conservation plan
 - the same acreage cannot be enrolled under ARC/PLC and CRP

Note: See subparagraph 401 B.

- mail original CRP-23 to producer and file copy with the offer
- adapt CRP-23 to fit the situation

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)**B Using CRP-23 (Continued)**

- for continuous signup offers:
 - use CRP-23 to notify producers that:
 - their CRP offer has been determined acceptable by COC
 - they **must** work with the technical agency to develop a conservation plan
 - the same acreage cannot be enrolled under CRP and ARC/PLC

Note: See subparagraph 401 B.

- the offer will be void if CRP-1 is not approved within 6 months of the date the producer signs CRP-2C
- all crops **must** be removed from the acreage before CRP-1 effective date
- if applicable, producer will be notified when CRP-1 is completed and ready for producer's signature; see paragraph 214
- starting the practice before CRP-1 approval is at the producer's own risk
- a paid-for measurement service is required, if applicable
- mail original CRP-23 to producer and file copy with the offer
- adapt CRP-23 to fit the situation
- not include language regarding * * * liquidated damages.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

C Example of CRP-24

The following is an example of CRP-24.



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

NOTICE OF CONTRACT APPROVAL

Date (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

Your offer to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been approved
_____ County Committee.

Enclosed are your signed copies of the CRP contract and attachments. The effective
date of the CRP contract is _____.

Form FSA-848 is provided for those conservation practices that are to be established in
accordance with the approved conservation plan as part of your contract. When the practices are
completed, you must provide this office a report of performance by signing the FSA-848B and
include all receipts affiliated with practice establishment so cost-share payment can be made.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Enclosures

CRP-24 (10-22-15)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

D Using CRP-24

County Offices shall:

- use CRP-24 to notify producers that their offer to place land in CRP has been approved and the effective date of the contract
 - adapt CRP-24 to fit the situation
 - reproduce CRP-24 locally

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

- prepare CRP-24 in duplicate.
- Mail original to producer.
- File a copy with CRP-1.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

E Example of CRP-25

This is an example of CRP-25.



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

NOTICE OF CRP WAIVER OF OWNERSHIP

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

It has been determined that a brief involuntary loss of ownership, because of foreclosure action initiated by a lending institution of voluntary loss instead of foreclosure, does not necessarily make a producer ineligible to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If a producer is purchasing a farm that the producer originally owned, the producer may participate in CRP if all other eligibility requirements are met.

Documentation submitted shows that you were the original owner and that you now have the opportunity to repurchase the farm.

Based on this information, it has been determined that the land is not being purchased for the purpose of placing it into CRP. You must complete purchase of the farm before you will be eligible to submit an offer or enrollment. If an acceptable offer is submitted and you agree, in writing, that the contract shall not be assumed by a successor in interest, you are eligible to participate in CRP.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

CRP-25 (10-22-15)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

F Using CRP-25

County Offices shall:

- use CRP-25 to notify producers who had a brief involuntary loss of ownership, because of foreclosure, that they may participate because all other eligibility requirements are met
- adapt CRP-25 to fit the situation
- reproduce CRP-25 locally

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


- prepare CRP-25 in duplicate.
 - Mail original to producer.
 - File a copy with the offer.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

G Example of CRP-26

This is an **example** of CRP-26. County Offices shall adapt CRP-26 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 OF UNACCEPTABLE OFFER

Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Dear: _____

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

☐ Environmental Benefits Too Low
☐ Land Determined Ineligible
☐ Payment Rate Offered Exceeded the Maximum Payment Rate
☐ County Cropland Limitation Has Been Reached
☐ Existing Restrictive Easement
☐ 1-Year Ownership/Operatorship Eligibility Not Met
☐ Ineligible Cropping History
☐ Landowner/Tenant Provision Not Met
☐ Other
☐ Offer exceeds maximum available acreage allocation for the practice.

If you feel that all the facts have not been considered in your case, you may: _____

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

Although your offer was not accepted, you may be eligible for the continuous sign-up of high priority conservation practices such as filterstrips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, shelter-belts, field wind breaks, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerant vegetation, or shallow water areas for wildlife. I have enclosed a copy of a FSA continuous signup fact sheet. Please contact our office if you are interested.

It may be possible that your offer for general sign-up may be modified to increase the environmental benefits and the likelihood of acceptance in a future signup.

** (Insert appeal rights to COC according to 1-APP)*

Sincerely,

County Executive Director

Enclosures

CRP-26 (06-09-16)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)**H Using CRP-26**

County Offices shall:

- use CRP-26 to notify producers that their CRP offer was unacceptable

Note: When using CRP-26 to notify producers that their continuous signup offer was not acceptable, County Offices shall modify CRP-26 by removing the language regarding:

- continuous signup
 - increasing the environment benefits.
- check appropriate box on CRP-26
 - modify CRP-26 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-26 locally

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

- prepare CRP-26 in duplicate, and distribute as follows:
 - mail the original to the producer
 - file a copy with the offer
- --include continuous CRP signup fact sheet when notifying producers that their offer under--
a general signup was not acceptable.

Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)**H Using CRP-26 (Continued)**

County Offices may adapt CRP-26 to fit the situation.

Examples: Following are examples of adapting CRP-26 to different situations.

- Including the producer's EBI 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 EBI 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)

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.

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 <p>United States Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Farm Production And Conservation</p>	<p>Farm Service Agency</p>	<p>(Insert Cty Name) County Farm Service Agency (Insert Cty Address) (Insert City), (Insert State), (Insert Zip Code)</p>
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Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

NOTICE REGARDING ACCEPTABLE GRASSLANDS CRP OFFERS

(Insert Producer Name)

(Insert Producer Address)

(Insert City), (Insert State) (Insert Zip Code)

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, 2021.

You must contact the county office within 5 business days of this letter, by phone call, email, or fax to notify the county office that you wish to continue with the offer.

Due to the delayed signup and fast approaching deadlines and the requirement for approved conservation plans to be completed and signed before any CRP-1 is approved, FSA will be instituting the use of interim plans. It is unlikely that all NRCS conservation plans will be completed in time for CRP contracts to be approved by September 30, 2021. Because CRP contracts must be approved with a contract effective date beginning on October 1, 2021, Interim Conservation Plan Addendums and Interim Conservation Plans will be used in approving grassland contracts. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be developing interim plans. An interim plan is a temporary plan to meet program requirements approved by the Conservation District and signed by all signatories on the CRP contract offer to participate in the CRP by September ____, 2021. So that we may continue to process your offer, you should continue to work with NRCS immediately to obtain the required plan on the acreage which is subject to this offer. Your offer cannot be approved by the FSA County Committee without an approved conservation plan.

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

Your CRP Contract must be signed by all signatories and approved by FSA by close of business **September 30, 2021**.

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 the 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
(Insert Cty Name) County FSA Office

Enclosures
CRP-27 (09-07-21)

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Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (Continued)

J Example of CRP-28

This is an **example** of CRP-28. County Offices may adapt CRP-28 to fit the situation according to 1-APP.

Note: This is only an example.

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	United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production And Conservation	Farm Service Agency	(Insert Cty Name) County Farm Service Agency (Insert Cty Address) (Insert City), (Insert State), (Insert Zip Code)
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Date: (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

NOTICE OF UNACCEPTABLE GRASSLANDS CRP OFFERS

(Insert Producer Name)
 (Insert Producer Address)
 (Insert City), (Insert State) (Insert Zip Code)

Dear: _____

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

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

If you feel that all the facts have not been considered in your case, you may appeal this determination to the County Committee by filing a written request no later than _____ calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the FSA appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 780. If you appeal to the County Committee you have the right to an informal hearing which you or your representative may attend either personally or by telephone. If you appeal this determination to the County Committee, you may later appeal an adverse determination of the County Committee to the FSA State Committee or National Appeals Division (NAD.) To appeal, write to the County Committee at the following address and explain why you believe this determination is erroneous.
 (Insert Applicable Address)

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

If you do not timely exercise this option, this shall be the final administrative determination with respect to this matter in accordance with the regulations at 7 CFR Part 780 and 7 CFR Part

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

Sincerely,

 County Executive Director
 (Insert Cty Name) County FSA Office

Enclosures

CRP-28 (09-07-21)

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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.

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	United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production and Conservation	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 (01-10-22)

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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.

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 United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Production and Conservation	State/county name or organizational unit Mail stop code and/or room number P.O. Box or Street Address City, State, ZIP Code
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NOTICE REGARDING 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 (01-10-22)

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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.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices**

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing vegetative cover of introduced grasses and legumes on eligible cropland that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to establish or maintain existing permanent introduced grasses and legumes on eligible cropland.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: C/S is authorized as a component of CP1 development of a permanent water source for wildlife.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 512, 550, 574, 614, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
Seeding		
Herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
Insecticides		
permanent water source for wildlife		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until required seeds or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
Herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
Insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
Fencing		
Minerals	to enhance production	

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in
--the conservation plan. See Part 19.--

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to improve the environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing vegetative cover of native grasses on eligible cropland that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to establish or maintain existing permanent native grass species on eligible cropland.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: C/S is authorized as a component of CP2 development of a permanent water source for wildlife.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...	
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 512, 550, 574, 614, 644, and 645.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding, including approved shrubs	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
insecticides			
permanent water source for wildlife			
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specificationsneeded until required seeds or plant stock is availableneeded because normal planting period for the species has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately		
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover		not authorized.
insecticides			
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
minerals	to enhance production		

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- producer destroys the cover during its lifespan
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing new or maintaining existing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.

C/S is authorized to plant approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area within the 10 to 20 percent openings. Open areas **must** be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area.

C/S is not authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent open areas.

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

Important: C/S is not authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent open areas.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/ planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	authorized.

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications needed until approved plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the approved species has passed to establish a cover when a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	<p>authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 550, 612, 644, and 645.</p> <p>Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, and 645 are for open areas only.</p>
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
minerals, nutrients, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	<p>substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited *--for wildlife in the area in the 10 to 20 percent--* open areas of the tree planting.</p> <p>Important: Open areas must be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. Tree plantings within the open areas are not authorized.</p> <p>Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals, must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.</p>	
herbicides and insecticides	<p>specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan</p> <p>Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.</p>	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees, or enhance production	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for
*--the life of CRP-1. See Part 19 for emergency and non-emergency haying and grazing
provisions.--*
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal
or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective
date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS. If an FS representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting

A Purpose

This practice is to establish and maintain a new stand or an existing stand of predominantly hardwood trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits.

Note: For CRP purposes, Longleaf Pine and Atlantic White Cedar must be treated as hardwood trees, if planted at rates appropriate for the site index.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing new or maintaining existing hardwood trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

Predominant hardwood may include softwood trees:

- not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted
- **only** to provide wildlife habitat diversity to the area
- where used as nurse trees for no economic use.

Note: If more than 50 percent of the trees planted are softwoods, the participant must be limited to a 10-year contract.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
to establish suitable hardwood tree species	to improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 550, 612, 644, and 645. Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, and 645 are for open areas only .
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specifications, including softwood trees, to ensure survivability of hardwoodsneeded until required plant stock is availableneeded because the normal planting period for the species has passedto establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides		
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	not authorized.
fencing		
roads		
to establish a hardwood tree species	for ornamental purposes	
	for Christmas tree production	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		
temporary cover	softwood trees that serve as trainers to produce high-value hardwoods	
	Note: Where silviculturally appropriate, as determined by the service forester, softwoods may be planted as trainers, not to exceed 50 percent of the number of trees planted to optimize hardwood quality if no commercial use is made of the softwoods.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval **must** be obtained from the State Forester certifying that planting up to 50 percent softwoods is an appropriate silvicultural practice for the State.
- Planting in excess of 50 percent soft woods **must** receive prior approval from the FS and FSA National Office.
- Planting of softwoods may be for **only** nurse trees or as wildlife habitat in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.
- ***--Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1. See Part 19 for emergency and non-emergency haying and grazing provisions.--***
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

CRP participants may be allowed to plant hardwood trees over 3 years if:

- 10.0 acres or more are scheduled to be established
- at least one-third of the trees are planted in each year
- hardwood tree planting is included in the tree planting plan.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 as designated by participant.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice must:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, including softwoods for cover (to be a minimum amount necessary), site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS. If an FS representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)

A Purpose

This practice is to do both of the following:

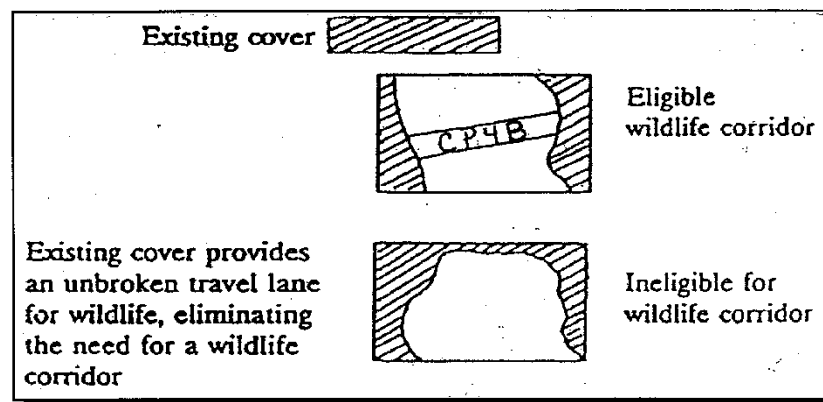
- establish a permanent wildlife corridor between 2 existing wildlife habitat areas that are not connected by a suitable corridor for environmental benefits
- enhance the wildlife in the designated or surrounding area.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the establishment of new or maintaining existing permanent wildlife habitat. The practice must be 66 to 200 feet in width.

A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4B.

The following are examples of eligible and ineligible wildlife corridors.



C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- include woody vegetation as determined appropriate by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (Continued)

D C/S Policies

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 342, 394, 612, 614, and 644.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
approved shrubs and trees	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
seeding/planting	substantiated as needed by COC	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until required seeds or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
minerals	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover for permanent wildlife habitat.
- Plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in
 --the conservation plan. See Part 19.--

- Chemicals used in performing CP4B **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled.
- A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4B.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors) (Continued)

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

H Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period.

C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat

A Purpose

This practice is to establish new or maintain existing a permanent wildlife habitat cover to enhance environmental benefits for the wildlife habitat of the designated or surrounding areas.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the establishment of new or maintaining existing permanent wildlife habitat.

A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4D.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- include woody vegetation as determined appropriate by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

Note: C/S is authorized as a component of CP4D development of a permanent water source for wildlife.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 612, 614, 644, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding, including approved shrubs, and trees	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
seeding/planting	substantiated as needed by COC	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
permanent water source for wildlife		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specificationsneeded until required seeds or plant stock is availableneeded because normal planting period for the species has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
minerals		

Note: C/S does not apply for existing cover with no enhancements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seeds necessary to establish an adequate cover for permanent wildlife habitat.
- Plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in
 --the conservation plan. See Part 19.--

- Chemicals used in performing CP4D **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A wildlife conservation plan **must** be developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP4D.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment

A Purpose

This practice is to establish windbreaks to improve the environmental benefits on a farm or ranch to:

- reduce cropland erosion below soil loss tolerance
- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a field windbreak that will reduce erosion below soil loss tolerance and enhance wildlife habitat on the contract acres.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

C Size Requirement

Field windbreaks must be installed to the design standard in FOTG, established to reduce cropland erosion regardless of the purpose of the field windbreak. The maximum width of a field windbreak must not exceed the design standard established to reduce cropland erosion.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this cover practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
<p>trees or shrubs planted as field windbreaks that will improve the cropland wind erosion and environmental benefits on a farm or ranch</p> <p>temporary cover and the justification is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately 	<p>authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 380, 441, 484, 550, 612, and 645.</p>
<p>plastic mulch or supplemental drip irrigation, for arid areas</p> <p>tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices, and the purpose is approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where using these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.</p>	<p>authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.</p>
planting orchard trees	not authorized.
ornamental planting	
Christmas tree production	
Fences	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- When supplemental drip irrigation or plastic mulch is applied and the average annual precipitation for the area is 25 inches or less.
- *--Planting **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exception: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing CP5A **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment (Continued)

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to improve environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop State/county program.

- Consider wildlife and environmental protection when designing this practice.
- State/county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum planting per acre, site preparation, etc., that are conditions for C/S. Technical specifications may be incorporated by reference.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP8A Grass Waterways

A Purpose

This practice is to:

- convey runoff from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding
- improve water quality.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a grassed waterway that will convey runoff from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Exception: Outlet structures may be installed on ineligible land provided:

- the practice can only function by including the ineligible land that is adjacent to the location of the practice
- no eligible land is available
- the ineligible land is not enrolled
- the entire practice, eligible and ineligible land, must be included in the conservation plan.

C/S is authorized for the outlet structure.

C Size Requirements

Grass waterways must always be installed to meet the minimum criteria to convey water off a field. A grass waterway may be constructed to a width up to 2 times the minimum design standard if requested by the producer to meet the producer's objectives, not to exceed a width of 100 feet.

Note: A grass waterway must not exceed a maximum width of 100 feet.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP8A Grass Waterways

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period.

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
site preparation	authorized using technical practice codes 340, 410, 412, 468, 587, 606, and 620.
eligible seed and seeding	
earth moving	
herbicides	
insecticides	
grading, shaping, and filling	
temporary cover until permanent vegetative cover is established	
subsurface drains where necessary for proper functioning of the waterway outlet structure as a component of CP8A	
subsurface drains as the sole component of the practice	not authorized.
subsurface drains that serve as mains to laterals elsewhere in field	
fencing	

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- The practice must have periodic management activities performed, including mowing, according to the conservation plan and the NRCS technical standard, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP8A Grass Waterways

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

I Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

J Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the practice during the CRP-1 period
- producer does not maintain the practice during the practice lifespan.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife

A Purpose

This practice is to develop or restore shallow water areas to an average depth of 6 to 18 inches for wildlife. The shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for the majority of the year.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

Note: This is not a pond development or wetland restoration practice. However, this practice may be constructed on suitable hydric and nonhydric soils.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a shallow water area for wildlife that will provide a source of water for the majority of the year.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

The practice **must** include an adequate buffer area of perennial vegetation to protect the water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The soil types, slope, and conservation practices applied on the field will determine the width of the buffer. However, the buffer width must not:

- be less than 20 feet
- exceed an average maximum width of 120 feet.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

The practice, including the buffer area, must not exceed 10 acres per tract. The total acres enrolled in CRP devoted to CP9 must not exceed 10 acres per tract. Multiple CRP-1's to enroll land to be devoted to CP9 on the same tract are **not** authorized. All acres to be devoted to CP9 **must** be included on one CRP-1 per tract.

Example 1: Producer offers to enroll 3 separate shallow water areas on the same tract. Each shallow water area will be located in a separate field on the tract. One shallow water area, including the required buffer area, will be 4 acres in size and the other 2 shallow water areas will be 1 acre each, including the required buffer area. All acres to be devoted to CP9 **must** be included on one CRP-1 for the tract. Therefore, the producer would complete one CRP-2 and one CRP-1 for the 6 total acres to be devoted to CP9 on the tract. Only 1 conservation plan would be developed for the 6 acres of CP9. No additional acres on the tract can be enrolled to be devoted to CP9.

Example 2: Producer offers to enroll 2 adjoining 10 acre shallow water areas on the same tract. Shallow water areas must not exceed 10 acres per tract. Accordingly, the offer would be rejected.

Example 3: On May 1, 2000, Jane Smith enrolls 6 acres to be devoted to CP9. On February 1, 2001, Jane Smith offers to enroll 4 acres to be devoted to CP9 on the same tract as the 6 acres enrolled in May 2000. Multiple CRP-1's to enroll land to be devoted to CP9 on the same tract are **not** authorized. Accordingly, the offer would be rejected.

CP21's, CP21B's, and CP21S's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with CP9's because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be protected by an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- provide a source of water for wildlife for the majority of the year.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the shallow water areas	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 342, 356, 587, 644, and 657.
eligible and suitable plantings	for permanent habitat cover and serve as a buffer to protect shallow water area	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary food plots and fencing		not authorized.
installing a structure	to benefit land not designated for CRP purposes	
fencing or roads		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The practice **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for the majority of the year.

Exception: For areas west of the 100th meridian that receive less than 25 inches of annual precipitation, the shallow water area **must** provide a source of water for wildlife for a minimum of 4 months of the year.

- The water area must be an average of 6 to 18 inches in depth.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- *--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*
- The practice, including the buffer area, must not exceed 10 acres per tract. The total acres enrolled in CRP devoted to CP9 must not exceed 10 acres per tract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the shallow water area for wildlife and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months if the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing this practice.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the practice during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (Continued)

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

CP10 Vegetative Cover - Grass - Already Established (CP10 Eligible to be Offered Before March 14, 2011, Only)

A Program Policy

Beginning March 14, 2011, CP10 is **no** longer available for new offers. For offers submitted before March 14, 2011, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, if a grass cover approved for the applicable signup is already established
Note: Contract management activity may be required as determined by COC, according to paragraph 428.
- not under CRP-1, with a grass cover approved for the applicable signup already established.
Note: Contract management activity may be required as determined by COC, according to paragraph 428. C/S is not authorized for management activities.

C/S is authorized for:

- pollinator habitat as a component of CP10 before March 14, 2011
- wildlife water development as a component of CP10 before March 14, 2011, only.

Technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 394, 512, 548, 595, 614, 644, 645, and 647 may be used for CP10.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP11 Vegetative Cover - Trees - Already Established (CP11 Eligible To Be Offered Before March 14, 2011, Only)

A Program Policy

Beginning March 14, 2011, CP11 is no longer available. For offers submitted before March 14, 2011, this practice code is used to identify land established to trees that is under CRP-1 at the time the acreage is offered and the producer elects to reoffer the acreage to be devoted to trees.

Notes: Thinning and/or creating open areas in eligible existing tree stands are not a separate practice. The open areas must be considered CP11.

Example: Jane Smith offered in signup 39 100 acres of existing trees under CRP-1. Mrs. Smith offered to thin the existing trees and create 15 acres of openings of native grass and shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. All 100 acres should have been offered as CP11.

See subparagraph B for C/S policy for this practice.

Not applicable to signups 10 through 13 and continuous signup.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP11 Vegetative Cover - Trees - Already Established (CP11 Eligible To Be Offered Before March 14, 2011, Only) (Continued)

B C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for planting of approved native grasses and/or shrubs within the 10 to 20 percent open areas created within the existing tree stand.

C/S is only authorized for the planting of approved cover within the open areas. C/S is **not** authorized for any component not listed in the following table.

Important: C/S is **not** authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent openings.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals, nutrients, herbicide, insecticide, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	<p>substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area in the 10 to 20 percent open areas created within the existing tree stand.</p> <p>Important: Open areas must be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grasses and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. Tree plantings within the open areas are not authorized.</p> <p>Notes: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals, must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.</p> <p>This does not include herbicides or insecticides used as part of the maintenance of the cover.</p>	<p>authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 394, 550, 612, 644, 645, 647, and 666.</p> <p>Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, 645, and 647 are authorized for open areas only.</p>
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.

C Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for the practice is assigned to FS. If an FS representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot

A Purpose

This practice is to establish annual or perennial wildlife food plots that will enhance:

- wildlife
- wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to CRP land that is suitably located and adapted to the establishment of annual or perennial wildlife food plots.

C Eligibility

This practice must:

- enhance wildlife, wildlife habitat, or both
- improve environmental benefits below the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be carried out as specified in the approved conservation plan.

