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Amendment 8

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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 66:

- C has been amended to reflect practice eligibility for Continuous CRP, CLEAR30, FWP, HELI, SAFE and Wellhead Protection in separate tables for clarity
- D has been amended to:
 - correct CP39, to include “FWP” to the practice name for Constructed Wetland to be consistent with Exhibit 11
 - contract length for eligible continuous CRP tree practice.

Subparagraph 151 A has been amended to include a note that Cropping history may be provided according to subparagraph 332 B and late filed acreage reports can be accepted according to subparagraph 602 A.

Subparagraph 151 D has been amended to clarify Tribal trust lands are not considered federally owned.

Subparagraph 152 A has been amended to:

- add a note under lands subject to BIA management to see subparagraph 335 C for exceptions to signature requirements
- include lands subject to Tribal management as eligible Tribal land.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 183 C has been amended to clarify vegetative cover requirements on new offers or offers to enroll expiring CRP land under HELI.

Subparagraph 184:

- K has been amended to remove CLEAR30 third party maintenance option and require the participant to be responsible for the required maintenance activities
- Q has been amended to provide new CRP2C30
- R has been amended to provide new CRP-1 CLEAR addendum to the appendix.

Subparagraph 197 B has been amended to clarify examples for SIP and PIP.

Subparagraph 261 D has been amended to include NAP as an eligible program in conjunction with Grassland CRP if all other eligibility requirements are met.

Subparagraph 263 C has been amended to clarify and provide examples of land that is not eligible for Grassland CRP. Land inundated with water and water with greater than 5 percent tree canopy is not eligible for enrollment in grassland CRP.

Subparagraph 265 B has been amended to:

- update the table to include references
- instruct FSA to inform the participant of any State specific plan requirements and provide an example
- instruct County Office to collect information about potential C/S assistance needed at the time of the offer, inform the participants that C/S is not guaranteed, and instruct counties to inform the participant that C/S will not be approved until the Environmental Compliance review is completed
- provide instructions to counties not to approve FSA-848A until a final conservation plan or modified conservation plan is received and the environmental review is completed. Once received the County Office will complete the FSA-848A within 5 days and notify the participant of C/S approval.

Subparagraph 270 B has been amended to include instructions for approving C/S agreements for Grassland CRP.

Subparagraph 335 A has been amended to include clarification that FSA spousal signature requirements do **not** apply to NRCS documents. Participants must execute the appropriate power of attorney to give spouses authority to sign NRCS contract documents such as the Conservation Plan.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 367 F has been amended to:

- clarify FSA and NRCS responsibilities provide supporting documentation with the CPA-52
- include instructions on documenting prior ground disturbances
- provide guidance on environmental review for Reenrollment of CRP and provides examples.

Paragraph 401 has been amended to clarify requirements that the first 5 CREP offers per county must be reviewed by STC or its representative before approval.

Subparagraph 492 A has been amended to include language that the producer must be advised in writing that a CRP practice cannot start until the designs and specifications are received and explained by NRCS or the TSP and the environmental review is complete.

Subparagraph 500 A has been amended to remove language related to CLEAR30 maintenance options and state FSA-848A is required for planned maintenance activities.

Subparagraph 510 B has been amended to clarify mobilization or moving of equipment are included as an ineligible cost.

Subparagraph 522 H has been amended to change the deadline for C/S agreements with practice expiration date exceeded and provide instructions on processing.

Subparagraph 546:

- A has been amended to include change in CLU as an item which requires revision to a CRP-1
- J has been amended to include continuous signup 59, effective program year and appendix date.

Subparagraph 571 B has been amended to reorganize the language for clarity.

Subparagraph 576 A has been amended to direct waiver reports to the Conservation Division.

Subparagraphs 664 A and C have been amended to:

- allow CRP Participants to request a modified conservation plan from NRCS or TSP to prepare documentation for the occurrence up to 4 weeks in advance
- allow CRP Participants to sell haying and grazing privileges
- add examples of Commencement and Duration of Grazing.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 665:

- A has been amended to allow CRP participants to request a modified conservation plan from NRCS or TSP to prepare documentation for the occurrence up to 4 weeks in advance.
- C has been amended to:
 - include language to allow CRP Participants to sell haying and grazing privileges
 - clarify that a CRP participant must leave 25 percent of the acres requested unharvested
 - update dates in examples.

Subparagraph 668A has been amended to include CP33.

Subparagraph 670:

- D has been amended to clarify County Office reporting requirements to include:
 - CRP contracts and acres grazed under Beginning Farmer provisions
 - contract and acres hayed or grazed used as a required management item
- E has been amended to include new SharePoint link and State Office reporting requirements.