D C/S Policy

C/S is **not** authorized for this practice.

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Use the NRCS standards and specifications for wildlife upland or wetland habitat management for the desired wildlife species to:
 - establish suitable plant species for food plots
 - determine food plot location
 - determine total acres to be devoted to food plots.
- For CP23 and CP23A only, food plots may be planted or up to 10 percent of the enrolled acres
- Individual food plots must **not** exceed 5 acres in size and must **not** be immediately adjacent.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

- Food plots **must** be separated by a sufficient distance to maximize wildlife benefits and accessibility.
- This practice may be used in conjunction with the following practices only:
 - CP1
 - CP2
 - CP3
 - CP3A
 - CP4D
 - CP10 before March 14, 2011
 - CP11 before March 14, 2011
 - CP23, the land devoted to CP12 maybe up to 10 percent of the acreage enrolled as CP23
 - CP23A, the land devoted to CP12 may be up to 10 percent of the acreage enrolled as CP23A
 - CP25.

Note: The practice used in conjunction with CP12 determines the length of CRP-1. CP12's **must** be the same length of the practice used in conjunction with CP12.

- Food plots may be at 1 location throughout the life of CRP-1 or may be relocated each year. If relocated, the previous food plot **must** be seeded to an approved permanent vegetative cover at the producer's expense.
- Minerals necessary to ensure that establishment of a successful food plot must be applied.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- During installation, degradation of environmental benefits must be kept on an acceptable level.

Example: Using no-till seeding if appropriate.

- Food plots must be planted in the areas of CRP acreage that:
 - minimize adversity to environmental benefits
 - maximize wildlife benefits and accessibility.
- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1.

I CRP-1 Revisions

Existing CRP-1's may be revised to include planting wildlife food plots if:

- determined necessary and feasible by TSP
- included in the approved conservation plan.

Note: Adding a food plot to an existing CRP-1 does **not** extend the length of CRP-1.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP12 Wildlife Food Plot (Continued)

J Program Development

The county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as:

- spacing
- minimum planting per acres
- site preparation
- cultivation.

Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)

A Purpose

This practice is to establish strips of permanent vegetative cover generally following the contour on eligible cropland alternated with **wider cultivated strips** farmed on the contour that will reduce erosion and control runoff.

Note: This practice is **not** to develop or establish wildlife habitat.

Field border areas may be included in the contour buffer provided they are needed to drain water from the field as an integral part of the contour buffer system.

Important: NRCS or TSP **must** document, in writing, that the field border area is needed as an integral part of the contour buffer system to drain water from the field and for the contour buffer system to function properly.

Note: NRCS or TSP will determine the documentation needed to support the need for field borders consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be in the case file.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish permanent vegetative cover for contour grass strips alternated with wider cultivated strips that are farmed on the contour. Contour grass strips that are not alternated with **wider cultivated strips** are not eligible for enrollment.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Contour grass strips must be installed to the minimum design standard to reduce erosion and control runoff.

Important: Contour grass strips are not eligible to be installed on terraces. Contour grass strips may be used in conjunction with terraces as an overall conservation management system (contour grass strips installed between terraces) if needed to control erosion and runoff on eligible cropland.

C Size Requirements

Minimum standards for the width of a contour buffer strip and the number of strips needed in a field will depend on:

- soil types
- percent slope and slope lengths
- conservation practices applied on the field.

The lower most contour buffer strip in a field may be up to 2 times the minimum width recommended for the practice. The minimum acceptable width for a contour buffer strip:

- designed for soil erosion control purposes is 15 feet
- seeded to grass or a grass/legume mixture is 15 feet
- seeded to legumes only is 30 feet.

Note: Legumes are unlikely to persist for the duration of CRP-1. Therefore, reseeding, at the producer's expense, may be necessary.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

A contour buffer strip may be applied up to a maximum width of 30 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice. When the minimum design specification exceeds 30 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled.

Note: The lower most contour buffer strip in a field may be a maximum of 60 feet wide.

The maximum width of field border areas that may be enrolled is 15 feet. Field border areas may be included in the contour buffer only if they are needed to drain water from the field as an integral part of the contour buffer system.

Contour buffer strips **must** be installed to meet the minimum standards to reduce erosion and control runoff.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be required by the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 332, and 340.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until required seed or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
minerals	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- **Must** be for the purpose of erosion and runoff control.
 - **Must** be alternated with **wider** cultivated strips that are farmed on the contour.
 - Not eligible to be installed on terraces.
 - Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
 - Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
 - Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
 - The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.
- *--**Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15A Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) (Continued)

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife concerns when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces

A Purpose

This practice is to establish vegetative cover on terraces to enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion. This practice is only applicable on terraces that are no longer under practice lifespan to ensure that the long-term functions of the terrace are maintained.

Notes: This practice is **not** to develop or establish wildlife habitat. Wildlife concerns may be considered when making determinations about seed varieties.

Important: This practice is only available on existing terraces that are no longer under the practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace practice.

NRCS or TSP must determine the documentation needed to support the need for CP15B consistent with FOTG standards. Documentation **must** be in the case file that the practice is needed and feasible.

Example: A terrace was installed under ACP in 1985. The practice lifespan was 10 years. The terrace is not in a vegetative cover and is functional. NRCS or TSP determines grass seeding is needed and feasible to enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion. This terrace is eligible to be enrolled in CRP as CP15B.

This practice is eligible for SIP or PIP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice on eligible cropland that is suitably located on a terrace, which is not planted to a vegetative cover, is no longer under the practice lifespan, but seeding is needed and feasible consistent with the purposes of the practice. The area to be included is the actual terrace itself and an adequate buffer. Cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A. See subparagraph C for size requirements of the buffer area.

Contour grass strips on terraces must be installed to the minimum design standard to ensure long-term viability of the terraces to reduce erosion and enhance water quality.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 832, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
(Continued)**

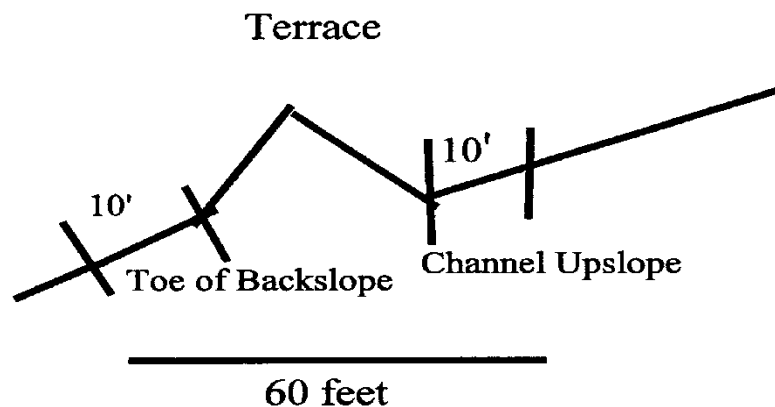
C Size Requirements

Minimum size standard for a contour buffer strip on terraces must be the minimum size necessary to protect the terraces. It may require a buffer not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope portion of the terrace. The maximum width of CP15B **must** not exceed 60 feet, including the buffer areas.

The practice must be designed to control soil erosion consistent with NRCS FOTG.

The following diagrams provide examples of the maximum width for CP15B.

Example 1 Grassed-Back Terrace



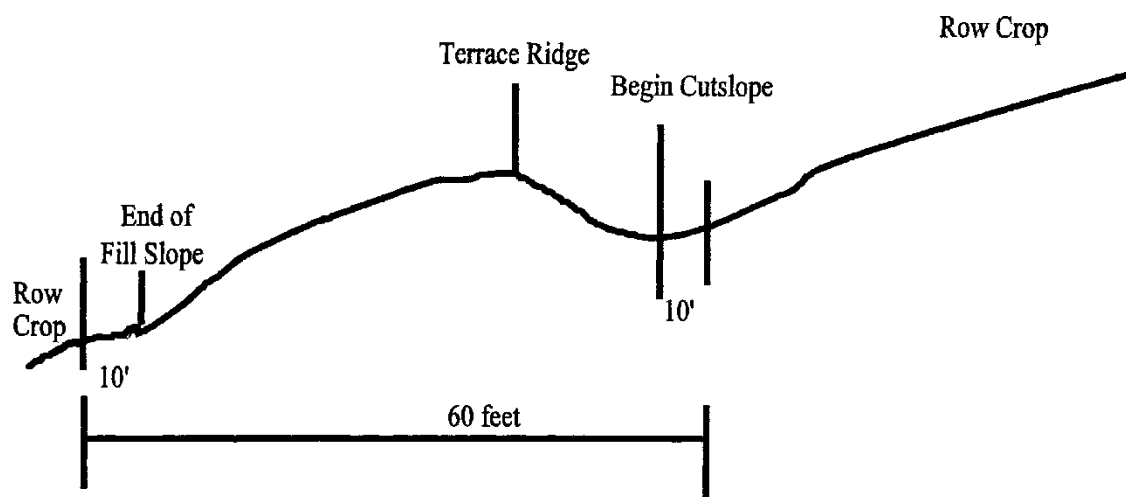
Note: The area of CP15B **must** not exceed 60 feet from the toe of the backslope side of the terrace to the channel upslope, including the 10-foot buffer area on either side of the terrace.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

C Size Requirements (Continued)

Example 2 Broad-Based Terraces



Note: The area of CP15B is measured from the beginning of the cutslope to the end of the fill slope. A 10-foot buffer may be included on either side of the terrace. In no case will CP15B exceed 60 feet wide, including the 10-foot buffer area on either side of the terrace.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be on eligible cropland
- be installed on terraces that NRCS or TSP determines are properly functioning and are no longer protected by practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace practice

Note: An adjacent buffer, not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope, may be installed provided NRCS or TSP determines it is needed and feasible.

- not be installed on terraces that are currently in a vegetative cover
- be applicable only where seeding is needed and feasible
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

Examples: A producer would like to enroll into CRP an existing terrace that has been in grass cover for the past 5 years. The terrace would **not** be eligible.

A producer would like to enroll into CRP a terrace. The terrace, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not functioning properly. The terrace would **not** be eligible unless it is repaired.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 332, and 340.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until required seed or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
minerals	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
 (Continued)**

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- **Must** meet cropping history.
- **Must not** be under a practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace system, as determined by COC.
- Seeding the terrace **must** be needed and feasible to accomplish the purposes of the practice.
- **Must** be installed on a terrace that NRCS or TSP determines is properly functioning.
- **Must** only be for the actual terrace and a buffer not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope side of the structure.

Note: CP15B **must not** exceed a maximum width of 60 feet, including the buffer areas.

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish adequate cover consistent with NRCS FOTG.
- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

**CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces
(Continued)**

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Although the purpose of the practice is not to establish wildlife habitat, consider wildlife concerns when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment

A Purpose

This practice is to establish shelterbelts on a farm or ranch to:

- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area
- save energy
- protect farmsteads or livestock areas
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located to protect farmsteads or livestock areas against serious wind and to save energy.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

C Size Requirements

Shelterbelts must be installed to design standards in FOTG, established to protect farmsteads or livestock areas regardless of the purpose of the shelterbelt. A shelterbelt may be applied up to a maximum width of up to 2 times the design standard for protecting farmsteads or livestock areas, if requested by the producer to accomplish the purpose of protecting farmsteads or livestock areas.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
trees or shrubs planted as shelterbelts that will improve the environmental benefits on a farm or ranch	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 380, 441, 484, 550, 612, and 645.
temporary cover and the justification is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately 	
plastic mulch or supplemental drip irrigation, for arid areas	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices, and the purpose is approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
Note: STC must designate areas where using these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	
planting orchard trees	not authorized.
ornamental planting	
Christmas tree production	
fences	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- When supplemental drip irrigation or plastic mulch is applied and the average precipitation for the area is 25 inches or less.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- *--Planting **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested r grazed from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment (Continued)

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to improve environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

--The following must be considered when developing this practice.--

- Consider wildlife and environmental protection when designing this practice.
- State/county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum planting per acre, site preparation, etc., that are conditions for C/S. Technical specifications may be incorporated by reference.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences

A Purpose

This practice is to establish living snow fences on a farm or ranch to:

- manage snow
- provide living screen
- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development of living snow fences to protect against drifting snow on lanes, road, railroads and public facilities:

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

C Size Requirements

Living snow fences must be installed to the design standard in FOTG, established for snow management regardless of the purpose of the living snow fence. The maximum width, including the snow catch area, of a field windbreak must not exceed the design standard for snow management.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to below the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	THEN C/S is...
trees or shrubs planted as living snow fences to improve the environmental benefits on a farm or ranch	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 340, 380, 441, 484, 550, 612, and 645.
temporary cover and the justification is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately 	
plastic mulch or supplemental drip irrigation, for arid areas	
planting orchard trees	not authorized.
ornamental planting	
Christmas tree production	
fences	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- When supplemental drip irrigation or plastic mulch is applied and the average annual precipitation for the area is 25 inches or less.
- *--Planting **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing this practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP17A Living Snow Fences (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to improve environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop State/county program.

- Consider wildlife and environmental protection when designing this practice.
- State/county practice must identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum planting per acre, site preparation, etc., that are conditions for C/S. Technical specifications may be incorporated by reference.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity

A Purpose

This practice is to either establish permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover within saline seep areas or establish permanent vegetative cover in areas causing seeps, including trees or shrubs, on eligible cropland that will improve the environmental benefits of a farm or ranch.

The cover **must** address the resource problem with the minimum acreage needed to control the saline seep.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish or maintain permanent vegetation to reduce salinity.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

The use of this practice is only permitted if the technical recommendations are based on a sound technical basis that will address the resource problem. Only the minimum number of acres needed to control the saline seep formation may be enrolled.

Example: A technician recommends that a 40-acre field be enrolled in CRP to control a 1-acre saline seep. The technician is recommending enrollment of excessive acreage. The technician **must** focus the recharge area to only the portion of the field associated to the saline seep development.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period on areas causing seeps or the seep areas
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 512, 550, 610, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specificationsneeded until required seed or plant stock is availableneeded because normal planting period for the species has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
earthmoving		
minerals	to enhance production	

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The saline seep and recharge area **must** meet the definitions in Exhibit 2.

Note: For re-enrolled acreage, NRCS or TSP has flexibility on the characteristics of the saline seep, including soil electrical conductivity, sodium absorption rate, pH, and *--water level. NRCS or TSP must evaluate the potential that the saline seep would--* occur without vegetative cover in the discharge and/or recharge area.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- TSP **must** use the best available data to define the recharge area to solve the resource problem with the minimum amount of acres.
- For seeps less than 5 acres, the recharge area cannot exceed a ratio of 10 acres of recharge to 1 acre of seep, which meets the definition in Exhibit 2.
- A map **must** be clearly marked with the saline seep, the exact acreage of the saline seep, and the recharge area.
- Acreage must not exceed 50 acres, unless NRCS SRC or designee and at least 1 independent technical peer with extensive knowledge in saline seeps review the practice before approval. For States with no independent technical peer, SRC or designee must serve that role.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- ***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*
- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid adverse impacts to surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity (Continued)

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained for the CRP-1 period.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the CRP-1 period
- the cover fails to improve the environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover

A Purpose

This practice is to establish permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover on eligible cropland with existing high water tables that will improve the environmental benefits of a farm or ranch.

The cover **must** address the resource problem with the minimum acreage needed to control the saline seep.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish or maintain permanent salt tolerant vegetative cover.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

The use of this practice is only permitted if the technical recommendations are based on a sound technical basis that will solve the resource problem. Only the minimum number of acres needed to control the saline seep formation may be enrolled.

Example: A technician recommends that a 40-acre field be enrolled in CRP to control a 1-acre saline seep. The technician is recommending enrollment of excessive acreage. The technician **must** focus the recharge area to only the portion of the field associated to the saline seep development.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period on areas with existing highwater tables
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 512, 550, 610, and 645.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until required seed or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
earthmoving		
minerals	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The saline seep **must** meet the definition according to Exhibit 2.

Note: For re-enrolled acreage, NRCS or TSP has flexibility on the characteristics of the saline seep, including soil electrical conductivity, sodium absorption rate, pH, and *--water level. NRCS or TSP will evaluate the potential that the saline seep would--* occur without vegetative cover in the discharge and/or recharge area.

- NRCS or TSP **must** use the best available data to define the recharge area to solve the resource problem with the minimum amount of acres.
- For seeps less than 5 acres, the recharge area cannot exceed a ratio of 10 acres of recharge to 1 acre of seep, which meets the definition in Exhibit 2.
- A map **must** be clearly marked with the saline seep, the exact acreage of the saline seep, and the recharge area.
- Acreage must not exceed 50 acres, unless NRCS SRC or designee and at least 1 independent technical peer with extensive knowledge in saline seeps review the practice before approval. For States with no independent technical peer, SRC or designee must serve that role.
- NRCS will issue guidance on technical assistance job approval authority for the practice.
- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

*--**Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover (Continued)

E Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid adverse impacts on surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

F Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns when establishing the protective measure.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the useful life of the practice.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the CRP-1 period
- the cover fails to improve the environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

I Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish permanent vegetation to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

CP21's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, and CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, or CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without any additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality, must not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

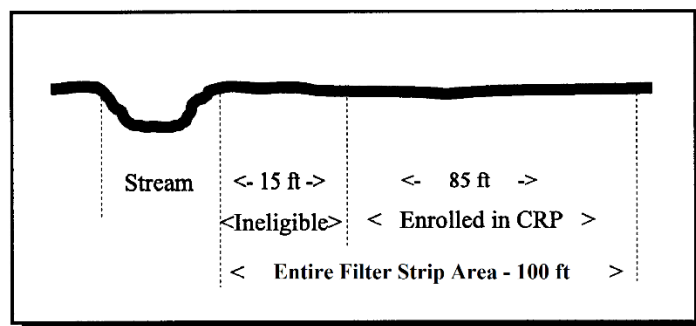
C Size Requirements (Continued)

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide filter strip to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the filter strip **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the filter strip is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum of width 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The filter strip must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a filter strip
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the filter strip.

This diagram provides an example of a filter strip adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The filter strip is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire filter strip (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 378, 382, 386, 390, 393, 410, 516, 533, 574, 604, 605, 614, 642, and 645.
site preparation		
eligible seed and seeding		
herbicide	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticide		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specification needed until required seed or plant stock is available needed because normal planting period for the species has passed that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the cover immediately 	authorized.
pipelines and watering facilities or developments constructed outside of the filter strip	<p>providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body</p> <p>Note: See paragraph 511.</p>	
fencing	<p>permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the filter strip</p> <p>Note: See paragraph 511.</p> <p>Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.</p>	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
grading, leveling, and filling	<p>to control concentrated flow and site preparation.</p> <p>Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the stream bank.</p>	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
mineral or nutrient	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate-nitrogen content of subsurface agricultural drainage flow
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish and maintain a denitrifying bioreactor on permanent grass vegetation to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- sites where there is a need to reduce nitrate-nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow.

Note: This practice does not apply to underground outlets from practices such as terraces, where the drainage source is primarily from surface inlets.

CP21B's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, and CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, and CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without any additional practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21B.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide filter strip to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the filter strip **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the filter strip is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

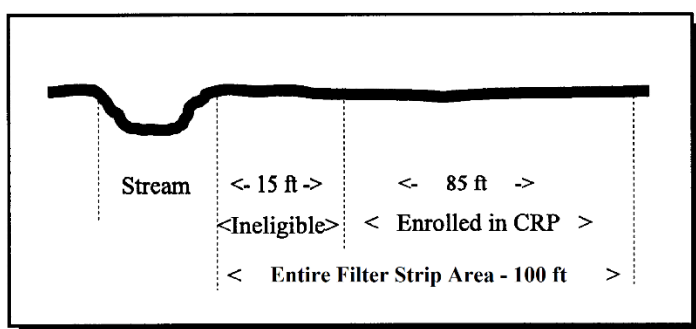
CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

The filter strip must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a filter strip
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the filter strip.

This diagram provides an example of a filter strip adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The filter strip is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire filter strip (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- meet the purpose of the practice
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 386, 390, 393, 394, 550, 595, 643, 645, and 647.
minerals or nutrient		
eligible seed and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC	
	Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
geotextile or plastic lining for the bottom, sides and top, media (wood chips or other approved material), chamber markers, and installation	to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow into and out of the chamber	
perforated tile and installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">to be used inside the media chamber to spread out the water and to collect it at the lower endto re-route existing tile into the water level control structure	
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	
non-perforated tile and installation	to be used on both sides of the water level control structures	
outlet	if an outlet is needed in place of the tile to outlet into the creek	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
pipeline and watering facilities constructed outside of the filter strip	providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body	
	Note: See paragraph 511.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the filter strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	authorized.
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the stream bank.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications needed until required seeds or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
minerals or nutrient	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.
- ***--When appropriate, a pollinator type mix will be used to establish the cover on top of the--*** chamber.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate loading to surface water from subsurface drain outlets
- artificially raise the water table by diverting much of the water from a subsurface drainage system along the saturated filter strip to reduce nitrate loading to subsurface water through enhanced denitrification
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- increase conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish or maintain saturated filter strips to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be.

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP

Note: This practice is applicable to cropland with a subsurface drainage system that can be adapted to discharge to vegetated area.

- soils and topography that are capable of maintaining a raised water table without adverse effects to stream banks, shorelines, and adjacent land.

Note: This practice does not apply to drainage systems or underground outlet systems that have surface inlets which allow entry of soil and debris capable of plugging the distribution pipe(s).

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

CP21S's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, and CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, and CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21S.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet.

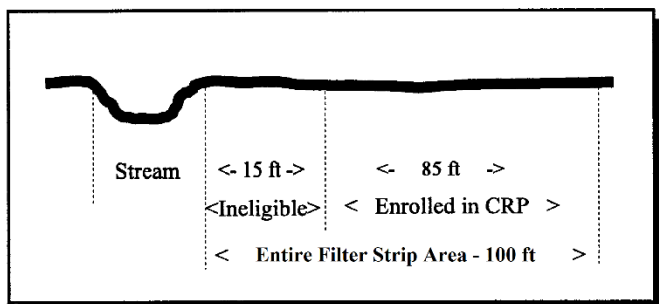
Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide filter strip to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the filter strip **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the filter strip is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The filter strip must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a filter strip, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a filter strip
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the filter strip.

This diagram provides an example of a filter strip adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The filter strip is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire filter strip (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21SSaturated Filter Strips (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- meet the purpose of the practice
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 386, 390, 393, 394, 533, 550, 595, 643, 645, and 647.
minerals or nutrient		
eligible seed and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow of water out into the drain field	
perforated tile and installation	distribute the water to the drain field	
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	
non-perforated tile and installation	distribute the water to the drain field	
outlet	if an outlet is needed in place of the tile to outlet into creek	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
pipeline and watering facilities constructed outside of the filter strip	providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	authorized.
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the filter strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation. Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the stream bank.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications needed until required seeds or plant stock is available• needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
minerals or nutrient	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21S Saturated Filter Strips (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer

A Purposes

The purpose of this practice is to:

- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- create shade to lower water temperature to improve habitat for aquatic organisms
- provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish riparian buffers to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees
- the cropland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22, Riparian Buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers must be enrolled as CP29.

- the marginal pastureland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22, Riparian Buffer.

For both cropland and marginal pastureland, CP22's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, CP21B, and CP21S because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22, CP22B, or CP22S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern with additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements

A riparian buffer must not be less than 35 feet in width. The maximum width of a riparian buffer is the lesser of 100 feet or 30 percent of the geomorphic floodplain. An area of native grasses and forbs may be added, if otherwise eligible, only for concentrated flow conditions dependent on the site.

Excessive sheet-rill and concentrated flow will be controlled in areas immediately adjacent and up-gradient of the buffer. This area must be the minimum necessary to control excessive sheet-rill erosion and/or concentrated flow.

A riparian buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 180 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of riparian buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 180 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP22 on cropland only.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 180 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 180 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll cropland to be devoted to a 180-foot-wide riparian buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the riparian buffer needs to be a minimum of 200 feet in width. Because the purpose of the riparian buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 200 feet may be enrolled. The 200-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

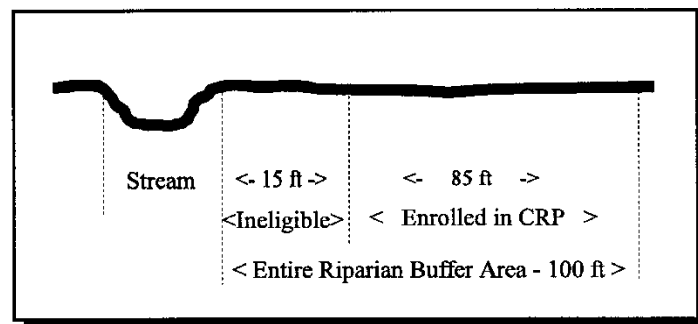
C Size Requirements (Continued)

The riparian buffer must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

This land must not be enrolled in CRP. However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer, the ineligible land **must be** included:

- in the area used as a riparian buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the riparian buffer.

This diagram provides an example of a riparian buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land not enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The riparian buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire riparian buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on land that meets the cropland or marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A or 181 C, as applicable
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Note: Use tree species that are native and noninvasive. Substitution with improved and locally accepted cultivars is permitted. Use high quality and adapted plant material.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals, nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 378, 382, 390, 391, 394, 410, 441, 516, 533, 548, 550, 574, 578, 604, 605, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	authorized.
pipelines and water facilities or developments constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 511.	
plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas	
a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
streambank stabilization		not authorized.
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover or enhance production	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
minerals and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1.

Exceptions: See paragraph 426 for exceptions to 12-month planting requirement.

See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species suited to the soil and hydrology of the site is present to meet the purpose of the practice
- **Note:** Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.
- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other nonapproved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S will be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration (Continued)

NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC must ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of CRP-1 effective date.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

J Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate nitrogen content of subsurface agricultural drainage flow
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- create shade to lower water temperature to improve habitat for aquatic organisms
- provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish and maintain denitrifying bioreactors on riparian buffers to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- sites where there is a need to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow.

Note: This practice does not apply to underground outlets from practices such as terraces, where the drainage source is primarily from surface inlets.

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees
- the cropland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers must be enrolled as CP29.

- the marginal pastureland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer.

For both cropland and marginal pastureland CP22B's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, CP21B, or CP21S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP21, CP21B, and CP21S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements

A riparian buffer must not be less than 35 feet in width. The maximum width of a riparian buffer is the lesser of 100 feet or 30 percent of the geomorphic floodplain. An area of native grasses and forbs may be added, if otherwise eligible, only for concentrate flow conditions dependent on the site.

Excessive sheet-rill and concentrated flow will be controlled in areas immediately adjacent and up-gradient of the buffer. This area must be the minimum necessary to control excessive sheet-rill erosion and/or concentrated flow.

A riparian buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 180 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of riparian buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 180 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP22B on cropland only.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 180 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 180 feet.

Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll cropland to be devoted to a 180-foot-wide riparian buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the riparian buffer needs to be a minimum of 200 feet in width. Because the purpose of the riparian buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 200 feet may be enrolled. The 200-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The riparian buffer must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer, the ineligible land **must be** included:

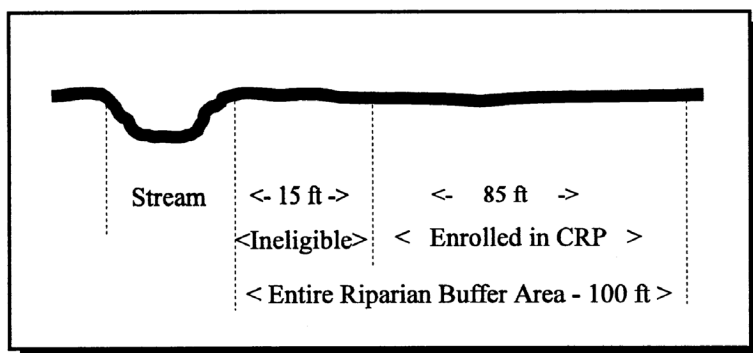
- in the area used as a riparian buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the riparian buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

This diagram provides an example of a riparian buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The riparian buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire riparian buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on land that meets the cropland or marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A or 181 C, as applicable
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility (Continued)

- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Note: Use tree species that are native and noninvasive. Substitution with improved and locally accepted cultivars is permitted. Use high quality and adapted plant material.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals, nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 378, 382, 390, 391, 410, 441, 516, 533, 548, 550, 574, 578, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
geotextile or plastic lining for the bottom, sides and top, media (wood chips or other approved materials), chamber markers, and installation	to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow into and out of the chamber	
perforated tile and installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be used inside the media chamber to spread out the water and collect it at the lower end • to re-route existing tile into the water level control structure 	
outlet	if needed in place of the tile to outlet into the creek	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	authorized.
non-perforated tile and installation	to be used on both sides of the water level controls structures	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence must not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	
pipelines and water facilities constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 511.	
plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
streambank stabilization		not authorized.
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover or enhance production	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
minerals and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - ☐ Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The riparian buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.
- *--When appropriate, a pollinator type mix will be used to establish the cover on top of the chamber.--*

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1.

Exceptions: See paragraph 426 for exceptions to the 12-month planting requirement.

See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species suited to the soil and hydrology of the site is present to meet the purpose of the practice
- **Note:** Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.
- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other non-approved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S must be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration (Continued)

NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC must **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC must ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of the CRP-1 effective date.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22B Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer (Continued)

J Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- improve water quality by reducing the nitrate loading to surface water from subsurface drain outlets
- artificially raise the water table by diverting much of the water from a subsurface drainage system along the buffer to reduce nitrate loading to subsurface water through enhanced denitrification
- remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body
- create shade to lower water temperature to improve habitat for aquatic organisms
- provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to establish and maintain saturated riparian buffers to improve water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and must be:

- as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- soils and topography that are capable of maintaining a raised water table without adverse effects to stream banks, shorelines, and adjacent land.

Note: This practice does not apply to drainage systems or underground outlet systems that have surface inlets which allow entry of soil and debris capable of plugging the distribution pipe(s).

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit and using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.
- the cropland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer.

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers must be enrolled as CP29.

- the marginal pastureland will be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

For both cropland and marginal pastureland CP22S's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, CP21B, or CP22S, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP21, CP21B, and CP21S
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP29 and CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

C Size Requirements

A riparian buffer must not be less than 35 feet in width. The maximum width of a riparian buffer is the lessor of 100 feet or 30 percent of the geomorphic floodplain. An area of native grasses and forbs may be added, if otherwise eligible, only for concentrate flow conditions dependent on the site.

Excessive sheet-rill and concentrated flow will be controlled in areas immediately adjacent and up-gradient of the buffer. This area must be the minimum necessary to control excessive sheet-rill erosion and/or concentrated flow.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

A riparian buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 180 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of riparian buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality must not exceed 180 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP22S on cropland only.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 180 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document in writing the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 180 feet.

Note: NRCS use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll cropland to be devoted to a 180-foot-wide riparian buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the riparian buffer needs to be a minimum of 200 feet in width. Because the purpose of the riparian buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum width of 200 feet may be enrolled. The 200-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The riparian buffer must begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

This land must not be enrolled in CRP. However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer, the ineligible land **must be** included:

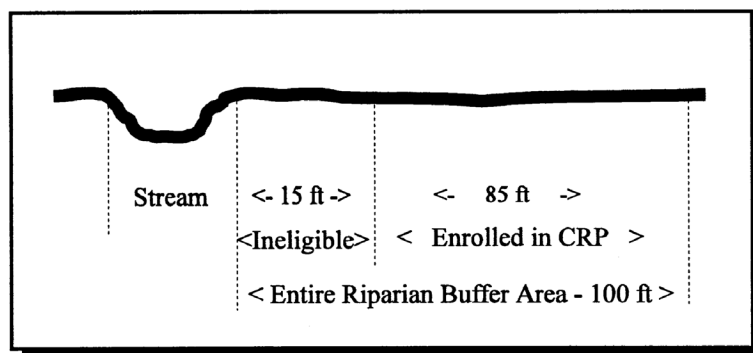
- in the area used as a riparian buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the riparian buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

This diagram provides an example of a riparian buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.



The riparian buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire riparian buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on land that meets the cropland or marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A or 181 C, as applicable
- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Note: Use tree species that are native and noninvasive. Substitution with improved and locally accepted cultivars is permitted. Use high quality and adapted plant material.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals, nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 378, 382, 390, 391, 410, 441, 516, 533, 548, 550, 574, 578, 605, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
media chamber, geotextile or plastic lining for the bottom, sides and top and media (wood chips or other approved materials), and installation	to reduce nitrate nitrogen concentration in subsurface drainage flow	
water level control structure (diverter box) and installation	to regulate the flow into and out of the chamber	
perforated tile and installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to be used inside the media chamber to spread out the water and collect it at the lower end to re-route existing tile into the water level control structure 	
outlet	if needed in place of the tile to outlet into the creek	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
locating tile lines	to locate a tile to tie into the water level control structure	authorized.
non-perforated tile and installation	to be used on both sides of the water level controls structures	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 511 I.	
pipelines and water facilities constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 511.	
plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost effective to protect seedlings.</p> <p>See paragraphs 31 and 490.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	authorized using technical practice code 666.
streambank stabilization		not authorized.
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover or enhance production	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
minerals and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - ☐ Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including maintenance as necessary to avoid adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The riparian buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1.

Exceptions: See paragraph 426 for exceptions to the 12-month planting requirement.

See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
- an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species suited to the soil and hydrology of the site is present to meet the purpose of the practice

Note: Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.

- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration (Continued)

- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other non-approved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S will be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration.

NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC must **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC must ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of the CRP-1 effective date.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22S Saturated Riparian Buffer (Continued)

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

J Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem must be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands and associated acreage that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.).

Selection of cottonwood as a component must be silviculturally and ecologically appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics must be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

C Total Eligible Cropland Limit

Total eligible cropland for wetland restorations is limited to cropland:

- according to paragraph 151
- within the 100-year floodplain of a permanent river or stream
- that includes a minimum of 51 percent hydric soils for the acreage offered (nonbuffer areas).

Note: An offer that includes a buffer outside the 100-year floodplain may be enrolled if otherwise eligible, needed, and feasible for the practice.

D Size Requirements

The amount of adjacent upland acreage to be enrolled must be determined by NRCS. The amount of adjacent upland acres:

- is limited to the minimum number of acres required to provide a protective buffer to the cropped wetland and to enhance wildlife habitat
- may be less than the 3 to 1 ratio
- must not exceed the 3 to 1 ratio.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

F C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 356, 394
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	<p>for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of native and permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	authorized.
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
structures, like pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	authorized.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	
cottonwoods planted to serve as a nurse crop for other hardwoods		

G Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration must be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State.
- Planting of cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

G Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

H Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

J Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

--Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP-1-- period appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. C/S for tree thinning is authorized.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

L Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP. For areas to be established to trees, FS or State Forestry Agency must have technical responsibility. The State Forester has responsibility for determining whether selection of a cottonwood species component is silviculturally and ecologically appropriate.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem will be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands and associated acreage that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer.

This practice must be:

- located outside the 100-year floodplain
- playa lakes

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.).

Selection of cottonwood as a component must be silviculturally and ecologically appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics must be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

C Size Requirements

The amount of adjacent upland acreage to be enrolled will be determined by NRCS. The amount of adjacent upland acres:

- is limited to the minimum number of acres required to provide a protective buffer to the cropped wetland and to enhance wildlife habitat
- may be less than the 4 to 1 ratio
- must not exceed the 4 to 1 ratio.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized.
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	<p>for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	<p>for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of native and permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	authorized.
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
structures, like pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 342, 356, 394, 548, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	
cottonwoods planted to serve as a nurse crop for other hardwoods		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem will be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration will be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State.
- Planting for cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of CRP-1 appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance (Continued)

C/S will be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility. The State Forester has responsibility for determining whether selection of a cottonwood species component is silviculturally and ecologically appropriate.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish at least 2 or more strips, varying in size, of permanent vegetative cover resistant to wind erosion perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction on eligible cropland with a wind erosion EI greater than or equal to 4 ($EI \geq 4$) that will:

- reduce on-farm wind erosion
- trap wind-borne sediments and sediment borne contaminants
- help protect public health and safety.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to permanent vegetative cover for cross wind trap strips perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

This practice must:

- consist of at least 2 strips each that meet the size requirements in subparagraph D
- not exceed, in aggregate, 10 percent of the total field acreage
- only be devoted to eligible cropland with a wind erosion EI greater than or equal to 4 ($EI \geq 4$).

C Size Requirements

Cross wind trap strips must:

- be a minimum of 15 feet in width
- not exceed 25 feet in width
- consist of permanent vegetation that is a minimum of 12 inches in height
- not exceed, in aggregate, 10 percent of the total acreage in the field.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be required by the approved conservation plan
- not exceed the size requirements in subparagraph D
- only be devoted to eligible cropland with a wind erosion EI greater than or equal to 4 (EI ≥ 4).

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 548, 550, 589, and 590.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until required seed or plant stock is available• needed because normal planting period for the species has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
minerals	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The acreage seeded must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- Designed width of strips **must** be maintained for the life of CRP-1.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Deposition of soil materials must be removed when the accumulated sediment in the cross wind trap strip exceeds 6 inches in depth.

Note: Cover must be reseeded, at producer's expense, after accumulated sediment is removed.

- Vegetative cover height of at least 12 inches must be maintained for the life of CRP-1.
- The practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife concerns when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- width of the strips is not maintained
- minimum height of vegetative cover is not maintained
- sediment deposition is not removed, when required, and acreage reseeded
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP24 Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of critically endangered, endangered, and threatened habitats. The extent of the restoration is determined by the specifications developed at the State level.

Note: All State specifications **must** be reviewed and approved by DAFP.

Habitats eligible for restoration include:

- Critically endangered, endangered, and threatened ecosystems listed in Appendix B of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Biological Service, Biological Report 28, “Endangered Ecosystems of the United States: A Preliminary Assessment of Loss and Degradation.”

Note: See subparagraph M.

- Other specifically identified habitats within a State with documented losses of greater than 70 percent since European settlement.

Notes: Documentation of 70 percent or greater loss **must** be provided for all habitats not listed in subparagraph M.

All habitats not listed in subparagraph L **must** be approved by DAFP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP.

Notes: NRCS technical restoration specifications will be developed in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

Technical expertise from other Federal and State agencies and/or private organizations is encouraged to assist with habitat establishment and long-term management of the restored habitats.

State NRCS Offices must submit **all** specifications developed to NRCS National Headquarters for review. To be an eligible practice, specifications **must** be approved by DAFP before implementation.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The size requirements for this practice will be determined in consultation with NRCS or TSP and the FOTG.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on eligible lands where the rare and declining habitat can be restored in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP
- restore the native vegetative components and functions, and values of rare and declining wildlife habitats to a level determined by the specifications developed at the State level and approved by DAFP.

Note: C/S must not exceed 50 percent of the price at which the land placed in CRP could be sold for use as farmland at the time at which CRP-1 is signed by the producer. See paragraph 490.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC Notes: The requirements of this practice, including eligible seed mixtures and minerals must be specified in the practice specification, as developed by the designated technician. Only seed that meets the purpose of the practice will be eligible for C/S.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 362, 394, 441, 550, 574, 600, 612, 614, 643, 645, 657, and 658.
eligible seed, including grasses, trees, shrubs, legumes and forbs		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specificationsneeded until required seed or plant stock is availableneeded because normal planting period for the species has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
structures, such as pipe, flashboard risers, gates, chutes, and outlets	to restore hydrology, when applicable, for an effective practice, as determined by the designated technician and stated as needed in the technical specifications submitted for review and in the approved conservation plan	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree tubes, plastic mulch, and temporary irrigation systems	in arid areas where needed to establish a tree planting, as determined by the designated technician and stated as needed in the technical specifications submitted for review and in the approved conservation plan	authorized.
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site and specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
minerals	to enhance production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

States must develop detailed:

- specifications to accomplish the successful restoration of the critically endangered, endangered, and threatened habitats within the State
- maps of the area where the approved practice specifications will be implemented.

All specifications **must** be reviewed and approved by DAFP.

The following are requirements for this practice.

- The approved critically endangered, endangered, or threatened habitat must be restored according to specifications developed by the State and approved by DAFP.
- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to restore the rare and declining habitat vegetative characteristics, as provided by the State specific restoration specifications.
- Acreage **must** be maintained according to the conservation plan for the life of CRP-1.
- The acreage enrolled must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.

- The size of the acreage established must be of sufficient size and location on the landscape--* as to meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Restoration of critically endangered, endangered, and threatened habitats is the primary consideration when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications. Consider preserving and improving the surrounding environment when making determinations about seed varieties and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S must be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- restoration fails to meet the goals of the practice during the practice lifespan, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control
- cover fails, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S not is authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

State-specific specifications will be developed for this practice and **must** be reviewed and approved by DAFP.

County Offices are not authorized to modify established specifications or develop county practices for CP25.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems

Critically Endangered (>98 Percent Decline) Ecosystems

Old-growth and other virgin stands in the eastern deciduous forest biome.

Spruce-fir (*Picea rubens-Abies fraseri*) forest in the southern Appalachians.

Red pine (*Pinus resinosa*) and white pine (*Pinus strobus*) forests (mature and old-growth) in Michigan.

Longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) forests and savannas in the southeastern coastal plain.

Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) rockland habitat in South Florida.

Loblolly pine-shortleaf pine (*Pinus taeda-Pinus echinata*) hardwood forests in the West Gulf Coastal Plain.

Arundinaria gigantea canebrakes in the Southeast.

Tallgrass prairie east of the Missouri River and on mesic sites across range.

Bluegrass savanna-woodland and prairies in Kentucky.

Black Belt prairies in Alabama and Mississippi and in the Jackson Prairie in Mississippi.

Ungrazed dry prairie in Florida.

Oak (*Quercus* spp.) savanna in the Midwest.

Wet and mesic coastal prairies in Louisiana.

Lakeplain wet prairie in Michigan.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Sedge (*Carex* spp. and others) meadows in Wisconsin.

Hempstead Plains grasslands on Long Island.

Lake sand beaches in Vermont.

Serpentine barrens, maritime heathland, and pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*)-heath barrens in New York.

Prairies (all types) and oak savannas in the Willamette Valley and in the foothills of the Coast Range, Oregon.

Palouse prairie (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and in similar communities in Montana).

Native grasslands (all types) in California.

Alkali sink scrub in southern California.

Coastal strand in southern California.

Ungrazed sagebrush steppe in the Intermountain West.

Basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) in the Snake River Plain of Idaho.

Atlantic white-cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*) stands in the Great Dismal Swamp of Virginia and in North Carolina and possibly across the entire range.

Streams in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Endangered (85-98 Percent Decline)

Old-growth and other virgin forests in regions and in States other than in those already listed, except in Alaska.

Mesic limestone forest and barrier island beaches in Maryland.

Coastal plain Atlantic white-cedar swamp, maritime oak-holly (*Quercus spp.-Ilex spp.*) forest, maritime redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) forest, marl fen, marl pond shore, and oak openings in New York.

Coastal heathland in southern New England and on Long Island.

Pine-oak-heath sandplain woods and lake sand beach in Vermont.

Floodplain forests in New Hampshire.

Red spruce (*Picea rubens*) forests in the central Appalachians (West Virginia).

Lowland forest in southeastern Missouri.

High-quality oak-hickory (*Quercus spp.-Carya spp.*) forest on the Cumberland Plateau and on the Highland Rim of Tennessee.

Limestone redcedar (*Juniperus virginianus*) glades in Tennessee.

Wet longleaf pine savanna and eastern upland longleaf pine forest in Louisiana.

Calcareous prairie, Fleming glade, shortleaf pine/oak-hickory forest, mixed hardwood-loblolly pine forest, eastern xeric sandhill woodland, and stream terrace sandy woodland/savanna in Louisiana.

Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) forests in southwestern Florida.

Red pine and white pine forests in Minnesota.

Coastal redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) forests in California.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Old-growth ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) forests in the northern Rocky Mountains, Intermountain West, and eastside Cascades Mountains.

Riparian forests in California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Coastal sage scrub (especially maritime) and coastal mixed chaparral in southern California.

Dry forest on main islands of Hawaii.

All types of native habitats in the lower delta of the Rio Grande River, Texas.

Tallgrass prairie (all types combined).

Native shrub and grassland steppe in Oregon and in Washington.

Low elevation grasslands in Montana.

Gulf Coast pitcher plant (*Sarracenia* spp.) bogs.

Upland hardwoods in the Coastal Plain of Tennessee.

Pocosins (evergreen shrub bogs) and ultramafic soligenous wetlands in Virginia.

Mountain bogs (southern Appalachian bogs and swamp forest-bog complex) in Tennessee and in North Carolina.

Upland wetlands on the Highland Rim of Tennessee.

Saline wetlands in eastern Nebraska.

Wetlands (all types combined) in south-central California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio.

Marshes in the Carson-Truckee area of western Nevada.

Low-elevation wetlands in Idaho.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Woody hardwood draws, glacial pothole ponds, and peatlands in Montana.

Vernal pools in the Central Valley and in southern California.

Marshes in the Coos Bay area of Oregon.

Freshwater marsh and coastal salt marsh in Southern California.

Seasonal wetlands of the San Francisco Bay, California.

Large streams and rivers in all major regions.

Aquatic mussel (Unionidae) beds in Tennessee.

Submersed aquatic vegetation in the Chesapeake Bay, in Maryland, and in Virginia.

Mangrove swamps and salt marsh along the Indian River lagoon, Florida.

Seagrass meadows in Galveston Bay, Texas.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Continued)

M Approved Critically Endangered and Endangered Ecosystems (Continued)

Threatened (70 - 84 Percent Decline)

Nationwide riparian forests (other than in already listed regions), including southern bottomland hardwood forests.

Xeric habitats (scrub, scrubby flatwoods, sandhills) on the Lake Wales Ridge, Florida.

Tropical hardwood hammocks on the central Florida keys.

Northern hardwood forest, aspen (*Populus* spp.) parkland, and jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*) forests in Minnesota.

Saline prairie, western upland longleaf pine forest, live oak-pine-magnolia (*Quercus virginiana*-*Pinus* spp.-*Magnolia* spp.) forest, western xeric sandhill woodland, slash pine-pond baldcypress-hardwood (*Pinus elliottii*-*Taxodium ascendens*) forest, wet and mesic spruce-pine (*P. glabra*)-hardwood flatwoods, wet mixed hardwood-loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) flatwoods, and flatwoods ponds in Louisiana.