Subparagraphs 681:

- A has been amended to:
 - correct subparagraph references
 - incorporate additional practices eligible and restrictions for emergency haying and grazing when a county reaches the LFP trigger (D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3)
- C has been added to provide clarification on documenting continued use of Emergency Haying and Grazing Once D2 Status Has Improved
- D has been added to provide guidance on Emergency Haying and Grazing that Requires STC Authorizations
- E has been amended to provide guidance on applying for STC or DAFP Authorization of Emergency Haying and Grazing.

Subparagraph 681.5 has been added to provide guidance on Emergency Haying and Grazing During the Extreme Drought Conditions.

Subparagraph 682 has been withdrawn and replaced with 681.5 to provide additional clarification.

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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Paragraph 687 has been amended to include expanded practices available for Emergency Haying and Grazing.

Exhibit 2 has been amended to include definitions for:

- extreme drought conditions
- soil amendments.

Exhibit 5 has been amended to update the language in both the CRP-27 and CRP-28.

Exhibit 11 has been amended to:

- replace the term minerals with soil amendments
- add language for CP2 related to seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks or firelanes
- add 666 as an eligible practice for CP3 and CP3A
- clarify size requirements for CP5A, Field Windbreak Establishment
- add missing eligible practices for CP33, removed the requirement that the buffer be located around the entire perimeter of the field for new offer or at the time of offer re-enrollment, clarified use of CP33 to buffer organic production, and add the availability of 314 and 315 for C/S
- add updated duck nesting habitat map for CP37
- remove ineligible practices 314 and 315 for CP88 and added 533 as an eligible practice.
- change the title of CP4B to include the date the practice is eligible to be offered before January 4, 2021, only.

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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>
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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.

*--**Note:** Not applicable to CLEAR30, FWP, HELI, SAFE, and Wellhead Protection which are listed in separate tables.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP5A <u>2/</u>	14 to 15
CP8A	10
CP9	10
CP12 <u>1/</u>	10 to 15
CP15A	10
CP15B	10
CP16A <u>2/</u>	14 to 15
CP17A	14 to 15
CP18B	10
CP18C	10
CP21 <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP21B <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP21S <u>2/</u>	10 to 15
CP22	14 to 15
CP22B	14 to 15
CP22S	14 to 15
CP23	10 to 15
CP23A	10 to 15
CP24	10
CP27	10 to 15
CP28	10 to 15
CP29	10 to 15
CP30	10 to 15
CP31	14 to 15
CP33 <u>2/</u>	10
CP36	14 to 15
CP37	10 to 15
CP 42 <u>2/</u>	10
CP 43 <u>2/</u>	10 to 15

1/ 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.

2/ Practices enrolled under organic operations eligibility must be designated in COLS.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

*--The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through CLEAR30.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP8A	30 years
CP15A	30 years
CP15B	30 years
CP21	30 years
CP22	30 years
CP23	30 years
CP23A	30 years
CP29	30 years
CP30	30 years
CP31	30 years
CP37	30 years

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

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP27	10 to 15 years
CP28	10 to 15 years
CP39	10 to 15 years
CP40	10 to 15 years
CP41	10 to 15 years

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

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1	10 years
CP2	10 years
CP3	10 years
CP3A	10 years
CP4D	10 years
CP25	10 years

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66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

*--The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through SAFE.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP38A-8A <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-15A <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-15B <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-21	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-22	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-33 <u>3/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38A-43	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-9	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-23	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-23A	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-27	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-28	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38B-37	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38C-3	14 to 15 years
CP38C-3A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-5A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-16A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-17A	14 to 15 years
CP38C-25 (primarily trees)	14 to 15 years
CP38C-31	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38D-36	14 to 15 years
CP38E-1	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-2	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-4D	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-12 <u>4/</u>	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-18B	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-18C	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-24	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-25 (primarily grass)	10 to 15 Determined based on project
CP38E-42	10 to 15 Determined based on project

3/ SAFE practices were moved from CP38E to CP38A starting with SU55 – January 4, 2021.

4/ CP12 is only authorized in combination with certain conservation practices. The length of CRP-1 is determined by the contract duration of the companion practice. --*

66 National Practices (Continued)

C Practices for Continuous CRP Signup (Continued)

*--The following provides eligible practices and CRP-1 period for continuous CRP signup through Wellhead Protection.

Practice	CRP-1 Period
CP1	10 to 15 years
CP2	10 to 15 years
CP3	14 to 15 years
CP3A	14 to 15 years
CP4D	10 to 15 years

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66 National Practices (Continued)

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

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

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

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Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP ^{3/}	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive ^{3/}	Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP1, Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes	Wellhead	X	10	N ^{1/}	N ^{1/}	N	5%	
CP2, Establishment of Permanent Native Grass	Wellhead	X	10	N ^{1/}	N ^{1/}	N	3%	
CP3, Tree Planting	Wellhead	X	14-15 ^{2/}	N ^{1/}	N ^{1/}	N	10%	
CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting	Wellhead	X	14-15 ^{2/}	N ^{1/}	N ^{1/}	N	10%	
CP4B, Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors ^{4/}	Wellhead	X	10-15	N ^{1/}	N ^{1/}	N	N	
CP4D, Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Wellhead	X	10	N ^{1/}	N ^{1/}	N	3%	
CP5A, Field Windbreak Establishment	X		14-15 ^{2/}	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/} Practice is no longer available as of January 4, 2021.