Alvar grassland, calcareous pavement barrens, dwarf pine ridges, mountain spruce-fir forest, inland Atlantic whitecedar swamp, freshwater tidal swamp, inland salt marsh, patterned peatland, perched bog, pitch pine-blueberry (*Pinus rigida*-*Vaccinium* spp.) peat swamp, coastal plain poor fens, rich graminoid fen, rich slopping fen, and riverside ice meadow in New York.

Maritime-like forests in the Clearwater Basin of Idaho.

Woodland and chaparral on Santa Catalina Island.

Southern tamarack (*Larix laricina*) swamp in Michigan.

Wetlands (all kinds) in Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, and Maryland.

Marshes in the Puget Sound region, Washington.

Cienegas (marshes) in Arizona.

Coastal wetlands in California.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetlands that have been devoted to agricultural use. Hydrology and vegetation **must** be restored to the maximum extent possible, as determined by USDA.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of the wetland hydrology and vegetation is required to the maximum extent possible.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 240 A, and all of the following **must** be met:

- COC/CED determines both of the following:
 - cropland meets cropping history requirements
 - an associated buffer (CP28) is offered

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National CRP Practices (Continued)****CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)****C Size Requirements**

The maximum acceptable size of any 1 CP27 is 40 acres. Wetlands greater than 40 acres in size are not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

Note: The total of all wetlands may exceed 40 acres.

Example: A producer offers a 41 acre wetland. Because the total wetland is greater than 40 acres in size, the entire 40 acre wetland is ineligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- only be enrolled under FWP
- only be enrolled with an eligible associated buffer (CP28)
- meet the cropping history requirements
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.
eligible seed and seeding	for soils that are developed under a wetland ecosystem and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing permanent native grass • establishing permanent introduced grasses, forbs, and legumes, trees, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to restore the functions and values of the wetland • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

If the component is...	And the justification is...	Then C/S is...
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	authorized
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelines		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S will be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility

M Associated Practice

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to provide a vegetative buffer around wetlands (CP27) to remove sediment, nutrients, and pollutants from impacting the wetland and to provide wildlife habitat for the associated wetland.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 240 A, and both of the following **must** be met:

- cropland meets cropping history requirements
- the cropland offered is adjacent to an eligible wetland (CP27).

Note: CP28 is not eligible to be enrolled without CP27.

C Size Requirements

The maximum size of any associated buffer (CP28) enrolled in CRP under FWP is 4 times the size of the wetland. STC's may determine a buffer ratio less than 4:1, consistent with program purposes and with State Technical Committee concurrence.

Note: The total acreage of each associated buffer must **not** exceed the size limitation.

Example: A producer offers a 3 acre eligible wetland (CP27) for enrollment in CRP under FWP. NRCS or TSP determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 6 acres (2 to 1 ratio). CP27 and CP28 are both eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be enrolled under FWP
- be enrolled with the associated CP27 practice
- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropping history requirements
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility (Continued)

- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- maintain and enhance the functions and values of the wetland system.

E C/S Policy

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seed	<p>for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing permanent native grass species • establishing permanent introduced grasses, legumes, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 382, 386, 390, 391, 393, 410, 516, 574, 614, 642, and 645.
eligible seeding	<p>for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multi-purpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishing permanent introduced grasses, legumes, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required in the practice specifications• needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available• needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed• that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	authorized.
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation. Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the streambank.	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
herbicide, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
streambank stabilization		
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

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CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Practice must reduce nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants that are being delivered to the associated wetland CP27, and CP41.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

M Associated Practice

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP27, FWP Constructed Wetland, and CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body. By restoring native grass communities, characteristics for the site will assist in stabilizing stream banks, reducing flood damage impacts, and restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible marginal pastureland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a wildlife habitat buffer to improve water quality.

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraphs 181 C and D **must** be met, in addition:

- the vegetation for the site is a mix of grasses, shrubs, and forbs

Note: The practice must enhance the grass, shrub, and forb community and provide water quality improvement and wildlife habitat benefits.

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit using the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet, the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a wildlife habitat buffer.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

CP29's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, or CP22S, because, if needed, CP22, CP22B, or CP22S include a grass buffer
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP21, CP21B, CP21S, or CP30, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a wildlife habitat buffer is 20 feet. A wetland habitat buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Note: The maximum average width of wildlife habitat buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality, must not exceed 120 feet.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS or TSP will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide wildlife habitat buffer to protect the adjacent eligible stream. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS or TSP documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the wildlife habitat buffer **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the wildlife habitat buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum of width 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

The wildlife habitat buffer will begin at the top of the stream bank. In some cases, there may be land that is adjacent to the stream that does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP. **This land must not be enrolled in CRP.** However, if the eligible land is enrolled in CRP as a wildlife habitat buffer, the ineligible land will **be** included:

- in the area used as a wildlife habitat buffer
- in the conservation plan
- when determining the width of the wildlife habitat buffer.

A wildlife habitat buffer adjacent to a stream that includes land **not** enrolled in CRP. The first 15 feet adjacent to the stream (starting at the top of the stream bank) does **not** meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in CRP.

The wildlife habitat buffer is 100 feet wide. Only the eligible land (85 feet width) is enrolled in CRP. The conservation plan is for the entire wildlife habitat buffer (100 feet). The producer is responsible for maintaining the entire practice (100 feet) according to the plan. Failure to maintain the entire 100 feet may result in CRP payment reductions or termination.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on marginal pastureland that meets the eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 C
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
mineral or nutrient	Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practices 314, 315, 338, 342, 378, 382, 386, 390, 394, 512, 516, 533, 550, 574, 578, 612, 614, 642, and 645.
site preparation		
eligible seed and seeding		
herbicide	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticide		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<p>required in the practice specification</p> <p>needed until required seed or plant stock is available</p> <p>needed because normal planting period for the species has passed</p> <p>that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the cover immediately</p>	authorized.
pipelines and watering facilities or developments constructed outside of the wildlife habitat buffer	<p>providing a water source for livestock away from the wildlife habitat buffer and the adjacent stream or water body</p> <p>Note: See paragraph 511.</p>	
fencing	<p>permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the buffer strip</p> <p>Note: See paragraph 511.</p> <p>Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.</p>	
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	<p>specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan</p> <p>Note: See subparagraph 511 I.</p>	authorized using technical practice code 578 for livestock crossing only.
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	authorized.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
mineral or nutrient	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of the CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of this practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1. See paragraph 428.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the wetland. The practice will enhance and/or restore hydrology and plant communities associated with existing or degraded wetland complexes. The goal is to enhance water quality, reduce nutrient and pollutant levels, and improve wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible marginal pastureland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of a wetland buffer to improve water quality.

Marginal pastureland requirements in subparagraph 181 C **must** be met, in addition, NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit, the marginal pastureland offered is suitable for a wetland buffer.

CP30's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, CP22B, or CP22S, because, if needed, CP22, CP22B, and CP22S include a grass buffer
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP23A, because acreage devoted to CRP23A may include up to a 4 to 1 ration of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area
- CP21, CP21B, CP21S or CP29, because the practice must solve the resource concern without additional practices.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a wetland buffer is 20 feet. A wetland buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS or TSP **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS or TSP will use the Documentation Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

Example: Producer offers to enroll land to be devoted to a 120-foot-wide wetland buffer to protect the adjacent wetland. Based on the soils, slope, and other site conditions, NRCS or TSP documents that to address the water quality resource problem and to function properly, the wetland buffer **must** be a minimum of 145 feet in width. Because the purpose of the wetland buffer is the protection and enhancement of water quality, the minimum of width 145 feet may be enrolled. The 145-foot minimum width is the maximum acreage that may be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- be implemented on marginal pastureland that meets the eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 C
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meets the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 342, 378, 382, 386, 390, 394, 512, 516, 533, 550, 574, 578, 612, 614, 642, 644, 645, 647, 657, and 658.
site preparation		
eligible seed and seeding		
herbicide	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticide		
earthmoving	to restore the hydrology of the site	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specification • needed until required seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the cover immediately 	authorized.
pipelines and watering facilities or developments constructed outside of the wetland buffer	<p>providing a water source for livestock away from the wetland buffer and the adjacent stream or wetland</p> <p>Note: See paragraph 511.</p>	
fencing	<p>permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the buffer strip</p> <p>Note: See paragraph 511.</p> <p>Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.</p>	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
mineral or nutrient	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The buffer must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1. See paragraph 428.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish and provide for the long-term viability of a bottomland hardwood stand of trees that will:

- control sheet, rill, scour, and other erosion
- reduce water, air, or land pollution
- restore and enhance the natural and beneficial functions of wetlands
- promote carbon sequestration
- restore and connect wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing bottomland hardwood trees or adapted shrubs that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.)

Selection of cottonwood as a component **must** be silviculturally and ecologically appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics **must** be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

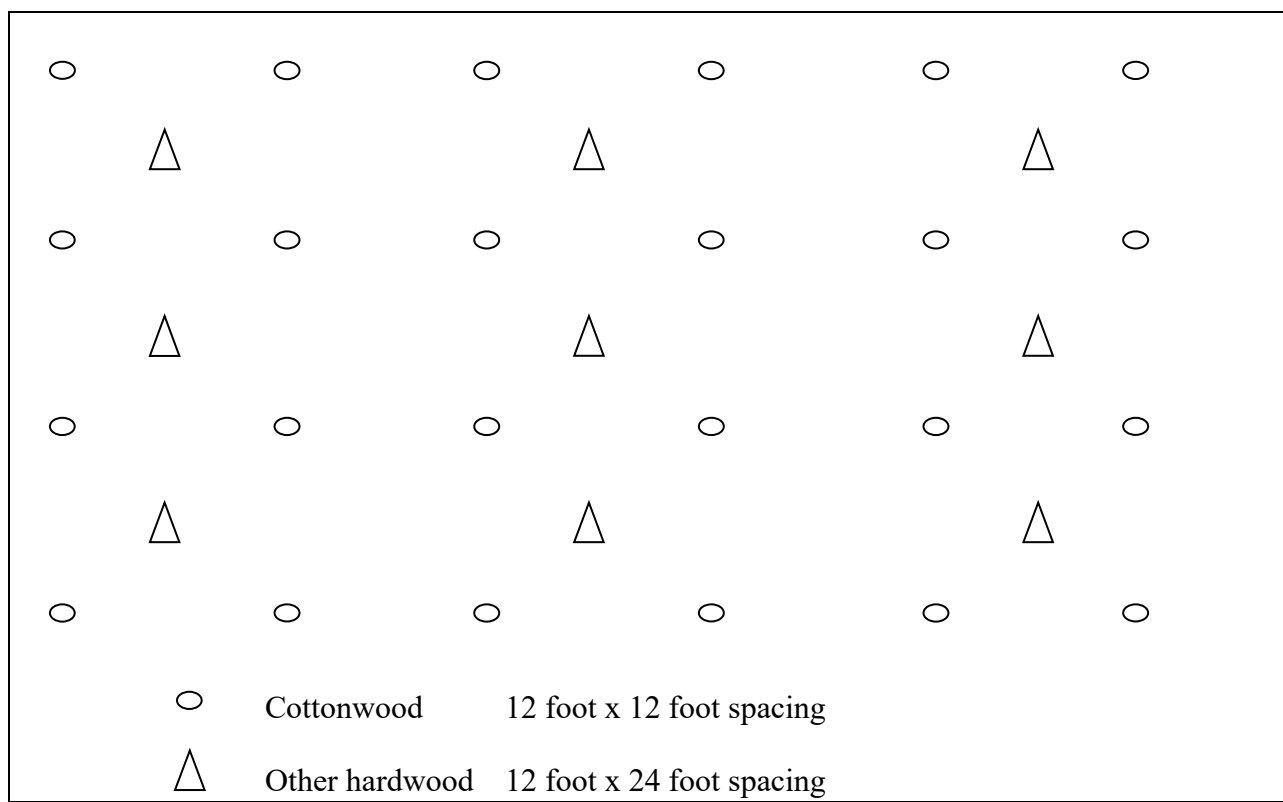
Example: Participant A enrolls 100 acres as CP31 who, working with a State Forester, selects cottonwood and 3 other silviculturally appropriate hardwood species. The cottonwoods are planted on 12' x 12' spacing and the other hardwoods are planted on 12' x 24' spacing. The plan calls for weed and insect control during year 1 and cottonwood thinning during year 15. The cottonwood serves as a nurse crop for the other hardwood species in the neighboring rows. In year 2, Participant A may be eligible to enter into an agreement with a carbon company where Participant A sells
 --greenhouse gas credits provided the terms and conditions of the CRP-1 are not--
 impacted. This agreement is solely between Participant A and the carbon company.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

The following diagram illustrates a typical cottonwood/other hardwood planting.



(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

C Size Requirements

This practice will be determined in consultation between NRCS or TSP and the participant.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- do either of the following:
 - reduce excessive erosion to an acceptable level and increase sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improve surface or ground water quality
- reduce scour, gully, stream bank, sheet, or rill erosion
- prevent excessive erosion from occurring
- enhance food and cover for wildlife
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be within the recognized 100-year flood plain of a stream with perennial flow.

Note: A wetland designation, if needed, **must** be made by NRCS.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
<p>to establish a minimum of 3 different varieties of mast producing hardwood tree and shrub species</p> <p>Notes: The hardwood species may include cottonwoods planted between the rows of hardwood. The cotton woods serve as a nurse crop for the other hardwoods and may be thinned *--after year 9 of the CRP-1.--*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to reduce erosion from wind or water provide food and cover for waterfowl and other wildlife improve surface or ground water quality 	<p>authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 340, 391, 394, 550, 587, 612, 643, 644, 657, 658, and 659.</p>
<p>to establish no more than 25 percent of the silviculturally appropriate softwood species, as determined by STC and determined appropriate by State Forester</p>	<p>to enhance 1 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wetland development wildlife habitat hardwood stand health and vigor 	
<p>temporary cover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specification needed until required planting stock is available needed because normal planting period for the species has passed to establish a cover where a solid condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 340, 391, 394, 550, 587, 612, 643, 644, 657, 658, and 659.
herbicides or insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
minerals or nutrients	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practice code 666.
clean tiling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	not authorized.
fencing		
roads		
annual food plots		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for ornamental purposes • for Christmas trees • nursery tree production • production of commercial nuts, other than species customarily planted for forestry purposes 	
herbicides or insecticides	to maintain the vegetative cover including trees	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice:

- approval **must** be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State
- planting of cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose
- *--plantings **must** be protected from destructive fire and must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized uses, directions on the label, and other Federal and State policies and requirements.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about:

- types of plantings
- spacing
- water management structures
- other practice specifications.

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1.

--Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP-1-- appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. C/S is authorized for tree thinning.

J Management Activities

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Natural Regeneration

Natural regeneration by nuts or seed is not permitted under this practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to provide food and cover for quail and upland birds in cropland areas. Secondary benefits may include reducing soil erosion from wind and water, increasing soil and water quality, protecting and enhancing the on-farm ecosystem, and increasing conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice around the field edges or pivot corners of eligible cropland that is suitably located and adaptable to the establishment of wildlife habitat for primarily quail and upland bird species. Upland habitat buffers will be allowed to re-vegetate by natural herbaceous succession, and/or will be established to adapted species of native, warm-season grass, legumes, wildflowers, forbs, and limited shrub and tree plantings, as specified according to an approved conservation plan. The conservation plan **must** be designed according to the NRCS FOTG.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in paragraph 151 and be located around field edges or pivot corners suitable for quail and upland birds.

Note: The CP33 buffer is eligible to be enrolled on 1 side of the field if enrolling CP33 on cropland adjacent to an organic farming operation. The entire perimeter of the field is not required.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The minimum average width of a quail and upland bird habitat buffer is 30 feet, with a maximum average width of 120 feet. Buffers will be established to the extent needed to support the

--targeted species, general resource needs, and participant objectives, but generally will be located around the entire perimeter of the field, or at a minimum, in areas where runoff enters or leaves the field. Within the minimum and maximum widths above, quail and upland bird habitat buffer widths will be designed to conform to minimum field application setback width for manure or--* chemicals established by State or local regulations. Pivot corners of any size may be enrolled as CP33.

Note: The CP33 buffer is eligible to be enrolled on 1 side of the field if enrolling CP33 on cropland adjacent to an organic farming operation. The entire perimeter of the field is not required.

--CP33 buffers will be installed on the field edges (around the perimeter) or pivot corners of a--* cropped field. See Figure 1. Limitations include:

- travel lanes will not be enrolled and **must** be wide enough to allow for normal access of farm machinery to the field
- buffers must not be used as turn rows, roads, or for storage of crops or equipment
- whole fields will not be enrolled:
 - --fields less than 5 acres must not be enrolled in this practice--*
 - infeasible to farm does not apply to CP33

Note: Pivot corners may be less than 5 acres.

- alfalfa fields used for pasture or for hay and marginal pastureland do not qualify for enrollment

Note: Alfalfa is considered a crop for CP33 purposes only if it is in a rotation according to paragraph 151.

- CP33 buffers must not be 'stacked' with other CRP grass practices on the same land ownership unit.

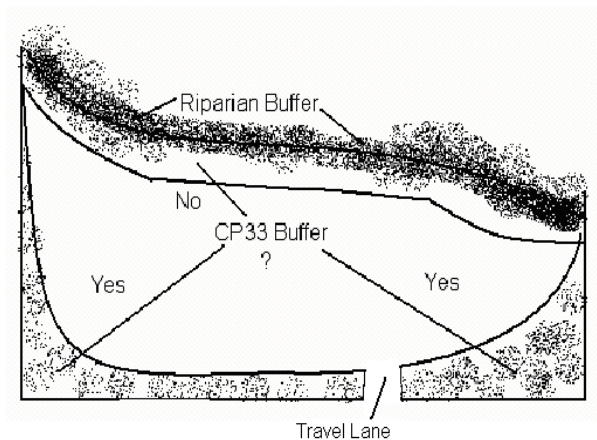
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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

- Individual center pivot ‘corners’ may be enrolled.

Examples:



1. If a field already has a riparian buffer, this practice may be installed on the remaining sides of the field, but not adjacent to the established riparian buffer or other CRP practices.
2. If a field already has a native grass filter strip, this practice may be installed on the remaining sides of the field, but not adjacent to the established filter strip. If the existing practice is trees (windbreak, shelterbelt, hedgerow, or riparian buffer), this practice can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Figure 1

If 2 or more of the corners are connected by a buffer along the edge of the field (Figure 2, B) and if the buffer meets the dimensions set forth in the CP33 practice criteria, then center pivot corners may be enrolled as part of the CP33 buffer. Pivot corners with or without connecting buffers may also be enrolled as CP33 (Figure 2, A).

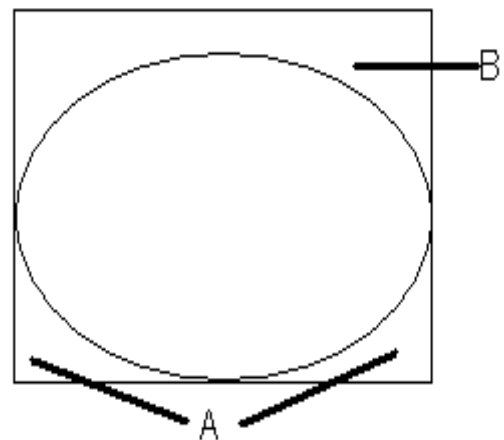


Figure 2

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- primarily improve, enhance, or create quail and upland bird habitat to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of quail and upland bird habitat from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment.

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

If the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that a soil condition will not allow establishing a natural successional cover within 1 growing season • needed until selected seed or plant stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed 	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 386, 390, 394, 550, 645, and 647.
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of a stream bank.	
site preparation	specified in the approved conservation plan	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

If the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seed or plant stock, including shrubs/trees. C/S for shrubs/trees up to 10 percent of the approved practice. Important: Native species are encouraged.	specified in the approved conservation plan, best suited for the targeted species	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 386, 390, 394 550, 595, 645, and 647.
buffer boundary marker	specified in the approved conservation plan	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow	
clean tilling	specified in the approved conservation	
herbicide	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticide		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization	to enhance production	
mineral or nutrient		

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded acreage must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1 * * *.
- ***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*
- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve wildlife habitat and environmental benefits.
- Trees and shrubs will not exceed 10 percent coverage of the buffers. Shrubs and trees selected **must** provide optimal quail habitat and/or emergency benefits. Shrubs planted for wildlife berries/fruit and trees planted for wildlife fruit/nuts are acceptable if suited to the site.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The habitat buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.
- Buffers must not be used as turn rows, roads, or for storage of crops or equipment.
- ***--Seeding, if it occurs at all, must occur at much lighter rates than for CRP practices aimed at soil conservation and water quality enhancement.** CP33-enrolled acres must be lightly--* seeded and may even be allowed to regenerate by natural succession without additional seeding, provided that NRCS or a Technical Service Provider certifies adequate seed source for natural regeneration.
- If natural regeneration fails, the producer is responsible for seeding the buffers to meet the intent of the practice.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Desirable vegetation may be propagated through light disking, and may be maintained through light disking every two to three years over the life of the contract.
- Spot application of herbicide may be needed to control undesirable plants.
- Native grass, but does not eliminate beneficial introduced legumes, although the inclusion of native forbs/legumes is encouraged. Alfalfa and clover may be part of the seeding mix.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the upland habitat practice.

I Practice Maintenance

This practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate upland quail and upland bird habitat and environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)****CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)****J Management Activity**

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. For quail and upland bird buffers, the buffers must be disturbed on a rotational basis by light disking, prescribed burning, selective herbicide application, or other prescribed methods as approved to set back vegetative succession and woody encroachment, and to expose food seeds. Mowing is an inadequate means of disturbance for quail habitat, except as need to facilitate prescribed burning or light disking. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment

A Purpose

The primary purpose of CP36 is to re-establish longleaf pine stands at densities that benefit wildlife species and protect water quality.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of longleaf pine that benefits wildlife and protects water quality.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and be located in:

- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia
- the Longleaf Pine National CRP CPA (Exhibit 18).

CP36 may be enrolled on a continuous basis provided the following conditions are met:

- the offered acreage is on cropland and meets the eligibility requirement in paragraph 151
- the site is within the Longleaf Pine National CRP CPA (Exhibit 18)
- the site is suitable for longleaf pine planting (soils and other site conditions)
- the practice is needed and feasible

Note: The suitability of a soil for CP36 establishment may be determined by looking up that soil's "Long Leaf Pine Suitability Indicator" in FSA's Soil Database Management System. The Soil Database Management System may be accessed from FSA's Intranet Application Page.

- the cumulative acres for all CP36 acreage enrolled in the State does **not** exceed the State's allocation (subparagraph 5 A).

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National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment (Continued)

C Size Requirements

This practice will be determined in consultation between NRCS or TSP and the participant.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- reduce the loading of nutrients, sediment and other pollutants from incoming waters
- improve surface and ground water quality
- prevent excessive erosion from recurring
- provide waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
- reduce flood flows.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for CP36.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	authorized using technical practice codes
Seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394,
herbicides and insecticides	specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and to control invasive species (such as cogongrass) must be included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	490, 548, 550, 612, 645, and 647.
Tree thinning (pre-commercial)		authorized using technical practiced code 666.
Fencing		not authorized.
Temporary cover		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
minerals and nutrients	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees or enhance production	
clean-tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine – Establishment (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for CP36.

- Plantings **must** be protected from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must **not** include fertilizers and **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.
- The producer **must** control all noxious and invasive plants during the life of CRP-1.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

Planting after CRP-1 is approved by COC or CED must be completed by the end of the next normal planting period unless the producer can provide acceptable documentation that seed or tree stock is **not** available.

Note: Herbicide residue related on some former cotton and peanut fields has reduced planting success for some longleaf pine planting.

Based on the recommendations provided by TSP, COC may allow the field to lay fallow during the first year of CRP-1 to reduce herbicide carryover.

--TSP may recommend that permanent cover must be established during the first 2 years of-- CRP-1 according to paragraph 426. A 1-year extension of the 2-year planting requirement may be allowed by COC if there is justification of the need for an extension.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about CP36 specifications.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

CP36 must be maintained **without** additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1 unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

SED must consult with the State Technical Committee about options for required mid-contract management activities. These options may include prescribed burning, selective herbicide application, or other measure as appropriate to set back vegetative succession and woody encroachment. Management activities will be used to maintain proper understory vegetative structure and composition.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

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 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

M Density

The planting density for longleaf pine must be a minimum of 400 trees per acre to a maximum of 600 trees per acre. The exact number of trees will be based on the recommendation by TSP based on the unique site conditions that will provide significant wildlife benefits. Foresters must consider ensuring sufficient ground cover that will provide:

- wildlife benefits
- a fuel source for fire.

State Technical Committees, along with FS and State foresters, must be consulted in developing the site-by-site criteria used to develop planting density requirements.

N Understory Regeneration

Natural regeneration may be allowed if **all** the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved understory species is present in the soil at the site
 - under normal conditions, the appropriate understory cover will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other nonapproved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- COC or CED must **not** approve CRP-1 until all of the requirements are met
- COC will ensure that the producer is fully informed that:
 - no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration
 - if the approved cover is not established within 2 years of the CRP-1 effective date, the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S
 - as with all CRP-1's, the control of **all** weeds, including noxious weeds, insects, and pests is a CRP participant contracted obligation

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 National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

N Understory Regeneration (Continued)

- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires all of the following:
 - the producer will plant the approved cover at **no** cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the practice is **not** established through natural regeneration or planting within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
 - NRCS or TSP must spot check the site at the end of the 2nd year to determine whether the practice is established and meets the standards and specifications for NRCS conservation practice codes
 - weed control.

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify COC and the participant:

- the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with **no** C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

For understory vegetation, native cover established through natural regeneration may suffice for ~~temporary~~ cover. Technical determination on natural regeneration must be made by the ~~technical~~ agency responsible for development of the conservation plan, or if understory vegetation is to enhance, seeding commercially available native seed may supplement natural regeneration.

STC's **must** develop natural regeneration requirements in consultation with the State Technical Committee. STC's will work with the State Technical Committee to determine which native warm season grasses are appropriate for their State. If natural regeneration does **not** occur in the given 2-year time period, the producer will be **required** to establish native warm season grasses as specified by the State Technical Committee standards.

Wiregrass or other appropriate native warm season grasses providing similar benefits will be established to provide:

- wildlife benefits
- fuel for prescribed burns.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat

A Purpose

This practice is to enhance duck nesting habitat on the most duck-productive areas of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem will be determined by the producer in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of duck nesting habitat.

Eligible cropland requirements in subparagraph 181 A **must** be met, in addition:

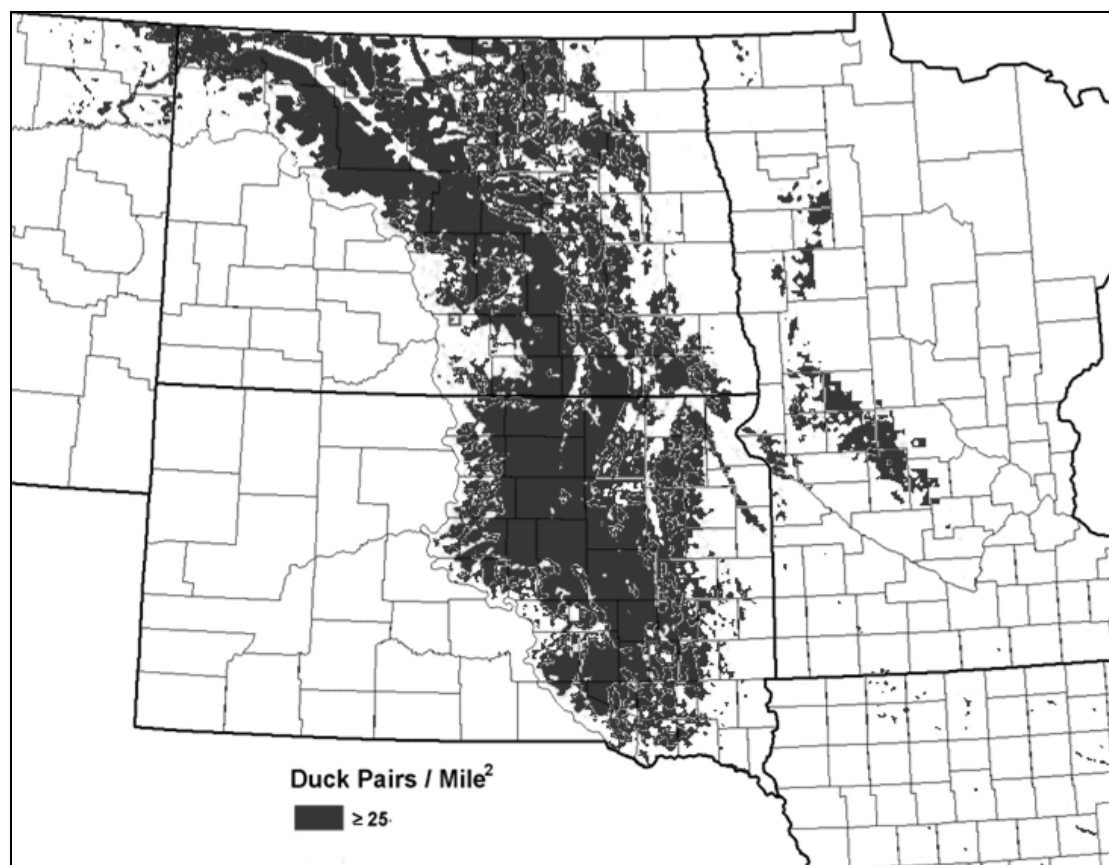
- areas designated by FWS as having dense populations of duck pairs (greater than or equal to 25 breeding pairs per square mile)
- located outside the 100-year floodplain.

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CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Note: The following map provides general areas that meet the density requirement.



The land **must** be suitable and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is **only** required to the extent specified by the producer.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Cropland that is associated to noncropped wetlands may be enrolled as part of the buffer for CP37. Noncropped wetland acreage is limited to the designated wetland area as determined by NRCS or TSP. Cropland immediately adjacent to noncropped wetlands that does **not** meet cropping history **must not** be included as part of either of the following:

- wetland acreage used to calculate the buffer acreage
- CRP-1.

The total cropland acreage associated to the noncropped wetland plus the upland buffer acreage associated to the farmed or cropped wetland must **not** exceed a 10:1 buffer to wetland ratio. The noncropped wetland acreage will be used to calculate the total wetland acres when determining the maximum buffer for CP37.

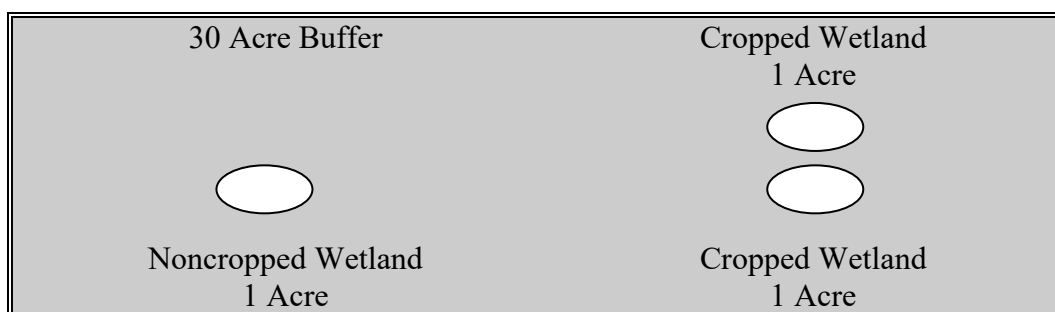
Note: Noncropped wetlands are **not** eligible for enrollment into practice CP37.

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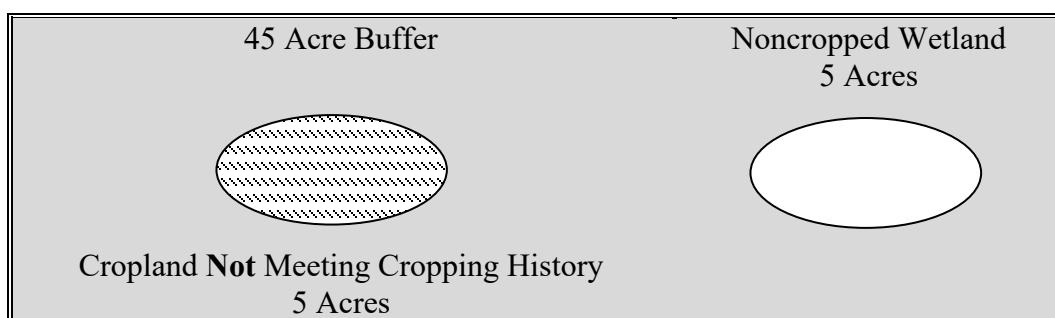
B Program Policy (Continued)

Example 1: The offered acreage is located in an area that has a breeding duck potential of greater than 25 breeding pairs per square mile. The offered acreage has 2 acres of cropped wetlands and 1 acre of noncropped wetlands. The maximum amount of upland buffer that may be enrolled is 30 acres (3 acres of wetlands times a 10-acre buffer).



Example 2: The offered acreage is located in an area that has a breeding duck potential of greater than 25 breeding pairs per square mile. The offered acreage has 5 acres of noncropped wetlands. Five acres of cropland immediately adjacent to the noncropped wetland does **not** meet the cropping history and is **not** part of the noncropped wetland acreage. The maximum amount of upland buffer that may be enrolled is 45 acres (5 acres of wetland times a 10-acre buffer minus 5 acres for the cropland not meeting cropping history).

Note: The cropland **not** meeting cropping history is **not** eligible for enrollment in CP37, but **must** be included as part of the conservation plan.



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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

C Size Requirements

The amount of adjacent upland acreage to be enrolled must be determined by FSA and NRCS or TSP. In areas designated by FWS as having greater than or equal to 25 duck pairs per square mile, the buffer to wetland acre ratio **must** be a:

- minimum of 4 to 1
- maximum 10 to 1.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practices codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 644, 645, 647, 657, 658, and 659.
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	

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CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	authorized using technical practices codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394 512, 550, 587, 612, 644, 645, 647, 657, 658, and 659.
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must **not** be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration must be determined by the producer in consultation with FSA and NRCS or TSP.

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- The practice will have periodic mid-contract management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

This practice will have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP38A Buffers

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38A to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38B Wetlands

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38B to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38C Trees

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38C to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38D Longleaf Pine

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38D to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38E Grass

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38E to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to develop a constructed wetland to treat effluent from surface and subsurface flow from row crop agricultural production. The constructed wetland system is designed to reduce nutrient and sediment loading and provide other water quality benefits while providing wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located on land in which a minimum of 25 percent of the upstream watershed is comprised of row crop agricultural drained land.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A and site suitability will be dependent on:

- soils
- geology of the site (sites may be limited because of karst formation and other geologic features)
- topography (steep slopes or flat topography may present challenges in ensuring sufficient wetland are to provide adequate treatment)
- legal requirements including with drainage districts
- ownership requirements (owner controls the land area of the wetland and associated buffer)
- safety issues (the site does **not** provide a significant risk to public safety or property because of structure failure)
- due diligence investigation.

C Size Requirements

The maximum size for the wetland and associated buffers is 40 acres per tract. A buffer is required for the constructed wetland.

The amount of adjacent upland (buffer) acreage to be enrolled must:

- be determined by NRCS
- not be less than the 2:1 ratio
- not exceed the 4:1 ratio.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- reduce the loading of nutrients, sediment and other pollutants from incoming waters
- improve surface and ground water quality
- prevent excessive erosion from recurring
- provide waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
- reduce flood flows.

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop a constructed wetland or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 656, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	<p>for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	authorized.
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	
breaking tile	restore natural water flow	
concrete	to construct weirs or channels needed to develop the constructed wetland	
structures, like pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS or TSP	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	authorized.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop the constructed wetland or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits. COC may request to DAFP C/S in excess of the minimum work and materials necessary on a case by case basis.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- The hydrology of the constructed wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice. FSA must conduct a site investigation before *--approving CPR-1 on a constructed wetland. This investigation is to determine whether potential hazardous materials may be associated with the site. Potential impacts to historic/cultural resources and threatened and endangered species must be evaluated. Appropriate regulatory agencies must be consulted with in this process.--*

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP39 FWP Constructed Wetland (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S must be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore habitat or the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture. The level of restoration of the wetland ecosystem must be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located and adapted to the development or restoration of land devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture to do the following:

- restore habitat or the functions and values of the wetland ecosystem
- provide water cover for wildlife habitat

Note: The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer.

Eligible cropland must meet the requirements in subparagraph 181 A.

If the land is developed to provide water cover for wildlife habitat, the water area must be an average depth of 6 to 18 inches. The water area must provide a source of water for wildlife for a majority of the year.

Note: Water cover is limited to 20 percent of the total enrolled acreage.

Food plots may be permitted to enhance the wildlife habitat on up to 10 percent of the enrolled land.

All levees must be planted to appropriate vegetative or tree cover if enrolled as part of the *--CRP-1. Levees used as access roads will not be part of the CRP-1.--*

Total eligible land for wetland restorations is limited to land that was devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture any 1 year, 2002 through 2007.

C Size Requirements

Land enrolled under CP40 has no size limitation.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland ecosystem to a level determined by the participant in consultation with NRCS or TSP, including the following:
 - preventing degradation of the wetland area and surrounding upland area from recurring
 - increasing sediment trapping efficiencies
 - improving surface and ground water quality
 - preventing excessive erosion from recurring
 - providing waterfowl and other wildlife habitat
 - reducing flood flows.

E C/S Policy

The following provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	<p>to smooth the levee to the extent levees needed to develop the habitat or restore the hydrology of the site or provide cover for wildlife habitat</p> <p>Note: Levees may be shaped and smoothed to no flatter than a 6:1 slope.</p>	<p>authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.</p>

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seeding for grassland ecosystem	<p>for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent native grass species • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	<p>authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.</p>
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	<p>for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishment of permanent introduced grasses and legumes and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	<p>authorized.</p>

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, like chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control devices, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer.	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where use of such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 490.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
minerals, nutrient, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain cover or enhance production	
grading, shaping, filling		
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding	for use with natural regeneration	
minerals and nutrients		
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland ecosystem must be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.

Note: The level of restoration shall be determined by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover shall be completed within 24 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance (Continued)

- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP. Except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the aquaculture wetland if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species is present in the soil at the site
 - under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP40 Farmable Wetlands Program Aquaculture Wetland Restoration (Continued)

M Natural Regeneration (Continued)

- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other nonapproved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- ☐ the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:

- **no** C/S shall be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the aquaculture wetland is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration
- NRCS or TSP shall spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the aquaculture wetland is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer

Note: FSA must immediately notify COC and the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant must plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

COC or CED shall **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC shall ensure that the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of the CRP-1 effective date.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetlands that have been subject to the natural overflow of a prairie wetland. Hydrology and vegetation **must** be restored to the maximum extent possible, as determined by USDA.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland that is suitably located in the Prairie Pothole CPA and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of the wetland hydrology and vegetation is required to the maximum extent possible.

For cropland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP under FWP and be devoted to CP41, all of the following **must** be met:

- cropland meets cropping history requirements of paragraph 246
- the cropland was subject to the natural overflow of a prairie wetland
- an associated buffer (CP28) is offered.

C Size Requirements

The maximum acceptable size of any one CP41 is 20 contiguous acres. Wetlands greater than 20 acres in size are not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP as practice CP41. The total of all wetlands on the tract is limited to 40 acres. Associated buffers (CP28) are required for each CP41 enrolled. The minimum acceptable width of the associated buffer (CP28) is 30 feet. The maximum buffer size may not exceed up to 4 times the size of the eligible wetland. See CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer, for the practice requirements for the associated buffer.

Examples: A producer offers a 21-acre wetland. Because the total wetland is greater than 20 acres in size, the entire 21-acre wetland is ineligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP as CP41.

A producer offers a 10-acre wetland, a 14-acre wetland and a 16-acre wetland for enrollment as CP41. Because no wetland is greater than 20 acres in size and the total of all wetlands is 40 acres, all wetlands may be enrolled as CP41. A buffer, not to exceed a 4:1 ratio, must also be enrolled.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- only be enrolled under FWP
- only be enrolled with an eligible associated buffer (CP28)
- meet the cropping history requirements
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland.

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized using technical practice codes
eligible seed and seeding	for soils that are developed under a wetland ecosystem and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing permanent native grass species • establishing permanent introduced grasses, forbs, and legumes, trees, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to restore the functions and values of the wetland • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelines		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

***--Exceptions:** Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- The wetland shall be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.
- Chemicals used in establishing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
- The hydrology of the wetland **must** be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.

G Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved permanent cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland (Continued)

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency will have the technical responsibility.

M Associated Practice

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish habitat to support a diversity of pollinator species. Secondary benefits may include increasing conservation benefits associated with organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland where pollinator habitat can be established and maintained, as determined by NRCS technical specifications, in a cost-effective manner through enrollment in CRP.

The conservation plan developed for acreage under CRP-1 devoted to CP42 **must** address pollinator habitat needs.

C Size Requirements

--For continuous CRP signup enrollment:--

- acres devoted to CP42 are limited to 10 acres per tract not to exceed 10 percent of the cropland acres of the farm

Note: Farm reconstitutions for the purpose of increasing CP42 acres are not authorized.

- block plantings of CP42 are preferred over strips; if planted in strips, each strip must be a minimum of 20 feet wide
- habitat areas of CP42 must be at least 0.50 acres each.

--For general CRP signup enrollment:--

- block plantings of CP42 are preferred over strips; if planted in strips, each strip must be a minimum of 20 feet wide
- habitat areas of CP42 must be at least 0.50 acres each.

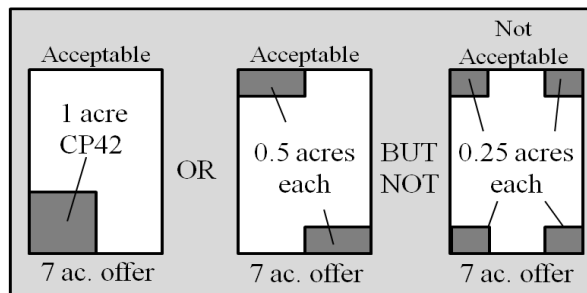
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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

The following is an example of the 0.50-acre minimum requirement, which applies to both
 --continuous and general CRP signup enrollment.--

Example: Participant B offers 7 acres, including 1 acre of CP42. Individual habitat areas of CP42 must be no smaller than 0.50 acres.



D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- create pollinator habitat to an acceptable level
- prevent degradation of pollinator habitat from recurring after establishment
- be maintained for the contract period
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring after establishment
- control soil erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following contains C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 386, 390, 394, 420, 612, 645, and 647.
minerals		
eligible seed or plant stock, including shrubs	substantiated as needed by COC, and specified in the approved conservation plan to benefit targeted pollinator species	
Important: Native flowering species are encouraged.		
habitat boundary marker	specified in the approved conservation plan	
seeding, including approved shrubs	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
brush piles, edge feathering, or similar methods	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to provide nesting habitat for pollinators and other environmental benefits	
Important: Limited to woody materials on CP42 acres only.		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specifications needed until required seeds or plant stock is availableneeded because normal planting period for the species has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes		
fencing or roads		
minerals	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- This practice may be used with other conservation practices
- Seeding mixes must contain a minimum of 9 species of pollinator-friendly wildflowers, legumes, and/or shrubs. More than 9 species are encouraged. Trees are not an eligible component of CP42 seed mixes.

Exception: States with arid areas may submit alternative standards.

- At least 3 species must have their primary onset of blooming during each period of Early, Mid, and Late Season from approximately March through October. Bloom periods of early, mid and late season will be determined by each State based on their growing season and the foraging needs of pollinators. The 3 species need not be in bloom for the entirety of a bloom period.

Exception: States with arid areas may submit alternative standards.

- STC's may propose alternatives to species diversity and bloom period standard for arid areas only. Alternative standards must receive DAFP approval.
- Seeding mixes must include no more than 50 percent native grasses based on pure live seeds per square foot. Grass is not required in CP42.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Seeding rates will be no less than 20 pure live seeds per square foot, including grass and forbs. NRCS will design seeding plans according to practice requirements in the NRCS FOTG and State-developed policies.
- Grasses seeded in this practice must be native. Though wildflower, legume, and/or shrub species planted are encouraged to be native, beneficial introduced flowering plants (e.g., alfalfa and clover) may be part of the seeding mix. Each introduced species is encouraged to make up no more than 10 percent of the pure live seed mixture with a total of introduced flowering plants encouraged to not exceed 20 percent of the pure live seed mixture.
- To provide quality nesting habitat for native bees, non-sod forming bunch grasses are preferred over sod-forming grasses, if including grass in the seeding mix.
- *--The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.
- If included in the approved conservation plan and where allowed by NRCS FOTG, brush piles, downed tree structures, edge feathering, or similar methods may be used to create dead woody material for pollinator nesting habitat. No trees may be enrolled in CP42 Pollinator Habitat. Edge feathering may be included in a conservation plan where a forested edge or treeline owned by the participant abuts CP42 and edge feathering material can be dropped on to CP42. Woody habitat created on CP42 must not exceed 1,500 square feet for every 1 acre of CP42, up to 1 acre in total woody habitat.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP42 Pollinator Habitat (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Spot application of herbicide may be needed to control undesirable plants.
- Where practicable, as determined by NRCS or TSP, State-certified seed must be used for CP42.

The practice length for CP42 is 10 years for general or continuous enrollment.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover must be completed within 12 months of the effective start date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Preserving and improving pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other environmental concerns, including impacts to organic farming operations, must be considered when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the contract period. C/S will be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the contract period
- cover fails to provide adequate pollinator habitat and environmental benefits during the contract period, unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips

A Purpose

Establish strips of diverse, dense, herbaceous, predominately native perennial vegetation designed and positioned on the landscape to most effectively address soil erosion and water quality while providing food and cover for wildlife and beneficial insects. The primary purpose of prairie strips is to reduce soil erosion and pollution transport to protect water quality by intercepting surface and subsurface water flow to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes. The secondary purpose is to provide wildlife and beneficial insect habitat by establishing diverse plant communities.

B Program Policy

For cropland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP CP43 prairie strips, all the requirements in subparagraph 181 A must be met.

NRCS or TSP conservation planner will consider the producers conservation objectives and production system to determine appropriate locations and sizes of prairie strips to reduce soil erosion and reduce the transport of pollutants to water bodies. Prairie strips may be placed:

- around the perimeter or portions of the perimeter of a field
- through the field
- parallel and/or perpendicular to existing grassed waterways if the conservation planner determines that effective filtering will take place in such a location

Note: CP43, Prairie Strips, must not be “stacked” with other CRP grass practices on the same land ownership unit.