^{2/} Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

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

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Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	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		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	N	10%	

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

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

9/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

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

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Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP17A, Living Snow Fences	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	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		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	Y	10%	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	Y	10%	\$2, \$5, \$10
CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	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.

9/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

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

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Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	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	HELI only	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		14-15 <u>2/</u>	Y	Y	Y	10%	
CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds	X		10	Y	Y	N	5%	
CP36, Longleaf Pine - Establishment	X		14-15 <u>2/</u>	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.

2/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

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

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Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP <u>3/</u>	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive <u>3/</u>	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>5/</u>	5%	
CP38A, SAFE – Buffers (CP22)	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y <u>6/</u>	10%	
CP38B, SAFE – Wetlands (CP9, CP23, CP23A, CP27, CP28, CP37)	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y <u>7/</u>	3%	
CP38C, SAFE – Trees (CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP25)	X		14-15 <u>9/</u>	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP38C, SAFE – Trees (CP16A, CP17A, CP31)	X		14-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP38D, SAFE – Longleaf Pine (CP36)	X		14-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP38E, SAFE – Grass (CP2, CP4D, CP12, CP18B, CP18C)	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	3% <u>8/</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.

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

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

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

8/ Practice CP38E-12 is not authorized for the Climate-Smart Incentive.

9/ Effective for contracts approved after October 1, 2022.--*

66 National Practices (Continued)

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

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Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Period	32.5 Percent SIP	50 Percent PIP ^{3/}	20 Percent Rental Rate Incentive ^{3/}	Climate-Smart Incentive Percent	Maintenance Incentive Rate
CP38E, SAFE – Grass (CP25)	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	10%	
CP39, FWP 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.

Note: Beginning March 16, 2020, CP87, CP87A, and CP88A are no longer authorized--* for grassland CRP.

67-80 (Reserved)

Section 2 Land Eligibility Requirements

151 Eligible Land Criteria

A Cropland Cropping History Eligibility Criteria

Eligible cropland includes cropland that is both of the following:

- planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during 4 of the 6 crop years from 2012 through 2017

***--Exception:** Field margins that are incidental to the planting of crops, such as turnrows, field borders, and center pivot corners. Field margins do not include other areas within a field.

Notes: The applicable crop years 2012 through 2017 are fixed by statute.

Acreage planted in an unworkmanlike manner, as determined by COC, will not be considered planted for cropping history for CRP purposes.

The following will be considered planted for CRP cropping history purposes:

- cropland for which the producer received an approved prevented planting claim according to 2-CP in the year the prevented planting occurred
- cropland enrolled in CRP during the term of CRP-1

Example: John Smith enrolled in CRP with a contract effective date of October 1, 2007. His CRP-1 expired September 30, 2017. John Smith earned and maintained cropping history credit for CRP purposes from 2007 through 2017.

- *--cropland that meets the criteria in the following table.

IF...	AND...	THEN...
the crop is alfalfa, multi-year grass, or multi-year legume	it was initially planted in 2012 through 2017	the cropland is considered planted to an agricultural commodity as conserving use for CRP cropping history purposes in the year it was initially planted and every subsequent year the commodity remained on the land, not to exceed 2017.

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151 Eligible Land Criteria (Continued)

A Cropland Cropping History Eligibility Criteria (Continued)

IF...	AND...	THEN...
in any year 2012 through 2017 the cropland was fallow	the fallow was part of an established rotation pattern with either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an agricultural commodity • alfalfa, multi-year grass, or multi-year legume <p>Note: The entire rotation pattern must not exceed 12 consecutive years.</p>	the year(s) the cropland was fallow during 2012 through 2017 will be considered planted to an agricultural commodity for CRP cropping history purposes.
alfalfa, multi-year grass, or multi-year legume is part of an established rotation pattern with an agricultural commodity	both of the following are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the entire rotation pattern is 12 years or less • the agricultural commodity was planted in at least one year, 2012 through 2017 of the rotation pattern 	the land is considered planted to an agricultural commodity for CRP cropping history purposes.
cropland previously enrolled in CRP for which the CRP contract expired during crop years 2012 through 2017	the grass cover continues to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP at the time the offer is submitted <u>1/</u>	the land is considered planted to an agricultural commodity for CRP cropping history purposes.

1/ Cover that is deteriorated or degraded is not considered to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP and is not eligible to be designated as conserving use.

- physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity, as determined by COC.

Notes: COC’s determination must be based on whether the cropland could be planted to an agricultural commodity in a normal manner during a normal cropping season.

--Cropping history may be provided according to subparagraph 332 B and late filed acreage reports may be accepted according to subparagraph 602A.--

Acreage permanently under water, including acreage currently enrolled in CRP, is ineligible to be offered for enrollment 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 Areas for Wildlife
- water according to paragraph 429.

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

*--**Note:** Tribal trust lands are not considered federally owned.--*

- 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 currently within practice lifespan requirements according to subparagraph C
- land already enrolled in CRP

Exception: Land enrolled in CRP is eligible to be offered for re-enrollment in the program if the current CRP-1 expires September 30 of the FY the acreage is offered for enrollment, unless the acreage has a CRP useful life easement that extends beyond the length of the current CRP-1. See subparagraph A.

- existing grass waterways.

Exceptions: Grass waterways that are enrolled in CRP at the time this acreage is offered for enrollment in CRP.

Newly created grass waterways completed within the 12-month period previous to signup if:

- completed according to a conservation plan
- not under practice lifespan requirements according to subparagraph C.

Grass waterways enhanced or expanded within the 12-month period previous to signup if completed according to a conservation plan.

Note: Grass waterways that are purposely destroyed to be made eligible for enrollment in CRP will remain ineligible.

152 Native American Tribal Lands

A Land Eligibility

Native American Tribal land is eligible for CRP. Tribal lands are:

- subject to BIA management
- **--Note:** See subparagraph 335 C for exceptions to signature requirements.
- subject to Tribal land management--*
- not U.S. owned.

153 State, County, or Publicly Owned Land

A Land Eligibility

State, county, or publicly owned land that is offered for participation in CRP is eligible if the land meets all other eligibility requirements.

Exception: Federally owned land is ineligible to be enrolled in CRP. See subparagraph 151 D.

154 Land Under Lease for Gas, Oil, Earth, or Mineral Rights

A Guidelines for Existing Lease

Eligible land on which gas, oil, earth, or other mineral rights exploration has been leased or is owned by someone other than the person interested in enrolling acreage in CRP may be **offered** for CRP-1.

If any person has an existing mineral rights' lease or someone other than the CRP participant owns the mineral rights **before** land is offered for CRP and the person exercises the right to extract minerals, etc., from the land that is subject to CRP, COC must:

- terminate CRP-1 on affected acres
- waive refund of annual rental payments and liquidated damages
- require refund of C/S payments
- advise the CRP participant that the land may be reoffered in a subsequent signup if the land meets all other eligibility requirements.

*--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.

***--Important:** Vegetative cover on new offers or offers to re-enroll expiring CRP land must meet the minimum N1a EBI with a point value greater than zero listed in--* Exhibit 26 for the applicable practice.

Example: 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.

*--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.--*

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 * * * . <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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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 according to subparagraph 500 A * * *.

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.

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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 * * *

--CLEAR30 offers C/S assistance to participants for performing maintenance activities throughout the contract period. Participants are responsible for cover maintenance.--

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L Maintenance Payments

*--C/S assistance is authorized for all CLEAR30 maintenance activities, including re-establishment of approved cover, performed in accordance with the approved conservation plan, NRCS/TSP monitoring, or other documentation made as part of the CRP contract upon approval.

Participants will be paid 75 percent of the STC-established rate to complete maintenance activities.--*

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

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

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

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

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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 * * *.

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)

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

Following is an example of CRP-2C30.

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<i>(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements.)</i>					
CRP-2C30 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency (07-13-22) CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Continuous Signup CLEAR30)			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	
8A. Rental Rate Per Acre Offered \$	8B. Producer's maintenance performance: <input type="checkbox"/> Completed by participant			9. Signup Type	
10. Practices (See Page 3 for additional space)				11. HUC Number:	
A. Field No.	B. Practice No.	C. Acres	D. Length	12. Land Eligibility Category by Acres: (Enter the amount eligible for each criteria.)	
				Marginal Pastureland	
				Wellhead Protection Acres	
				Expiring CRP	
				Infeasible to Farm	
				Other Cropland	
13. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
					F. Total Rent
(1) Primary				x \$	= \$
(2) Secondary				x \$	= \$
(3) Tertiary				x \$	= \$
TOTALS					\$
14. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. 13F total + Col. 16F total divided by Col. 13D total + Col 16D total) \$			15. Total rental payment adjustment (if applicable (Item 14 times 13D total + 16D total times applicable inflationary adjustment percentage) \$		
16. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations. For infeasible to farm Acreage:					
	A. Physical Location	B. Soil Survey ID No.	C. Map Unit Symbol	D. Acres	E. Soil Rental Rate
					F. Total Rent
(1) Primary				x \$	= \$
(2) Secondary				x \$	= \$
(3) Tertiary				x \$	= \$
TOTALS					\$
17. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate plus total rental payment inflationary adjustment percentage (13F total + 15 + 16F total) divided by (13D total + 16D total) \$			CONTRACT TOTALS		
			18. Maximum Payment Rate Per Acre (Item 17) \$		
Date Printed: _____					

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

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Items 19 through 22 (See Page 4 for additional space)										
19. Tract No.	20. Current Field No.	21. Current Crop or Land Use	22. Crop Land Use Summary							
			A. Offered Acres	B. Eligible Acres	C. _____	D. _____	E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____
23. TOTAL ►										
24. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION:										
<p><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 if I decline cost share assistance, then I will be ineligible for cost share assistance; (3) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (4) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the acreage of crops and land listed herein are true and correct; and (5) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses, and enter for other purposes, on the above- identified land.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.</i></p>										
24A. Signature (By)				24B. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity				24C. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)		
Date Printed:										

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

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23. TOTAL ▶												

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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.