- in a gradient or level terrace channel, diversion channel or storage area of a water and sediment control basin to intercept water runoff before infiltration or entering an outlet, if determined necessary for filtering.

Pivot corners of any size may be enrolled as prairie strips if needed to reduce soil erosion or provide water filtering.

Important: Prairie strips are not eligible to be installed on constructed terraces but may be placed in the channel of a gradient or level terrace. Prairie strips may be used in conjunction with terraces as an overall conservation management system (prairie strip installed between terraces or in a terrace channel) if needed to control erosion and filter runoff on eligible cropland.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

When designing prairie strips through the field to land greater or equal than 5 percent slope the row grade requirements for sheet and rill erosion control and nutrient transport in NRCS practice standard 332 contour grass strip must be applied.

Design seed mixes to control soil erosion and reduce the transport of pollutants while also incorporating plant diversity for wildlife and beneficial insects. Seed mix criteria:

- include grass and forb species to provide active plant growth and flowering throughout the growing season

Note: If possible, 2 flowering species in each growing season and a minimum of 10 flowering plants.

- maximize forb diversity as much as possible
- introduced grass species are not allowed

Note: Introduced forb species are only allowed if regional supply is limited or soil erosion and water quality benefits will be compromised with the use of native species.

- design seed mixes to balance grass and forb amounts to provide a stable plant community. Include minimum rates for dominant competitive species. Reference regional or State ecological site descriptions, wildlife habitat planting and beneficial insect guidance to design seed mixes.

Limited machinery traffic is allowed on prairie strips located on the perimeter of a field to replace end rows/turn rows and prairie strips located parallel and immediately adjacent to grass waterways to allow for contour farming that requires equipment traffic through the waterway area. Limitations include:

- machinery traffic is allowed on prairie strips planted as field borders and may only be used for equipment turning during normal field operations and not as travel lanes

**(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)**

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- prairie strips parallel and adjacent to grass waterways may only be crossed with machinery during normal farming operations and not used as travel lanes

Note: In no case will prairie strips be used as travel lanes.

- prairie strips shall not be used for storage of crops or equipment.

C Size Requirements

Prairie strips requirements:

- the minimum acceptable width of a prairie strip is 30 feet
- the maximum width of a prairie strip is up to an average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice
- prairie strips may not exceed 25 percent of the cropland area per tract
- the width of an individual prairie strip may vary to accomplish the purpose of the practice and/or accommodate farming operations.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- be required by the approved conservation plan
- meet the cropland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 181 A
- improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
- meet the purpose of the practice
- be maintained for the CRP-1 period
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the conservation plan as designed by the conservation planner.	authorized using technical practice codes, 315, 327, 332, 386, 390, 393, 394, 472, 643, 645, and 647.
eligible seed		
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specificationsneeded until required seed or plant stock is availableneeded because normal planting period for the species has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of cover immediately	
boundary markers	specified in the approved conservation plan	not authorized.
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the prairie strip	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
minerals	to enhance production	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- *--The seeded area must not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.

Exceptions: Emergency and non-emergency haying/grazing if authorized and included in the conservation plan. See Part 19.--*

- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- A management activity is required for each practice, if needed.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See paragraph 426 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Must be for the primary purpose to reduce soil erosion and protect water quality. The secondary purpose is to provide wildlife and beneficial insect habitat by establishing diverse plant communities.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP43 Prairie Strips (Continued)

I Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the CRP-1 period. C/S shall be refunded if:

- producer destroys the cover during the CRP-1 period
- cover fails to provide enhancement of environmental benefits during the practice lifespan unless caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

A management activity is required for each practice, if needed. See paragraph 428.

C/S is not authorized for management activities.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to NRCS or TSP. Conservation plan will include requirements such as seedbed preparation, seeding dates, eligible seed, etc., that are conditions for C/S for the practice.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP87 Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes (CP87 Eligible To Be Offered for SU200 and SU201 Only)

A Program Policy

*--Apply CP87 to maintain existing permanent introduced grasses and legumes on eligible grassland CRP. Beginning with grassland CRP SU202, CP87 is **no** longer available for new offers.--*

For offers submitted before SU202, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, if a permanent introduced grasses and legumes eligible for the applicable signup is already established
- not under CRP-1, with a permanent introduced grasses and legumes that was already established for the applicable signup period.

C/S is authorized for offers accepted before SU202:

- water developments as a component of CP87
- fencing as a component of CP87
- access control as a component of CP87.

Technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614 may be used with CP87.

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to maintain existing vegetative cover of either introduced or native grasses and legumes on eligible grassland.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to maintain existing permanent introduced or native grasses and legumes on

--eligible grassland CRP. NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit, that the grassland is suitable to be hayed or grazed according to the conservation plan.--

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

C Size Requirements

There are no size requirements for CP88.

D Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice must:

- promote common grazing related activities
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be included and required in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- prevent breaking of native sod.

E C/S Policy

The following shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
permanent fence (internal)	internal fencing needed to facilitate a livestock grazing system Important:* --A single strand electric fence is not a permanent fence for grassland CRP.--*	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614.
access control	needed to control access to an area to maintain the quantity and quality of natural resources, or seasonal or permanent livestock exclusion Example: Gates between rotational grazing paddocks.	authorized.
ponds, wells, spring developments, pipelines, and water facilities	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC must only approve the minimum number of water sources needed.	

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fuel break	to control and reduce the risk of the spread of fire by treating, removing, or modifying vegetation, debris, and detritus	authorized.
trails and walkways	to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide or improve access to forage, water, working/handling facilities, and/or shelter • improve grazing efficiency and distribution • protect ecologically sensitive, erosive, and/or potentially erosive sites 	
prescribed burning	to improve plant production quantity and/or quality by managing fuel loads to achieve desired conditions	
corrals, feedlots, ornamental fences, holding pens, and cattle guards, boundary fence		not authorized.

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Limit C/S to the minimum level of treatment necessary to support common grazing practices.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88 Permanent Grasses and Legumes (Continued)

F Practice Requirements (Continued)

- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests must be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- Haying, mowing, or harvesting for seed production must be subject to appropriate restrictions for species identified by STC focus areas.

G Practice Management

If the producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1 or failure is caused by the producer, if COC terminates, the producer must refund all annual rental payments, C/S payments, interest, and liquidated damages according to paragraph 574.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider wildlife and other environmental concerns, especially federally threatened or endangered species and critical habitat, when establishing protective measures.

I Practice Maintenance

The practice must be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1. C/S must be refunded according to paragraph 571 if either of the following applies:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- failure is **not** caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

J Management Activity

The practice has no required management activities as required in paragraph 428.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County programs must provide the requirements that are conditions for C/S.
- STC may establish these requirements.

J Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice is assigned to NRCS or TSP.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP87A Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes – Livestock (CP87A Eligible To Be Offered for SU200 and SU201 Only)

A Program Policy

Apply CP87A to maintain existing permanent introduced grasses and legumes – livestock on *--eligible grassland CRP. Beginning with grassland CRP SU202, CP87A is **no** longer available for new offers.--*

For offers submitted before SU202, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, if a permanent introduced grasses and legumes – livestock was an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1 and is already established
- not under CRP-1, with a permanent introduced grasses and legumes – livestock was an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1 and is already established.

C/S is authorized for offers accepted before SU202:

- pollinator habitat as a component of CP87A
- water developments as a component of CP87A
- fencing as a component of CP87A
- access control as a component of CP87A.

Technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614 may be used with CP87A.

(Par. 31, 34, 66, 171, 181, 184, 211, 237, 262, 270, 366, 426, 428, 429, 490, 511, 512, 932, Ex. 26)
National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP88A Permanent Native Grasses and Legumes – Livestock (CP88A Eligible To Be Offered for SU200 and SU201 Only)

A Program Policy

Apply CP88A to maintain existing permanent native grasses and legumes – livestock on eligible
 * --grassland CRP. Beginning with grassland CRP SU202, CP88A is **no** longer available for new
 offers.--*

For offers submitted before SU202, this practice code is used to identify land:

- under CRP-1, a permanent native grasses and legumes with an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1.
- not under CRP-1, a permanent introduced grasses and legumes with an eligible small-scale livestock as certified on CRP-2G-1.

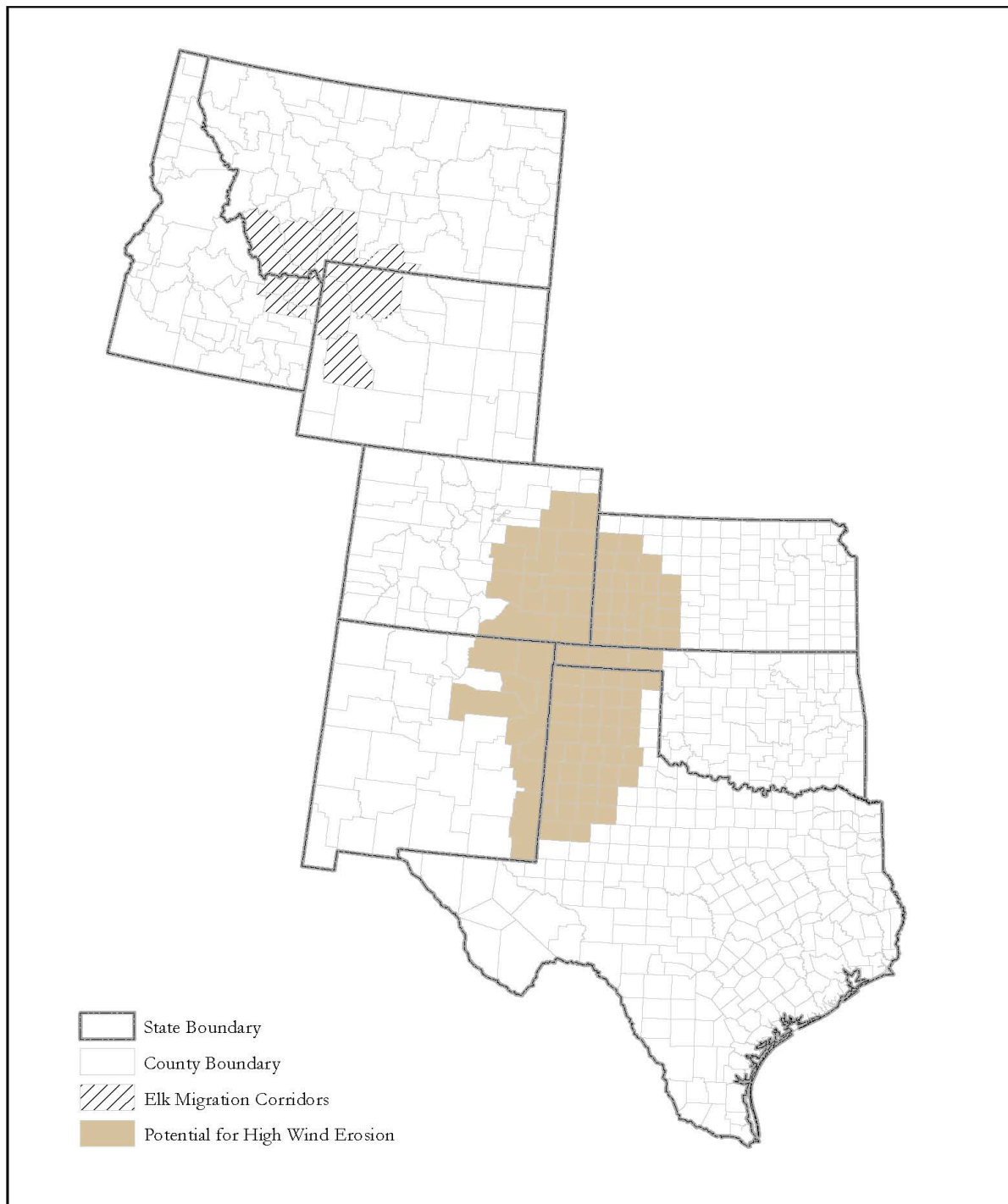
C/S is authorized for offers accepted before SU202:

- pollinator habitat as a component of CP88A
- water developments as a component of CP88A
- fencing as a component of CP88A
- access control as a component of CP88A.

Technical practice codes 314, 315, 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614 may be used with CP88A.

Grassland CRP National Priority Zone

GRASSLAND CRP NATIONAL PRIORITY ZONES



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CRP Signup Periods

The following provides the number and dates of CRP signup periods by program year.

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
1	3-3-86 through 3-14-86	1986
2	5-5-86 through 5-16-86	1986 and 1987
3	8-4-86 through 8-15-86	1986 and 1987
4	2-9-87 through 2-27-87	1987 and 1988
5	7-20-87 through 7-31-87	1987 and 1988
6	2-1-88 through 2-19-88	1988 and 1989
7	7-18-88 through 8-31-88	1988 and 1989
8	2-6-89 through 2-24-89	1989 and 1990
9	7-17-89 through 8-4-89	1989 and 1990
10	3-4-91 through 3-15-91	1991
11	7-8-91 through 7-19-91	1992
12	6-15-92 through 6-26-92	1993
13	9-11-95 through 9-22-95	1996 and 1997
14 *	9-3-96 through 9-30-97	1997 and 1998
15	3-3-97 through 3-28-97	1998 and 1999 <u>1/</u>
16	10-14-97 through 11-14-97	1998 and 1999 <u>2/ 3/</u>
17 *	10-1-97 through 9-30-98	1998 and 1999
18	10-26-98 through 12-11-98	2000
19 *	10-1-98 through 9-30-99	1999 and 2000
20	1-18-2000 through 2-11-2000	2001
21 *	10-1-99 through 4-6-2000	2000 and 2001
22 *	4-6-2000 through 9-30-2000	2000 and 2001
23 *	10-1-2000 through 9-30-2001	2001 and 2002
24 *	10-1-2001 through 9-30-2002	2002 and 2003
25 *	10-1-2002 through 9-30-2003	2003 and 2004

* Denotes continuous signup numbers.

- 1/ Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that expires September 30, 1997, is eligible to be offered for enrollment only with a program year of 1998. See paragraph 151.
- 2/ Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that expires September 30, 1998, is eligible to be offered for enrollment only with a program year of 1999. See paragraph 151.
- 3/ Acreage previously enrolled in CRP that expired September 30, 1997, is eligible to be offered for enrollment with a program year of 1998 or 1999. See paragraph 402.

CRP Signup Periods (Continued)

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
26	5-5-2003 through 6-13-2003	2004 and 2005
27 *	5-5-2003 through 9-30-2003	2003 and 2004
28 *	10-1-2003 through 9-30-2004	2004 and 2005
29	8-30-2004 through 9-24-2004	2006 and 2007
30 *	10-1-2004 through 9-30-2005	2005 and 2006
31 *	10-1-2005 through 9-30-2006	2006 and 2007
32 **	2-1-2006 through 12-31-2006	2008 through 2011
33	3-27-2006 through 4-28-2006	2007
34 *	7-17-2006 through 10-20-2006	2007 and 2008
35 *	10-1-2006 through 9-30-2007	2007 and 2008
36 *	10-1-2007 through 9-30-2008	2008 and 2009
37 *	10-1-2008 through 9-30-2009	2009 and 2010
38 *	10-1-2009 through 9-30-2010	2010 and 2011
39	8-2-2010 through 8-27-2010	2011
40 *	10-1-2010 through 9-30-2011	2011 and 2012
41	3-14-2011 through 4-15-2011	2012
42 *	10-1-2011 through 9-30-2012	2012 and 2013
43	3-12-2012 through 4-6-2012	2013
44 *	5-13-2013 through 9-30-2013	2013 and 2014
45	5-20-2013 through 6-14-2013	2014
46 *	10-1-2013 through 9-30-2014	2014 and 2015
47 *	10-1-2014 through 9-30-2015	2015 and 2016
48 *	10-1-2015 through 9-30-2016	2016 and 2017
49	12-1-2015 through 2-26-2016	2017
50 *	10-1-2016 through 9-30-2017	2017 and 2018
51 *	10-1-2017 through 9-30-2018	2018 and 2019
52 *	6-3-2019 through 8-23-2019	2020
53 *	12-9-2019 through 9-30-2020	2020 and 2021
54	12-9-2019 through 2-28-2020	2021
200	9-1-2015 through 6-1-2018	2016, 2017, or 2018
201	6-4-2018 through 9-30-2018	2019
202	3-16-2020 through 5-15-2020	2021
55	10-1-2020 through 9-30-2021	2021 and 2022
*--56	1-4-2021 through 7-23-2021	2022
203	7-12-2021 through 8-20-2021	2022
57	10-1-2021 through 9-30-2022	2022 and 2023
58	1-31-2022 through 3-11-2022	2023
204	4-4-2022 through 5-13-2022	2023--*

* Denotes continuous signup numbers.

** Denotes REX.

Note: See paragraph 171 for continuous signup number, dates, and program year information.

Completing CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract

A Completing CRP-1

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

CRP-1 is:

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

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

B Example of CRP-1

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

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CRP-1 (07-06-20)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation		1. ST. & CO. CODE & ADMIN. LOCATION XX-XXX		2. SIGN-UP NUMBER 54	
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT				3. CONTRACT NUMBER		4. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT 101.3	
5A. COUNTY FSA OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) Anywhere County FSA Office 123 Farmland Road Anywhere, USA XXXXX				6. TRACT NUMBER 2512		7. CONTRACT PERIOD FROM: (MM-DD-YYYY) 10-01-2020 TO: (MM-DD-YYYY) 09-30-2030	
5B. COUNTY FSA OFFICE PHONE NUMBER XXX-XXX-XXXX (Include Area Code):				8. SIGNUP TYPE: General			
<p><i>THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (referred to as "CCC") and the undersigned owners, operators, or tenants (referred to as "the Participant"). The Participant agrees to place the designated acreage into the Conservation Reserve Program ("CRP") or other use set by CCC for the stipulated contract period from the date the Contract is executed by the CCC. The Participant also agrees to implement on such designated acreage the Conservation Plan developed for such acreage and approved by the CCC and the Participant. Additionally, the Participant and CCC agree to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Contract, including the Appendix to this Contract, entitled Appendix to CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract (referred to as "Appendix"). By signing below, the Participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Appendix/Appendices for the applicable contract period. The terms and conditions of this contract are contained in this Form CRP-1 and in the CRP-1 Appendix and any addendum thereto. BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: CRP-1; CRP-1 Appendix and any addendum thereto; and, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2G, or CRP-2C30, as applicable.</i></p>							
9A. Rental Rate Per Acre \$ 42.00		10. Identification of CRP Land (See Page 2 for additional space)					
9B. Annual Contract Payment \$ 4254.60		A. Tract No.	B. Field No.	C. Practice No.	D. Acres	E. Total Estimated Cost-Share	
9C. First Year Payment \$		1201	1	CP2	101.2	\$5065.00	
(Item 9C is applicable only when the first year payment is prorated.)							
11. PARTICIPANTS (If more than three individuals are signing, see Page 3.)							
A(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) Allen Farmer 456 Farmland Road Anywhere, USA XXXXX		(2) SHARE 50 %	(3) SIGNATURE (By)		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN THE REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY		(5) DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 12-18-2019
B(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) Annie Farmer 456 Farmland Road Anywhere, USA XXXXX		(2) SHARE 50 %	(3) SIGNATURE (By)		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN THE REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY		(5) DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 12-18-2019
C(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)		(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (By)		(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN THE REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY		(5) DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
12. CCC USE ONLY		A. SIGNATURE OF CCC REPRESENTATIVE					B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 06-26-2020
<p>NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) and 7 CFR Part 1410. The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program.</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 16 U.S.C. 3846(b)(1). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</p> <p>In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.</p> <p>Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.</p> <p>To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.</p>							

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--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors--

1 Overview

A Ranking Process and Factor Scoring

The national grassland ranking process and offer size will be used to rank and prioritize offers
*--for enrollment into grassland CRP based on available acres under statutory acreage cap.

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

County Offices will review grassland CRP ranking factor scoring parameters with the* producers and encourage the planting of new or maintaining of existing cover types and conservation measures, if appropriate, that will provide higher environmental benefits.

--B Overview of the Grassland CRP 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 grasslands CRP, as follows.--

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

***--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)**

1 Overview (Continued)

C Overview of the Grassland CRP Ranking Factors--*

The following table illustrates the national grassland ranking factors.

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters																		
F1	30	Current use: <ul style="list-style-type: none">F1a if over 50 percent of offer is expiring CRP (0 to 20 points)•*--F1b if over 50 percent of offer is CP2 or CP10, CP25 cover (0 or 10 points).--*																		
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	F3a if eligible land is at the greatest risk from the threat of conversion to uses other than grassland (0, 2.5, 5, 7.5, or 10 points). F3b if over 50 percent of offer is in the national threat of conversion GIS layer (0 or 20 points). F3c if the offer is for a 15-year contract (0 or 5 points).																		
F4	30	Vegetation cover (0 to 30 points). F4 based on a weighted average of the following criteria. <table><tr><th>Practice</th><th>Assigned Point Score</th></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes</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">Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes</td></tr><tr><td>Monoculture stand.</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Existing stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>Existing stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.</td><td>30</td></tr></table>	Practice	Assigned Point Score	Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes		Monoculture stand.	5	Existing stand of 2 or more species of an introduced grass species.	10	Existing stand (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	20	Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes		Monoculture stand.	10	Existing stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.	20	Existing stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.	30
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***--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)**

1 Overview (Continued)

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

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters
F5	*--45	<p>Environmental factors (0 to 45 points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F5a if over 50 percent of offer is in the current general CRP signup wildlife zone (0 or 15 points) • F5b if over 50 percent of the offer is in the State grassland CRP zone (0 or 15 points) • F5c if over 50 percent of the offer is in the Grassland CRP National Priority Zone (0 to 15 points).
F6	10	If the producer certifies that they are eligible for the small scale livestock option on CRP-2G-1 (0 or 10 points).
F7	25	<p>Cost factors (0 to 25) F7 not to exceed 25 points where:</p> <p>* * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F7 if the offer is less than the maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).--*

2 National Ranking Factor F1 for Current Use

A Ranking Factor F1 Summary

The following factor encourages continued usage of the land, and retains most of the environmental benefits of expiring CRP land.

0 to 30 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F1a + F1b = F1$

B Subfactor F1a for Expiring CRP

This factor encourages owners who continue to maintain and use land that is currently in CRP in an environmentally sustainable way. Keeping these acreages in grass covers will help preserve most of the environmental benefits established under general CRP.

--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)--

2 National Ranking Factor F1 for Current Use (Continued)

B Subfactor F1a for Expiring CRP (Continued)

Assign 20 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is currently expiring CRP in the last year of CRP-1. 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 or CP10, CP25 cover.--*

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.

--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)--

3 National Ranking Factor F2 for Beginning, Veteran, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (Continued)

C Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher

Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Groups include the following:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives
- Asians or Asian Americans
- Blacks or African Americans
- Hispanics or Hispanic Americans
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders
- Women.

Note: See the reverse side of CCC-860 for further information about legal entities.

D Subfactor F2a Veteran Farmer or Rancher

Subfactor F2a veteran farmer or rancher means a farmer who has served in the Armed Forces (as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(10)) and who is a beginning farmer or rancher.

Otherwise, assign 0 points.

4 National Ranking Factor F3

A Ranking Factor F3 Summary

The following factor encourages continued grassland usage of the land, in areas subject to threat of conversion.