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<p>CRP-1 CLEAR (07-13-22)</p>	<p><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 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. CRP contract or CRP-1 means the CRP documents including not only forms CRP-1, but also the Appendix to form CRP-1 ("Appendix"), the conservation plan, and this and any other addendums, related to the producer's participation in CRP. Such CRP contract shall set forth the terms and conditions for participation in the CRP and receipt of CRP payments under the CLEAR 30 pilot program.</p> <p>B. Maintenance, or Maintain, means activities needed to preserve and keep in good condition the conservation practice(s), as determined and described by the conservation plan. Maintenance also includes re-establishment of the practice(s), if CCC determines that such re-establishment is required. Further, maintenance includes management upkeep of the practice(s) over the life of the CRP-1.</p> <p>4. AGREEMENT</p> <p>A. The participant agrees:</p> <p>(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>(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>(3) To comply with the terms and conditions of the CRP contract, including implementing the conservation plan in accordance with the schedule of dates in such conservation plan; such compliance includes maintenance of the conservation practice(s).</p>
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- (4) To establish and maintain the practices agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan.
- (8) To control, on land subject to the CRP contract, all weeds, insects, pests, and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure the maintenance of approved cover, and to provide such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land, taking into consideration water quality, wildlife and other factors;
- (14) To carry out thinning and similar conservation practices, as specified in the conservation plan, to enhance the conservation benefits and wildlife habitat resources applicable to the CRP practice(s), and to promote forest management on land devoted to trees, if applicable, pursuant to the conservation plan.
- (15) To comply with noxious weed laws of the applicable State or local jurisdiction on land subject to this CRP contract.

B. CCC Agrees:

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

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

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

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

It is mutually agreed that in the event that this CRP CLEAR30 contract is breached by the participant, as determined by CCC, the CCC will suffer substantial damages which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to the demand for refund as provided for in IV. 3 of this Addendum and the CRP regulations, the participant agrees to pay an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying: (1) 25 percent of the rental payment rate per acre on the CRP-1 by, (2) the number of acres on which the breach of contract occurred, as determined by CCC. Such amount shall be due as liquidated damages in addition to such other damages or amounts as may be due, as determined by CCC, and not as a penalty.

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13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT; JOINT LIABILITY

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

16. TRANSFER OF LAND

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

- (1) maintenance payments shall be made by CCC to the participant who completes the maintenance activity as described in the conservation plan.
- E. (2) Refund all or part of the annual rental payments made with respect to such contract, plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC, and
- (3) Pay liquidated damages to CCC as specified in paragraph 10 of this addendum.

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

4. AGREEMENT

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

5. CONSERVATION PLAN

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

6. MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

7. COST SHARE PAYMENTS

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

1. MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

A. CCC maintenance payments shall be made available at a rate of 75 percent of the cost of maintenance, as determined by CCC, to participants who carry out such maintenance

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<p>CRP-1 CLEAR (07-13-22)</p> <p>B. Maintenance payments may be made available under the CRP only for the maintenance of an eligible CRP practice agreed to on the CRP-1 and in the conservation plan. In order for the participant to receive maintenance payments, the participant, upon completion of the maintenance activity, must file with FSA the form FSA-848B, certifying performance of the maintenance activity, for approval by CCC.</p> <p>2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Maintenance activities designed to ensure plant diversity and water quality benefits while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources must be conducted as needed throughout the contract period, as specified in the conservation plan. CCC will provide payment for any maintenance activities directly to the CRP CLEAR30 participant who completes the maintenance activity according to the conservation plan. Upon completion of the maintenance activity, the participant must file form FSA-848B, certifying performance of the maintenance activity with FSA.</p> <p>3. REFUND IN THE EVENT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT</p> <p>In the event CCC determines that the participant is in breach of the CLEAR 30 contract, CCC may demand refund of rental payments received, and refund of maintenance payments received, along with interest thereon, to the extent determined appropriate by CCC, as provided for in the CRP contract and the CRP regulations. In the event there is a conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other provisions of the CRP contract with regard to such demand for refund, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.</p>	<p>Page 4 of 4</p>
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197 One-Time Payments

A SIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

197 One-Time Payments (Continued)

A SIP (Continued)

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

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 * * * 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.

--Bob's 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:

- $50\% \text{ PIP} \times \$1,500 = \$750$
 - $\$750 \text{ C/S} + \$0 \text{ Outside C/S} + \$750 \text{ PIP} = \$1,500$
 - $\$1,500 = \$1,500$
- **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.

--John's 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 + \$2750 PIP = \$6,600
 - \$6,600 > \$5,500
 - CCC C/S will be reduced to \$1,650; PIP remains \$2,750
- 40 percent PIP of \$2200 is paid at the time of practice
- 10 percent PIP of \$550 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.

--Sally's 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 + \$5,000 PIP = \$13,000
 - \$13,000 > \$10,000
 - CCC C/S will be reduced to \$250; PIP remains \$5,000
- 40 percent PIP of \$4000 is paid at the time of practice
- 10 percent PIP of \$1,000 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.

--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 NAP, LFP, or ELAP if all eligibility requirements in 1-NAP, 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 Land Eligibility Requirement**

Eligible land for grassland CRP is land on a tract or a portion of a tract that:

- is classified according to 10-CM, paragraph 30 as:
 - cropland if the land use or land cover is an improved pasture or hay-land established to a permanent vegetative cover
 - rangeland including native pasture or native land.--*
- 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 and the contract is currently expired, however the land is currently within the EQIP practice lifespan.

The following land classifications, as described in 10-CM subparagraph 30 B, are **not** eligible to be enrolled in grassland CRP:

- urban
- mined land
- forest
- water body
- barren
- tundra
- perennial snow and ice
- other agricultural land not normally used for livestock grazing activities
- rangeland with greater than 5 percent tree canopy.--*

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

***--Example 1:** Participant's 100-acre offer includes a five-acre patch of trees in one corner of the field and one 4-acre pond. There are only 91 acres eligible to be enrolled into grassland CRP.

Example 2: Participant's 100-acre offer includes trees interspersed throughout the 100 acres with less than 5 percent canopy. All 100 acres are eligible to be enrolled into grassland CRP.

Example 3: Participant's 100-acre offer includes trees interspersed throughout the 100 acres with a 10 percent canopy cover. This offer is not eligible to be enrolled in grassland CRP because the 10 percent canopy exceeds the maximum 5 percent tree canopy.--*

263 Land and Producer Eligibility (Continued)

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.

265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities

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

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Step	Action	Reference
1	National Office announces grassland CRP signup period.	Press Release and National Notice
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 or map. <p>County Offices must explain the following program details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land eligibility and ineligibility • payment rate • national ranking and selection process • COC determinations • available practices and applicable C/S rates. <p>County Offices must provide the producer with current Grassland CRP Ranking Criteria Fact Sheet, the Grassland CRP Working Lands Fact Sheet, and any State specific technical practice standard requirements.</p> <p>Example of State Specific Practice Standard Requirements: The NRCS practice standard 528 for prescribed grazing requires that participants fence off any streams or rivers. County Office staff will provide the participant with a State Grassland CRP Fact Sheet or implementation requirements explaining any State specific planning requirements at the time of application.</p>	<p>National Notice and Part 9 of 2-CRP</p> <p>Paragraph 332</p> <p>Paragraph 151</p>
3	Producer requests to submit an offer for enrollment in grassland CRP Signup and informs FSA of any C/S requests.	National Notice and Press Release

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

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Step	Action	Reference
4	Participant will provide FSA with the requested practices and estimate extents needed. FSA will inform the participant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C/S is not guaranteed and will be determined based on need by the technical agency • C/S practice will not be started before the environmental review has been completed and FSA has notified the participant of the approval of the cost share agreement (FSA-848A). 	Part 15, Paragraph 367, and 1-EQ
5	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. If all are: <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-28 – Exhibit 5. 	Part 6
6	If all requirements in step 5 are met, create a TERRA offer.	4-CRP
7	After completing a TERRA scenario, process offers through COLS.	4-CRP
8	County Office enters the offer data (practice, cover type, acres, CRP-1 period) in COLS, as provided by the producer.	4-CRP

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

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Step	Action	Reference
9	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.	4-CRP
10	Producer signs and dates the completed CRP-1 and CRP-2G and provides the signed documents to the County Office. Note: Only 1 signature is required to submit an eligible offer. All signatures are required before COC or CED approves CRP-1.	4-CRP
11	County Office must ensure that offer is in “Submitted” status in COLS.	4-CRP
12	State and County Offices review the offer ranking data to identify incomplete or erroneous ranking data. If ranking data is incomplete or erroneous, County Office must edit the offer to correct the incomplete or erroneous data. County Office must go back and repeat steps 9 through 11.	CRP Notice
13	National Office locks COLS for ranking. County Offices can no longer access grassland CRP signup offer records.	National Office
14	National Office ranks all grassland CRP signup offers in a “Submitted” status.	National Office
15	A national ranking cutoff score is determined and final results of acceptable and rejected offers are announced.	CRP Notice
16	Accepted or Rejected Offers are posted.	CRP Notice
17	County Offices must conduct a post ranking eligibility review.	CRP Notice