0 to 35 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F3a + F3b + F3c = F3$

B National Ranking Factor F3a for Land Under Threat of Conversion (County)

For this factor, assign up to 10 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is in a county under threat of conversion as determined by DAFP. The offer will receive 0, 2.5, 5, 7.5, or 10 points.--*

--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)--

4 National Ranking Factor F3 (Continued)

C National Ranking Factor F3b for Land Under Threat of Conversion (GIS)

For this factor, assign up to 20 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is within the national threat of conversion GIS layer (0 or 20 points) under threat of conversion as *--determined by DAFP. This factor provides additional points for land with less than 3 percent slopes, which are more likely to be converted to cropland or development.--*

D National Ranking Factor F3c for Longer Contract Length

For this factor, assign 5 points if the offer is for a 15-year contract (0 or 5 points).

5 National Ranking Factor F4

A National Ranking Factor F4 for Vegetative Cover

The F4 score is the sum of the weighted average scores using the following F4 table. To determine the F4 value, calculate the weighted average value for all practices using the F4 table. Round the result to the nearest whole number using the normal rules of rounding.

Evaluate this factor based on the covers on the acres offered. FSA or TSP shall only allow covers that are suitable for the site designated for the offer.

Practice	Assigned Point Score
Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes	
Monoculture stand.	5
Existing stand of 2 or more species of an introduced grass species.	10
Existing stand of (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	20
Permanent Native Grasses, Forbs, or Legumes	
Monoculture stand.	10
Existing stand of (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species.	20
Existing stand of (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses.	30

--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)--

6 National Ranking Factor F5 for Environmental Factors

A Summary

This factor is designed to help producers address acreages that are known to be in areas of *--designated candidate, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitat and to provide an incentive for environmentally sensitive areas.

For this factor, 0 to 45 points determined using subfactors in the formula: $F5a + F5b + F5c = F5$.

B Subfactor F5a for Wildlife Priority Zones

Grassland CRP will use the existing State wildlife priority zones identified for general CRP--* signup. For this factor, assign 15 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is within an approved State wildlife priority zone.

C Subfactor F5b for Offers That Meet the State Priority Enrollment Criteria

STC submitted geographic areas (whole counties) to address the specific conservation practices and the species of concern or specific habitat restoration; such as tall grass prairie, *--that would be addressed by grassland CRP practice and/or components to CD for approval.

For this factor, assign 15 points if over 50 percent of the offered acreage is in a State grassland CRP zone. Otherwise, assign 0 points.

D Subfactor F5c for Offers within the National Priority Zone

The subfactor encourages continued usage of the land and to provide an incentive for environmental sensitive areas. If over 50 percent of the offer is in one of the national priority zones the offer will receive 15 points under the F5c factor.--*

7 Small Scale Livestock Imitative Factor F6

A Summary

For this factor, if the producer certifies that they are eligible for a small scale livestock option on CRP-2G-1, the offer will receive 10 points (0 or 10 points).

--8 National Ranking Factor F7 Cost – Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate--

A Summary

*--For this factor, 0 to 25 points determined using the table in subparagraph 8 B if the maximum grassland CRP rental offer is less than the maximum rate. F7 **cannot** exceed 25 points.--*

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***--Grassland CRP Ranking Factors (Continued)**

--8 National Ranking Factor F7 Cost – Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate (Continued)--

Offers below the maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).

Offers for which the rental rate per acre offered is below the maximum per acre payment rate, on a percentage basis, are awarded points. The formula to calculate the following percentage maximum payment rate is: $1 - (\text{rental rate per acre offered} / \text{maximum payment rate})$. The total for F7 **cannot** exceed 25 points.

Points will be awarded for **whole percent** below the maximum payment rate, based on the following. Percentage values are **truncated** to a whole number.

Percent Below Maximum Payment Rate	*--F7 Points--*
1	2
2	4
3	6
4	8
5	10
6	12
7	14
8	16
9	18
10	20
11	21
12	22
13	23
14	24
>=15	25

Example: The maximum payment rate for an offer is \$50 per acre. The producer offers a per acre rental rate of \$45. The offer is 10 percent below the maximum payment rate. The offer is awarded 20 points.

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EBI and National Ranking Factors

1 EBI

A Background

EBI has been used by USDA to prioritize and rank CRP offers since signup 10.

B EBI Process and Factor Scoring

The National EBI process will be used to rank and prioritize offers for enrollment into CRP for general signup offers.

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

FSA will review EBI scoring parameters with the producers and encourage the planting of new or maintaining of existing cover types and conservation measures, if appropriate, that will provide higher environmental benefits. FSA employees must notify producers that submitting offers with annual rental payments less than the maximum payment rate will result in higher EBI scores.

C Overview of the National EBI

The National EBI includes 5 environmental ranking factors and a cost factor.

- N1, Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits
- N2, Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff and Leaching
- N3, On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion
- N4, Enduring Benefits
- N5, Air Quality Benefits
- N6, Cost.

EBI provides a relative ranking of estimated environmental benefits and cost for land offered for CRP.

$N1 + N2 + N3 + N4 + N5 + N6 = \text{National EBI Score.}$

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

1 EBI (Continued)

C Overview of the National EBI (Continued)

The following table illustrates the National ranking factors.

Factor	Maximum Points	Equation/Scoring Parameters
N1	100	Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (0 to 100 points) N1 = (N1a + N1b + N1c) where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N1a is the cover subfactor (0 to 50 points) • N1b is Wildlife enhancements (0, 5, or 20 points) • N1c is Wildlife priority zones (0 or 30 points).
N2	100	Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (0 to 100 points) N2=(N2a +N2b +N2c)where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N2a is the water quality zones subfactor (0 or 30 points) • N2b is the groundwater quality subfactor (0 to 25 points) • N2c is the surface water quality subfactor (0 to 45 points).
N3	100	On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion (0 to 100 points)
N4	50	Enduring benefits point range (0 to 50 points)
N5	45	Air Quality Benefits (3 to 45 points) N5 = N5a + N5b + N5c * * * where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N5a is the wind erosion impacts subfactor (0 to 25 points) * * * • *--N5b is the air quality zone (0 or 5 points) • N5c is carbon sequestration factor (3 to 10 points).--*
N6	/1	N6 = N6a + N6b where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N6a is the cost factor • N6b is the offer is less than maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).

1/ Points assigned to cost factor will be determined after signup ends and all the offers are evaluated. This factor will be based on the rental rate offered and the maximum payment rate.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits

A Summary

0 to 100 points determined using subfactors in the formula:

$$N1a + N1b + N1c = N1$$

Wildlife species, both game and nongame, benefit most from the availability of appropriate wildlife habitat. CRP provides the opportunity to develop habitat that will benefit a variety of wildlife species.

Note: Producers with existing cover shall be informed that C/S may be available for cover enhancement.

This factor encourages landowners to plant cover on contract acreage that will be beneficial to wildlife. Subfactor N1a assigns a score to the quality of the cover to be applied to the practice.

Existing CRP covers on acreage being offered for re-enrollment may be improved to provide better wildlife habitat and increase the N1a subfactor score for the offer. Subfactor N1a points are awarded based on the weighted average point score associated with the offered acreage by practice point score.

Approved cover is expected to be seeded or planted within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. However, TSP may, in developing the conservation plan, permit an additional 12 months, not to exceed 24 continuous months, to seed the approved cover. This flexibility *--must be permitted to allow the establishment of approved cover in a manner that will not--* adversely impact the natural resources of the site or surrounding area.

For each practice, the conservation plan shall include:

- management activity or activities to maintain or enhance the plant community diversity and plant vigor, if determined needed by the FSA SED and NRCS State Conservationist
- a schedule of maintenance activities and various maintenance options.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover

Cover and practices beneficial to wildlife (0 to 50 points maximum).

The Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits Factor (N1a) will provide practice seeding mixes and management options that provide habitat for important and declining species of national, regional, State, or local significance in each State. NRCS State Biologist will work with the NRCS State Plant Materials Specialist, State Wildlife Agency and FWS to revise or develop seeding mixes and management recommendations for the above-mentioned species or groups of species.

Nonaggressive introduced species may be used for up to 2 species in the mixes. The number of seeding mixes developed is up to each State. Special seeding mixes and planting rates may be developed for arid areas and areas of limited native seed availability subject to approval by DAFP.

*--Seeding mixes must, to the maximum extent practicable, be comprised of locally collected native "eco-type" (seed mixes native to local area) seed for native seedings.

On the land with existing/expiring CRP acreage, the offer will be ranked on the desired plant--* community that the producer plans on establishing or maintaining for the site.

Example 1: A producer with an existing stand of a monoculture of crested wheatgrass would like to reenroll the entire stand. The producer would like to enhance the stand to 4 species of introduced grasses, including at least 1 forb or legume. The offer would be ranked as a 40-point CP1 stand.

*--**Example 2:** A producer with an expiring CRP-1 that was originally planted to a monoculture of western wheatgrass (native grass) would like to reenroll into CRP. During the CRP-1 period of the last 10 years, a number of native grasses, forbs, and--* legumes have naturally generated into the existing CRP cover stand. The producer believes that the site has evolved into a 50-point CP2 cover stand. The producer offers the site as a 50 points CP2 cover. The offer is ranked as a 50-point CP2 cover. During the conservation planning process, a site visit indicates that only 2 native grasses and 1 forb are in the cover. The producer is required to inter-seed into the stand to achieve the 50-point cover for which the offer was scored.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

CP/Cover Matrix

Evaluate this subfactor based on the covers expected to become established. FSA or TSP shall only allow those covers that are suitable for the site designated for the offer.

Practice 1/	Assigned Point Score
CP1 Permanent introduced grasses and legumes	
Existing monoculture (1 species) stand of an introduced grass.	0
Existing stand of 2 to 3 species or planting new stand of 2 to 3 species of an introduced grass species.	10
Existing stand or planting mixture (minimum of 4 species) of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	40
CP2 Permanent native grasses and legumes	
Existing monoculture (1 species) stand of a native grass.	0
Existing stand (minimum 2 to 3 species) or planting new mixed stand (minimum of 3 species) of at least 2 native grass species and at least 1 forb, or legume species beneficial to wildlife.	20
Existing stand or planting mixed stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses and at least 1 shrub, forb, or legume species best suited for wildlife in the area.	50
CP3 Tree planting (general) 2/	
Southern Pines (Softwoods) - Solid stand of pines/softwoods (existing according to State-developed standards or planted at more than 550 trees per acre).	10
Northern Conifers (Softwoods) - Solid stand of conifers/softwoods (existing according to State-developed standards or planted at more than 850 trees per acre).	
Western Pines (Softwoods) - Solid stand of pines/softwoods (existing according to State-developed standards or planted at more than 650 trees per acre).	

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice <u>1</u>/	Assigned Point Score
CP3 Tree planting (general) <u>2</u>/ (Continued)	
Southern Pines (Softwoods) - Pines/softwoods existing or planted at a rate of 500 to 550 per acre depending upon the site index (State-developed standards) with 10 to 20 percent openings managed to a CP4D wildlife cover.	50
Northern Conifers (Softwoods) - Conifers/softwoods existing or planted at a rate of 750 to 850 trees per acre depending upon the site index (State-developed standards) with 10 to 20 percent openings managed to a CP4D wildlife cover.	
Western Pines (Softwoods) - Western Pines (softwoods) - Pines/softwoods existing planted at a rate of 550 to 650 per acre depending upon the site index (State-developed standards) with 10 to 20 percent openings managed to a CP4D wildlife cover.	
Opening for Southern and Western Pines are not to be less than a minimum of 2 acres or a maximum of 5 acres in size for fields of 20 acres and larger. For smaller fields will be based upon percentage. Opening in Northern conifers will be one-half to 2 acres in size. Opening may include buffers on the interior of the field. Field edges (borders) may be used if they are irregular in shape and average 30 feet in width. Natural regeneration of native herbaceous or shrubby vegetation with required maintenance may be permitted within open areas if it is consistent with NRCS technical standards and concurred with by State FWS or U.S. FWS Officials. Open areas of native grasses and/or shrub planting best suited for wildlife in the area shall be considered CP3 for EBI scoring and contract purposes.	

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice <u>1</u>/	Assigned Point Score
CP3A Hardwood tree planting <u>2</u> /	
Existing or planting solid stand of nonmast producing hardwood species.	10
Existing or planting solid stand of a single hard mast-producing species.	20
Existing or planting mixed stand of hardwood species best suited for wildlife in the area.	30
Existing or planting mixed Stand (3 or more species) of hardwood species best suited for wildlife in the area.	50
Existing or planting longleaf Pine or Atlantic White Cedar - Planted at rates appropriate for the site index.	50

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice <u>1</u>/	Assigned Point Score
CP4D Permanent wildlife habitat	
Existing or planting mixed stand (minimum of 4 species) of grasses, trees, shrubs, forbs, or legumes planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for various wildlife species in the area. A wildlife conservation plan must be developed with the participant.	40
Existing or planting mixed stand (minimum of 5 species) of either of predominately native species including grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs, or trees planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited to providing wildlife habitat. Only native grasses are authorized. Introduced grasses are not authorized and shall not be included in cover mixes for 50-point N1a scores for CP4D. A wildlife conservation plan must be developed with the participant.	50

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

B Subfactor N1a - Cover (Continued)

Practice	Assigned Point Score
CP12 Wildlife food plot <u>3/</u>	
Wildlife food plots are small non-C/S plantings in a larger area. Wildlife food plots will never be the predominant cover.	N/A
CP25 Rare and declining habitat restoration <u>4/</u>	
Existing stand or seeding or planting will be best suited for wildlife in the area.	50
Plant species selections will be based upon Ecological Site Description data.	
* * *	
CP42 Pollinator habitat	
Existing stand or planting (minimum of .5 acres) of a diverse mix of multiple species suited for pollinators	50

1/ Cover that is existing or will be established must accomplish the purpose of the practice.

2/ State Conservationist may revise FOTG on planting rate to be consistent with CRP.

3/ CP12 * * * acreage is not included in the weighted average point score. For example, a 50-acre offer with a 45-acre CP25 planting and a 5-acre food plot calculates the weighted average using only the 45 acres of CP25 planting. * * *

45 acres x 50 points (CP25 point score) = 2250 points

2250 points divided by 45 acres = 50 points

4/ Technical practice standards for the selected habitat type must meet applicable standards and be approved by DAFP at least 30 calendar days before the beginning of signup

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EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

C Subfactor N1b - Cover

Subfactor N1b - Wildlife Improvement (0 to 20 points maximum).

Producers must be notified that, if accepted in CRP, food plots must be maintained for the term of CRP-1. Producers offering food plots must be notified of the planting and maintenance requirements before the offer is submitted.

Points are based on the following table. Maximum point score is 20 points. The factors are **not** additive.

Producers must be informed before signup that the acreage must be maintained for the life of the contract according to practice standards.

--Wildlife Enhancement Signup 58--		Points
* * *		
Establishment of pollinator habitat CP42 or CP38E-42 that remains in the location of CRP-1. The habitat size, shape, and composition must meet the following requirements.		20
Size		
CRP Acreage Offered	Habitat Size Requirement	
Less than 10 acres	At least 1 acre of pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least .5 acre.	
10 acres or greater	At least 10 percent of acreage offered in pollinator habitat. Habitat areas must be at least .5 acre.	

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

C Subfactor N1b - Cover (Continued)

--Wildlife Enhancement Signup 58--						Points
Annual or permanent food plot (CP12 * * *) that remains in the same location for the contract length or rotated food plot for which the location changes during CRP-1 length. CP12 food plots must be consistent with NRCS FOTG up to 10 percent of a field, not to exceed 5 acres per field.						5
Example: A producer would like to enroll 200 acres. Field 1 is 120 acres, Field 2 is 45 acres, and Field 3 is 35 acres.						
Field	Size	NRCS FOTG Limit	10 Percent Limit	5 Acres	Limited CP12 * * * Acres	
1	120	12	12 acres	5	5.0	
2	45	4.5	4.5 acres	5	4.5	
3	35	3.5	3.5 acres	5	<u>3.5</u>	
					13.0	
Note: CP12 * * *, the NRCS FOTG standard, is limited by the lessor of either 10 percent of the field size or 5 acres/field for the food plot. The 5 acres of food plot may be either one 5-acre food plot or 2 or more food plots where the cumulative total would be < 5 acres.						

Note: Expiring CRP land with trees loses its cropland status after the expiration of the contract.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

2 National Ranking Factor N1 - Wildlife Habitat Cover Benefits (Continued)

D Subfactor N1c - Wildlife Priority Zones

Location where proposed land may contribute to restoration of habitat of Threatened or Endangered Species or contribute to the restoration of important and declining species of National, Regional, State, or Local Significance. Restoration of rare and declining native habitat (Long Leaf Pine, Tall Grass Prairie, etc.) may also be addressed. (0 or 30 points maximum)

Assign 30 points if at least 51 percent of the offered acreage is within an approved area and the weighted average N1a score is greater than or equal to 40 points.

STC shall submit geographic areas (whole counties or 8-, 10-, or 12-digit HUC) the specific conservation practices and the species of concern or specific habitat restoration, such as tall grass prairie, that would be addressed by the habitat restoration.

Wildlife Priority Zones may be up to 25 percent of the State cropland acres.

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching

A Summary

0 to 100 points determined by adding subfactors using the formula: $N2 = N2a + N2b + N2c$

CRP can improve water quality by reducing:

- sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants from entering the Nation's water courses and aquifers
- downstream flood damage through the restoration of hydrology
- the leaching of nitrates and pesticides into groundwater.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (Continued)

A Summary (Continued)

Water quality benefits are dependent on the:

- extent to which erosion, runoff, and leaching are reduced
- population that may be affected
- location of the CRP acreage:
 - with respect to water resources
 - within priority water quality areas.

B Subfactor N2a - Water Quality Zones

Location where proposed land may contribute to groundwater or surface water quality impairment and to assist in meeting Federal, State, or local water quality laws. (0 or 30 points maximum)

Assign 30 points if at least 51 percent of the offered acreage is within zones recommended by the State Technical Committee and STC and approved by DAFP as high priority water resources.

STC shall:

- consult with the State Technical Committee in developing recommendations
- take into consideration that a goal of EBI is to provide gradation of offers
- prioritize and approve only the highest priority water resources of the State.

Only the highest priority zones shall be approved.

A minimum **of at least 51 percent** of the offered acreage must be within the designated area to be awarded points. Otherwise, assign 0 points. Water quality zones may be up to 25 percent of the State's cropland.

C Subfactor N2b - Groundwater Quality

Groundwater quality benefits score (0 to 25 points maximum).

The leach index characterizes the inherent potential for the movement of nutrients and pesticides for a specific soil. The index is based on soil properties, including particle size and organic matter.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (Continued)

C Subfactor N2b - Groundwater Quality (Continued)

The COLS software determines the weighted average leach index for the 3 predominant soils and looks up the appropriate county specific value. Table values are based on:

- leach index for acres offered
- county pesticide leaching potential
- county nitrogen leaching potential
- population obtaining drinking water from wells in each county.

Example: A 110-acre field is offered composed of 2 soil map units. 70 acres have a leach index of 1, and the remaining 40 acres have a leach index of 3. The average leach index is $(70 \times 1) + (40 \times 3) \div 110 = 1.73$, which is rounded to the nearest whole number 2. Based on the following sample table, if the acres were located in Barbour County, Alabama, a value of 12 would be entered for subfactor B.

	--Ground Water Subfactor for Signup 58--		
	Leach Index		
County	1	2	3
1001 - Autauga	6	13	20
1003 - Baldwin	8	12	16
1005 - Barbour	8	12	16
1007 - Bibb	8	12	20
1009 - Blount	2	8	14

D Subfactor N2c - Surface Water Quality

Surface water quality benefits score. (0 to 45 points maximum)

This subfactor evaluates the:

- potential amount of sediment that is delivered to water courses
- population within the watershed that would benefit most directly from improved surface water quality

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

3 National Ranking Factor N2 - Water Quality Benefits From Reduced Erosion, Runoff, and Leaching (Continued)

D Subfactor N2c - Surface Water Quality (Continued)

- the stream density and estimated sediment loadings that occur because of agriculture.

EPA studies have found that sediment is the primary water quality problem in the majority of rivers and streams.

The COLS software will determine the weighted average RKLS for the 3 predominant soils for the offered acreage. Round RKLS to the nearest whole number using normal rules of rounding. Use the appropriate table value for the watershed in which at least 51 percent of the acreage is physically located.

For example:

	--Surface Water Subfactor - RKLS for Signup 58--				
Watershed	< 4	4 ≤ RKLS < 7	7 ≤ RKLS < 11	11 ≤ RKLS < 23	RKLS ≥ 23
01010001	1	5	10	15	21
01010002	1	5	10	15	21
01010003	5	10	15	22	27

4 National Ranking Factor N3 - On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion

A Summary

On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion. (0 to 100 points maximum)

The score for the weighted average EI for the 3 predominant soils on the land offered is determined by the greater of EI for:

- sheet and rill erosion (based off of RUSLE2)
- wind erosion (based off of wind erosion equation).

Note: EI must be a whole number. Use normal rules of rounding.

Use the highest EI value (for the 3 predominate soils of the acreage offered) of either sheet and rill or wind erosion (do not add together). Use the table in subparagraph B to award points for the offer based on the highest EI value.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

4 National Ranking Factor N3 – On-Farm Benefits of Reduced Erosion (Continued)

B EI Chart

EI (higher of wind or water EI) (0 to 100 points maximum)

EI – Sheet and Rill or Wind	Points
Less than 4	0
4	1
5	2
6	4
7	7
8	11
9	16
10	22
11	29
12	37
13	46
14	56
15	67
16	79
17	92
18	97
19	98
20	99
21 +	100

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

5 National Ranking Factor N4 – Enduring Benefits

A Summary

Enduring Benefits Beyond CRP-1 Period. (0 to 50 points maximum)

The N4 evaluates the likelihood that the practice established will persist and be maintained beyond the life span of CRP-1 and will provide benefits beyond the contract period

Land established with certain existing vegetation types, such as hardwood trees, softwood trees, or shrubs, is less likely to be returned to crop production after contract expiration. In addition, land re-established to a wetland ecosystem, or rare or declining habitat, is also less likely to return to crop production at the end of the contract period.

The N4 score is the sum of the weighted average scores using the following N4 table. To determine the N4 value, calculate the weighted average value for **all practices** using the N4 table. Round the result to the nearest whole number using the normal rules of rounding.

Use the following table to award N4 points. Score zero points if none of the following practices are offered.

***--Note:** The practice selected must be appropriate for the site. Trees must not be selected on sites where trees are not a part of the ecosystem. For example: A tree stand must not be planted on a site where the climax vegetation for the site is range. The vegetation must be consistent with the ecosystem of the site.--*

Important: Food plots (CP12 * * *) are awarded 0 points.

--N4 Table - Signup 58--		Points
New hardwood tree (CP3A), longleaf pines, or Atlantic White Cedar plantings or CP25 where the plant community is existing or will be established to primarily trees. * * *		50
Existing or enhanced stand of hardwood Trees, Longleaf pine, and/or Atlantic White Cedar (CP3A * * *).		40
New pine/softwood tree (CP3 * * *).		30
CP25, * * * where the plant community is existing or will be established to a primarily grass and/or shrub complex or CP42 * * *.		25
Existing pine/softwood tree (original contract signed as CP3 * * *).		20
All other conservation practices not listed (CP1, CP2, CP4D, * * *).		0

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

5 National Ranking Factor N4 - Enduring Benefits (Continued)

A Summary (Continued)

Determine the weighted average value for enduring benefits using the appropriate value in the N4 table times the appropriate acres. Divide the sum by the total **acres on the offer**. Round the result to the nearest whole number using the normal rules of rounding. The result is the N4 score.