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

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Step	Action	Reference
18	<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 or map created in step 6, if applicable. 	CRP Notice
19	County Office will complete a paid for measurement service for acceptable offers, if requested by the producer.	Paragraph 401
20	NRCS completes site visit as determined necessary as part of the conservation plan development.	Paragraph 366
21	<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. 	Paragraph 376

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

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Step	Action	Reference
22	<p>County Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes all necessary consultations, if needed <p>Note: Ground disturbing practices (example: water wells, livestock pipelines, ponds, and watering facilities) on land offered for grassland CRP will require consultation and may result in the need for a field survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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”. 	Paragraphs 366 and 367 and 1-EQ
23	If determined complete and acceptable, COC or CED signs conservation plan.	Paragraph 366
24	County Office ensures that AGI certification is filed and recorded in subsidiary file for the FY of the COC approval date.	Paragraph 131
25	COC or CED approves CRP-1.	Paragraph 401

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265 Processing Offers for Grassland CRP (Continued)

B County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

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Step	Action	Reference
26	County Office records Contract Period on CRP-1.	Paragraph 401
27	County Office enters COC approval date and effective start date from CRP-1 into COLS.	Paragraph 401
28	County Office: <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
29	The FSA-848A will not be approved until a final conservation plan or modified conservation plan is received, and the environmental review is completed. Once received the County Office will complete the FSA-848A within 5 days and notify the participant of cost share approval.	CRP Notice

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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 (06-14-21)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency		1. Tract Number	2. Program Year
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (For Grassland CRP Signup)				3A. Sign Up Number	3B. Effective Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
4A. County FSA Office Address (Include Zip Code)			4C. Producer Name and Address (Include Zip Code)		
4B. County FSA Office Phone Number (Include Area Code)			4D. Producer Phone Number (Include Area Code)		
5A. State & County Code Admin. Location		5B. State & County Code Physical Location		6. Contract Number	
7A. Acres for Enrollment	7B. Cropland Acres	8A. 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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270 Payments**A Grassland CRP Payments**

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

B C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost for certain components of grassland CRP practices. See Exhibit 11 for practice CP88. The FSA-848A will:

- not be approved until the final conservation plan or modified conservation plan is received and the environmental review is complete.

Note: Once completed the County Office will develop the FSA-848A within 5 days.

- be based on NRCS or TSP determination of need according to the CP88 practice requirements described in Exhibit 11
- must be completed and all practices installed within 36 months of approval of the FSA-848A, unless otherwise approved by DAFP.--*

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)

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
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- 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.

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Form	Signature Required
CRP-1 (Exhibit 21) Certification Statement (subparagraph 130 E)	All operators, owners, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered
Conservation Plan	All operators, owners, and tenants who have an interest in the acreage being offered Important: FSA spousal signature requirements do not apply to NRCS. Participants must execute the appropriate NRCS power of attorney to give spouses authority to sign NRCS contract documents such as the Conservation Plan.

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Notes: See subparagraph C for exceptions on obtaining owners' signatures.

See 1-CM for acceptable signature methods.

335 Signature Requirements (Continued)

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.

C Requirement Exceptions

The requirements for signatures apply unless:

- a trustee of BIA representing the native Americans owning the land signs on their behalf

Note: All CRP-1's signed by BIA representative on behalf of Native Americans owning the land must be reviewed by RA. COC or CED must not approve CRP-1 until RA determines that the required signatures have been obtained.

- a native American has a restrictive 5-year BIA farm lease that has been extended according to BIA provisions.

Exception: If the land has non-Native American owners who are unknown, CRP-1 may be approved without the non-Native American owners' signatures if the total non-Native American owner share is 25 percent or less.

See 10-CM for recording unknown owners or operators in MIDAS Farm Records.

D Policy on Evidence of Signature Authority

For CRP-1, CRP-1R, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2G, CRP-2C30, CRP-817U, FSA-848A, and FSA-848B, acceptable evidence of authority for an individual to sign in a representative capacity must be on file at the time the person is signing the applicable document in a representative capacity. The County Office will not accept a signature of an individual acting in a representative capacity unless there is acceptable evidence of this authority on file in the County Office at the time the individual signs the applicable document. See 1-CM for acceptable evidence of signature authority.

336 Submitting Offers After Signup Deadline**A Register of Offers**

Registers are authorized for CRP signups according to 1-CM, paragraph 2. Producers placed on the register by COB on the final date for submitting offers must be:

- assisted as soon as possible after the final date for submitting offers
- considered to have submitted their offers on time.

B Late-Filed Offers

Only offers filed before the deadline for submitting offers are eligible.