Example: A 100-acre office is comprised of 50 acres of new hardwood planting (CP3A) and 50 acres of existing pine trees (CP3).

The N4 score is:

50 acres of (CP3A) hardwoods (with a practice status of “N”) X 50 points/acre =
2,500 points

50 acres of (CP3) pine (with a practice status of existing) X 20 points/acres =
1,000 points

3,500 points

$3,500 \text{ points} \div 100 \text{ acres} = 35 \text{ points}$

N4 score = 35 points.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion

A Summary

National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion

This factor evaluates air quality improvements from reducing airborne dust and particulate (PM 10) from cropland wind erosion that causes damage to nearby affected population concentrations. In addition, it provides points for the value of CRP land for Carbon Sequestration. (3 to 45 points maximum)

The formula is: $N5 = N5a + N5b + N5c * * *$.

--The air quality factor is comprised of 3 components. The first component (N5a) is based on-- the potential wind erosion, distance weighted population that may be impacted by wind erosion. The potential wind erosion erodibility shall be based on the weighted average value for the climatic factor (C) and soil erosion index (I).

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--The second component (N5b) evaluates areas:--

- where agriculture significantly impacts air quality (nonattainment of air quality standards)
- that are located within 50 miles of Class 1 air quality areas (National Parks with high quality air standards).

--The third component (N5c) provides points based on the relative ability to sequester carbon. This factor is based on the weighted average for the conservation practices using the N5c-- table.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion (Continued)

B Wind Erosion Impacts, Subfactor N5a

This subfactor evaluates wind erosion impacts. (0 to 25 points maximum)

Determine the county in which the majority of the acreage offered is physically located. Determine the weighted CI factor of the acreage offered. Using the revised county air quality table and the weighted CI factor the automated system will calculate the air quality points for factor N5a. These tables will **only** be used if the C value (wind erosion equation) is equal to or greater than 7. Otherwise, a value of 0 is awarded for N5a subfactor.

Note: The tables reflect the potential wind erosion, the number of potential people that may be impacted, and the distance population is from the source of wind erosion. Population near the source of the wind erosion is weighted significantly higher than downwind population sources. For example, the impacts of wind erosion on 1 person near the site would equal the impacts of 100 people that are located 100 miles from the site.

For example:

County	*--Air Quality Factor (weighted CI value) for Signup 58--*				
	0	1-19	20-39	40-59	60 >
Anders	0	14	18	20	25
Billings	0	14	18	20	25
Johnson	0	8	10	20	25
Weld	0	4	8	18	25

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EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion (Continued)

***--C Air Quality Zones, Subfactor N5b**

(0 or 10 points maximum)--*

The State Technical Committee working with State and EPA air quality representatives shall recommend designated agricultural zones that contribute to the nonattainment of air quality standards to FSA. Air quality zones shall be designated on an entire county or HUC basis. FSA shall prepare a database of designated air quality zone. Air quality zones may be up to 25 percent of the State's cropland and must be located with an approved air quality CPA.

The State Technical Committee may also recommend zones within 50 miles of a Class 1 air designated area in which agricultural crop production could impact air quality standards. Documentation, such as existing monitoring data that agriculture contributes to or has potential to violate existing air quality standards, is required.

Note: The State Technical Committee shall consult with the State air quality official for the latest Class 1 designations.

--The offer is awarded 10 points if both of the following conditions are met:--

- at least 51 percent of the offer must be in the designated zones
- the weighted wind EI must be equal to or greater than 3.0.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

6 National Ranking Factor N5 - Air Quality Benefits From Reduced Wind Erosion (Continued)

***--D Carbon Sequestration, Subfactor N5c**

N5c Carbon Sequestration Factor (3 to 10 points maximum)--*

This factor provides a relative index of the projected carbon sequestration benefits of CRP cover types over the expected life of the practice. This is a weighted average for the all practice on the contract using the values in the table.

--N5c Carbon Sequestration Table for Signup 58--	
Practice	Point
CP3, CP3A, CP25 (primarily trees) * * *	10
CP25 (primary grass complex), CP42 * * *	5
CP4D * * *	4
CP1, CP2 * * *	3
CP12 * * * (must be associated with practices according to Exhibit 11, page 43)	0

7 National Ranking Factor N6 – Cost

A Summary

The points will be determined using the formula: $N6 = N6a + N6b$

The cost factor provides weight to assist in optimizing environmental benefits per dollar of CRP rental payments. Greater weight is provided to offers with lower costs.

B Subfactor N6a - Cost

The number of points will be determined after signup ends and will be based on the producer rental rate offer.

Note: Offers with lower per acre rental rates may increase the probability that the offer will be acceptable.

EBI and National Ranking Factors (Continued)

7 National Ranking Factor N6 - Cost (Continued)

C Subfactor N6b - Offer Less Than the Maximum Payment Rate

Offers below the maximum payment rate (0 to 25 points).

Offers for which the Rental Rate Per Acre Offered is below the maximum per acre payment rate, on a percentage basis, are award points. The formula to calculate the percentage below maximum payment rate is: $1 - (\text{Rental Rate Per Acre Offered} / \text{maximum payment rate})$.

Points will be awarded for **whole percent** below the maximum payment rate, based on the following. Percentage values are **truncated** to a whole number.

Percent Below Maximum Payment Rate	N6b Points
1	2
2	4
3	6
4	8
5	10
6	12
7	14
8	16
9	18
10	20
11	21
12	22
13	23
14	24
>=15	25

Examples: The maximum payment rate for an offer is \$100 per acre. The producer offers a per acres rental rate of \$90. The offer is 10 percent below the maximum payment rate. The offer is awarded 20 points.

The maximum payment rate for an offer is \$100 per acres. The producer offers a per acres rental rate of \$89.10. The offer is 10.9 percent below the maximum payment rate. The offer is awarded 20 points.

CRP-1 Appendix, Appendix to Form CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract

The following is an example of CRP-1 Appendix.

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CRP-1 (Appendix)
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See CRP-1 for Privacy Act Statement.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commodity Credit Corporation

APPENDIX TO FORM CRP-1, CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT

1. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract:

- A. CRP contract or CRP-1** means the CRP documents including not only form CRP-1, but also the applicable CRP-1 appendix, the conservation plan, any addendums, and the terms of any required easement, if applicable, entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the participant. Such CRP contract shall set forth the terms and conditions for participation in the CRP and receipt of CRP payments.
- B.** All other words and phrases, unless the context of subject matter otherwise requires, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the regulations governing the Conservation Reserve Program which are found at 7 CFR Part 1410.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

- A.** By signing the CRP-1, the participant, except in the case of persons qualifying solely as a tenant, certifies that such participant will control the land subject to the CRP contract for the contract period and, if applicable, any easement period, and shall, upon demand, provide evidence to CCC demonstrating that such participant will control the land for that period.
- B.** Except as allowed by law, land otherwise eligible for the CRP shall not be eligible, except as agreed otherwise by CCC, in writing, if the land is subject to a deed or other restriction prohibiting the production of agricultural commodities or where a benefit has or will be obtained from a Federal agency in return for the participant's agreement not to produce such commodities on the land during the same time as the land would be enrolled in the CRP. By offering land for enrollment, the participant certifies as a condition for payment that no such restrictions apply to such land.

3. RESTRICTIONS ON PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN PERSONS

- A.** Any person who enters into this CRP contract at any time, who is not a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et. seq.), shall be ineligible to receive any payments under this CRP contract unless such person meets the requirements of 7 CFR Part 1400, which shall be applicable to this CRP contract.

4. AGREEMENT

A. The participant agrees:

- (1) That form CRP-2, CRP-2C, or CRP-2G, as applicable, and CRP-1 shall be considered an offer to enter into the CRP on the terms specified on the CRP contract. The offer, until revoked, may be accepted by CCC, provided further that liquidated damages may apply in the case of a revocation as specified elsewhere in this Appendix or 7 CFR Part 1410;
- (2) To place eligible land into the CRP for a period of 10 years, or as agreed to by CCC for a longer period not to exceed 15 years from the effective date of the CRP contract executed by CCC;

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**CRP-1 Appendix, Appendix to Form CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract
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- (3) To comply with the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, including implementing the conservation plan in accordance with the schedule of dates in such conservation plan;
- (4) To establish and maintain the practices agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan;
- (5) Not to harvest or sell, nor otherwise make commercial use of, trees or forage (except where authorized for CRP-Grasslands) or other cover on the land subject to this CRP contract including the shearing or shaping of trees for future use as Christmas trees; however, CCC may, in its discretion and only in writing or by publication intended for a general allowance for land enrolled in CRP in particular States or regions, permit, in certain emergencies, certain commercial uses as specified by CCC, which uses may be conditioned on a reduction in CRP payments otherwise payable under this CRP contract;
- (6) Not to undertake any action on land under the participant's control which tends to defeat the purposes of this CRP contract, as determined by CCC;
- (7) To annually certify crop and land use for the farm with the CCC on the appropriate form, accurately listing all land enrolled in CRP on the farm, not later than the final reporting date determined and announced by the Farm Service Agency or successor agency;
- (8) To control on land subject to this CRP contract all weeds, insects, pests and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure that the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover is adequately protected and to provide such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land, taking into consideration water quality, wildlife and other factors;
- (9) Not to disturb the approved cover during the primary nesting season, except as approved by CCC;
- (10) To annually file required forms as requested by CCC for payment limitation determinations; provided, that annual rental payments shall be attributed towards the \$50,000 annual payment limitation; further, that for purposes of the annual payment limitation for each participant, incentive payments, except for Practice Incentive Payments and incentive payments to encourage proper tree thinning and other practices to improve the condition of resources, promote forest management, or enhance wildlife, shall be attributed towards the \$50,000 annual payment limitation; provided further, that Signup Incentive Payments shall also be attributed towards such \$50,000 annual payment limitation and shall be attributed to the Fiscal Year in which the participant's CRP contract was approved by CCC;
- (11) To file applicable forms required by CCC for Adjusted Gross Income determinations;
- (12) That it is understood that any payment or portion thereof due any participant will be made by CCC without regard to any question of title under State law, and without regard to any claim or lien which may be asserted by a creditor, except agencies of the U. S. Government; provided further that offsets for debts owed to agencies of the U. S. Government shall be made prior to making any payments to participants or their assignees;
- (13) To perform management activities specified in the conservation plan;
- (14) To carry out thinning and similar conservation practices, as specified in the conservation plan, to enhance the conservation benefits and wildlife habitat resources applicable to the CRP practice, and to promote forest management on land devoted to trees, excluding windbreaks and shelterbelts;
- (15) To comply with noxious weed laws of the applicable State or local jurisdiction on land subject to this CRP contract; and
- (16) That the participant is jointly and severally liable, if the participant has a share of the annual rental payment greater than zero, with the other participants on this CRP contract, for compliance with the provisions of such CRP contract, and for any refunds or payment adjustments that may be required for violations of any of the terms and conditions of this CRP contract.

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**CRP-1 Appendix, Appendix to Form CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract
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B. CCC agrees:

- (1) When CCC determines that cost-sharing is appropriate and in the public interest, to share the cost with owners and operators of installing an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan, except that, in no case may the CCC cost exceed an amount equal to 50 percent of the price at which the land placed in the CRP could be sold for use as farmland at the time at which this CRP contract is signed by the participant, unless the CCC otherwise approves in writing such amount, provided further, that such approval must specifically reference the particular land enrolled in the CRP under this CRP contract;
- (2) To pay the agreed-upon annual rental payment, including any related incentive payment if applicable, based upon the shares specified on the CRP-1 for a period of years not in excess of the contract period;
- (3) To pay to the participant, to the extent required by CCC regulations, an interest penalty on any payments not made by the date, as determined by CCC, that the payment is due;
- (4) To make annual rental payments after October 1 of each year of the contract period.
- (5) To make other payments not listed above, as appropriate and applicable.

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

A. Subject to the approval of CCC, the conservation plan will include the following information and requirements:

- (1) The CRP practice and approved cover to be established on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (2) A tree planting plan or forest stewardship plan, developed in cooperation with the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency, if trees are to be established as the approved cover on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (3) A schedule of operations, activities, and completion dates for establishment of the approved cover on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (4) The level of environmental benefits which must be attained on the land subject to this CRP contract.
- (5) Any other practices required for the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover on the land subject to this CRP contract including control of weeds, insects, pests, and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure that the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover is adequately protected, and such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land as determined appropriate by CCC, taking into consideration the needs of water quality, wildlife concerns, and other factors.
- (6) The approved cover will not be disturbed during the primary nesting season except as approved by CCC.
- (7) Management activities described in paragraph 6 of this Appendix.

B. By signing the conservation plan, the participant agrees to implement the CRP practices specified in such conservation plan on the land subject to this CRP contract.

6. MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Except for land enrolled under a CRP-grassland signup, management activities designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources must be conducted as needed throughout the contract period as specified in the conservation plan. However, the planned management activity is not required to be completed in the case where a natural disaster or adverse weather event occurs that has the same effect of the planned management activity, as determined by CCC. CCC will not provide any cost-share payment for any management activities.

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7. COST-SHARE PAYMENTS

- A. CCC cost-share payments shall be made available upon a determination by CCC that an eligible practice, or an identifiable unit thereof, has been installed in compliance with the conservation plan and with appropriate standards and specifications.
- B. CCC will not make cost-share payments in excess of 50 percent of the actual or average cost of installing the eligible practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan, as determined by CCC. It is understood that:
- (1) all cost-share payments from all sources must be reported to CCC, and that a reduction in the CCC cost-share payment may be made if there are other cost-share payments received; provided further that such reductions will be made to the extent required or allowed by the CRP regulations;
 - (2) CCC cost-share payments, including practice incentive payments, made to a participant will not exceed the participant's actual contribution to the eligible costs of installing the practice;
 - (3) CCC will not make cost-share payments with respect to this CRP contract if any other Federal cost-share assistance has been, or is being, made with respect to the land subject to this CRP contract, provided further that participant must refund to CCC all cost-share payments received if other Federal cost-share assistance is received with respect to the land subject to this CRP contract;
 - (4) the amount of the CCC cost-share payments, including practice incentive payments, may not be an amount that, when added to such assistance from other sources, exceeds 100 percent of the actual cost of installing the practice;
 - (5) cost-share payments for eligible seed related to the installation of approved cover will not exceed 50 percent of the actual cost of the eligible seed mixture; and
 - (6) a practice incentive payment may be made available, in accordance with CRP regulations and policies, to a participant to whom CCC has made a cost-share payment, after a determination by CCC that an eligible CRP practice, or an identifiable unit thereof if approved by CCC, has been installed in compliance with the appropriate standards and specifications; provided further that the practice incentive payment will be considered a cost-share payment.
- C. Except as otherwise provided for in CRP regulations, cost-share assistance may be made available under the CRP only for the installation of an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan. In order to receive cost-share assistance, the participant, upon completion of the practice, must file the appropriate form approved by CCC, for approval by CCC.

8. PROVISIONS RELATING TO TENANTS AND LANDLORDS

- A. Payments shall not be paid under this CRP contract if CCC determines that:
- (1) The landlord or operator has:
 - (a) when the acreage offered is not enrolled in the CRP at the time of signup:
 - (i) not provided the operator and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered at the time of signup an opportunity to participate in the benefits of the CRP; or
 - (ii) reduced the number of tenants on the farm as a result of, or in anticipation of, enrollment in the CRP.
 - (b) when the acreage offered is enrolled in the CRP at the time of signup, not provided tenants with an interest in the CRP contract acreage an opportunity to participate in the benefits of the CRP if:
 - (i) the tenants are otherwise involved in farming other acreage, as determined by CCC, on the farm at the time of signup; or
 - (ii) the tenants have an interest in the acreage being offered on the effective date of the new CRP contract.

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(2) The landlord or operator has deprived any tenant of any benefits to which such tenant would otherwise be entitled.

If any conditions identified in 8.A (1) or (2) occur or are discovered after payments have been made, all or any part of such payments, as determined by CCC, must be refunded with interest and no further payments will be made.

B. After this CRP contract is approved, the operator or tenant may, with the approval of CCC, be replaced for purposes of this CRP contract and for payments to be made under this CRP contract if such tenant or operator, as determined by CCC:

- (1) terminates their tenancy voluntarily or for some reason other than being forced to terminate their tenancy by the landowner or operator in anticipation of, or because of, participation in the CRP;
- (2) fails to maintain tenancy, as determined by CCC, throughout the contract period;
- (3) files for bankruptcy and the trustee or debtor in possession fails to affirm this CRP contract;
- (4) dies during the contract period and the administrator of the operator or tenant's estate (or a similar person with authority to administer the affairs of the operator or tenant) fails to succeed to this CRP contract within the time required by CCC; or
- (5) was removed for cause, as determined by CCC.

C. The removal of an operator or tenant from a CRP contract shall not release the operator or tenant from liabilities for actions arising before such removal.

9. ERRONEOUS REPRESENTATION AND SCHEME AND DEVICE

- A.** A participant who is determined to have erroneously represented any fact affecting a determination with respect to this CRP contract or a determination made by CCC pursuant to CRP regulations, adopted any scheme or device which tends to defeat the purposes of this CRP contract, or made any fraudulent representation with respect to this CRP contract will not be entitled to payments or any other benefits made in accordance with this CRP contract and the participant must refund to CCC all payments received by such participant, plus interest and liquidated damages thereon, with respect to this CRP contract. Such liquidated damages will be determined in accordance with paragraph 10 of this Appendix.
- B.** Unless CCC regulations provide otherwise, refunds determined to be due and owing to CCC in accordance with this CRP contract will bear interest at the rate which CCC was required to pay for its borrowings from the United States Treasury on the date of the disbursement by CCC of the monies to be refunded. Interest will accrue from the date of such disbursement by CCC.
- C.** The remedies provided under paragraph 9A of this Appendix shall be applicable in addition to any remedies under criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 U.S.C. 287, 371, 641, 1001; 15 U.S.C. 714m; and 31 U.S.C. 3729, or any other remedy available under law.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

It is mutually agreed that in the event this CRP contract is breached by the participant, the CCC will suffer substantial damages which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to the refund of payments received plus interest due for breach of contract prescribed in this CRP contract, the participant agrees to pay an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying: (1) 25 percent of the rental payment rate per acre on the CRP-1 by, (2) the number of acres on which the breach of contract occurred, as determined by CCC. Such amount shall be due as liquidated damages in addition to such other damages or amounts as may be due, and not as a penalty.

11. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

CCC agrees that, if any changes of any terms and conditions of this CRP contract, including changes necessary to reconcile the practices listed on the CRP-1 to those specified in the conservation plan, become necessary prior to the date that this CRP contract is approved on behalf of CCC, CCC will notify the persons signing the CRP-1 of such change and such person will be given 10 days from the date of notification in which to agree to the revised terms and conditions or to withdraw from the offer. The participant agrees to notify the CCC of an intention to withdraw from the offer within 10 days from the date of the issuance of such notice and further agrees that failure to notify the CCC will constitute agreement to the revised terms and conditions.

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12. CORRECTIONS

CCC reserves the right to:

- (1) Correct all errors arising from the entering of data or making of computations for this CRP contract;
- (2) Modify this CRP contract to correct any payment amount for or related to this CRP contract upon a determination by CCC that such payment amount is the result of error or miscalculation.

13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT; JOINT LIABILITY

If a participant fails to carry out the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, then CCC may either terminate this contract in whole or in part, and require such participant to refund, with interest, any or all payments that were made by CCC under this CRP contract, or require the participant to accept such adjustments in subsequent payments as are determined to be appropriate by CCC. Even if CCC determines that such failure does not warrant termination in whole or in part, CCC may still require such participant to refund, with interest, any or all payments that CCC made under this CRP contract, or require the participant to accept such adjustments in subsequent payments as are determined to be appropriate by CCC. Participants that sign this CRP contract with zero percent interest in the annual rental payment shall not be held responsible for contract compliance.

14. CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

A. CCC may modify this CRP contract to add or substitute certain practices when:

- (1) The installed practice failed to adequately control erosion through no fault of the participants;
- (2) The installed practice has deteriorated because of conditions beyond the control of the participants; or
- (3) Another practice will achieve at least the same level of environmental benefits.

B. Concurrence of NRCS and the conservation district may be obtained by CCC when modifications to this CRP contract involve a technical aspect of a participant's conservation plan.

C. CCC may modify this CRP contract at any time by reducing the number of acres enrolled under this CRP contract if CCC determines that doing so is necessary to remain in compliance with any statutorily-set maximum number of acres that can be enrolled in the CRP during any fiscal year(s), in a manner that CCC determines is in the best interest of the CRP. This provision does not apply to acreage enrolled in CRP pursuant to a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreement.

15. EFFECTIVE DATE AND CHANGES TO CRP CONTRACT

A. Within the dates established by CCC, the CRP contract must be signed by all required participants.

B. This CRP contract is effective when, as determined by CCC, it has been signed by the participants and an authorized representative of CCC. Except as otherwise determined by CCC, as permitted by regulations or other law, this CRP contract may not be revoked or revised unless by mutual agreement of the participants and an authorized representative of CCC. If, after the effective date of this CRP contract, CCC determines that any portion of the land subject to this CRP contract was erroneously enrolled or otherwise ineligible for enrollment, CCC may terminate this CRP contract in whole or in part. Such termination shall not affect payments already made to the participants as of the time of termination.

C. In the event that a statute is enacted during the period of this CRP contract which would materially change the terms and conditions of this CRP contract, the CCC may require the participants to elect between acceptance of modifications in this CRP contract consistent with the provisions of such statute or termination of this CRP contract.

16. TRANSFER OF LAND

A. If a new owner or operator purchases or obtains the right and interest in, or right to occupancy of, the land subject to this CRP contract, such new owner or operator, upon the approval of CCC, may become a participant to this CRP contract with CCC under the same terms and conditions covering such transferred land.

B. With respect to the transferred land, if the new owner or operator becomes a successor to this CRP contract, the new owner or operator shall assume all obligations under this CRP contract of the previous participant, unless otherwise approved by CCC.

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C. If the new owner or operator becomes a successor to this CRP contract with CCC:

- (1) Cost-share payments shall be made to the participant who installed the practice; and
- (2) Annual rental payments to be paid during the fiscal year when the land was transferred shall be divided between the participants, as determined by CCC.

D. The participant certifies that no person has, or will, obtain an interest in the property that would render the new owner or operator to be ineligible to succeed to this CRP contract under the provisions of this paragraph. The existence or acquisition of such an interest by another person shall be considered a breach of this CRP contract for which the CCC may terminate this CRP contract and enforce the remedies provided in this Appendix.

E. If a participant transfers all or part of the right and interest in, or right to occupancy of, the land subject to this CRP contract, and the new owner or operator does not become a successor to such contract within 60 days, or such other time as determined appropriate by CCC, of such transfer, such contract will be terminated with respect to the affected portion of such land and the original participant must:

- (1) Forfeit all rights to any future payments with respect to such land;
- (2) Refund all or part of the payments made with respect to such contract plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC; and
- (3) Pay liquidated damages to CCC as specified in paragraph 10 of this Appendix.

17. REGULATIONS TO PREVAIL

The regulations in 7 CFR Part 1410 for the CRP are incorporated herein. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and the terms of this Appendix, the provisions of the regulations will prevail.

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