Using CRP-36 (Exhibit 5), advise producers who submit offers after the deadline that late-filed offers are not eligible.

Note: Producers listed on the register are not considered late-filed offers.

All offers submitted by producers on a register must be completed and submitted in COLS within 1 week after the last day of the announced general CRP signup period to be ranked.

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F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements

NEPA, NHPA, ESA, and other related laws, regulations, and executive orders require
 *--Federal agencies to consider the potential impacts of their proposed actions on the natural, cultural, and human environment. Therefore, **before** approving a CRP-1 (including re-enrollment), land application of animal waste, construction of wind-powered generation devices, or implementing any ground disturbing practice, FSA **must** ensure that all potential impacts to the cultural, natural, and human environment have been considered and thoroughly evaluated according to 1-EQ, 7 CFR Part 799, and GM 190 Part 410. It is FSA’s responsibility to determine the impacts of a project on protected resources and to make the finding of effect. Cultural resource documentation may be provided by NRCS or a TSP, however FSA is responsible for consultations and determination of effects. Consultation may result in the need for a cultural resources field survey(s).

The following table provides the items for approval and related criteria needed prior to approval in relation to NEPA.

Item for Approval	Criteria
CRP-1 (including contract re-enrollments)	NRCS or the TSP must provide the following documentation to FSA, when applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete Sections A-O of the NRCS-CPA-52, based on the results of the site visit • all reports, permits, or other permissions necessary to perform and maintain practices, as provided on NRCS-CPA-52, Section G • IPaC or other technical report addressing threatened and endangered species <p>Note: IPaC reports are valid for 90 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • floodplain information • prime farmland • soils and HEL (CPA-026) • wetland documentation • cultural resources documentation • photographs • 7.5-minute USGS topographic map of the project.

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367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements (Continued)

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Item for Approval	Criteria
CRP-1 (including contract re-enrollments) (Cntd.)	The FSA approving official must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine the area of potential effect, prior ground disturbance, historical aerial images, soil data, producer information, cropping history, and farm equipment usage • review the NRCS-CPA-52, as prepared by NRCS or a TSP during the conservation planning process, to determine potential impacts of the proposed CRP-1 and associated C/S and CP's on the cultural, natural, and human environment. • ensure compliance with all environmental policies and regulations in 1-EQ • see 1-EQ for proposed actions that occur within wetlands or floodplains • conduct all required consultations (for example, SHPO, THPO, American Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, FWS, NMFS) according to 1-EQ • review background research, consultation responses, and proposed project impacts to identify the need for a cultural resource survey • complete the NRCS-CPA-52, Sections P, Q, R, and S after completing all necessary consultations. <p>Note: Only FSA approving officials who have completed environmental compliance training provided by the State Environmental Coordinator may sign the NRCS-CPA-52.</p>

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367 Conservation Planning (Continued)

F National Environmental Policy Act and Other Requirements (Continued)

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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 or TSP update the conservation plan and NRCS-CPA-52 • complete the NRCS-CPA-52 process and proceed with processing the producer’s request • ensure the environmental evaluation documents the source area of animal waste, sludge, or agricultural by-product, and that there are no known contaminants in any soil amendments • include supporting documentation and consultation records as part of the file. <p>Note: See paragraph 635.</p>
Construction of Wind Turbines	<p>Before COC or CED approves the construction of wind turbines on CRP, FSA must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • request NRCS or TSP update the conservation plan and NRCS-CPA-52 • complete the NRCS-CPA-52 process and proceed with processing the producer’s request • ensure that turbines comply with FWS land-based wind energy guidelines • include supporting documentation and consultation records as part of the file. <p>Note: See paragraph 639.</p>

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367 Conservation Planning (Continued)**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.

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

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- 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.

- *--submit the first five CREP offers per County Service Center to STC or it's representative for review.--*

401 Approving and Numbering CRP-1's (Continued)

A Requirements Before Approval (Continued)

For general CRP signups, a producer may change CRP practices only if all * * * the following conditions are met:

- original offer was accepted
- CRP-1 has not been approved
- the EBI score of the new practice is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the existing practice.

Important: When determining whether the EBI score of the new practice or practices is equal to or greater than the EBI score of the original practice or practices, COC or CED **must** use the same EBI criteria 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.

*--The County Office must:

- reduce base acres and complete CCC-505 according to 1-ARCPLC
- ensure acreage determinations have been made and verified by a measurement service--*

Exceptions: Measurement service is not required for:

- official fields
- any acreage currently enrolled that has been reoffered and accepted, if the area accepted was measured before enrollment.

Notes: In early signup periods, offers were accepted by farm. Offers are now required to be by tract. If acreage currently enrolled were required to be reoffered separately because the acreage is located on more than 1 tract, the acreage is required to be measured.

The use of TERRA is considered a measurement service. No measurement service fee is charged for the use of TERRA. If staking and referencing or in office measurement, other than TERRA, is performed, see 2-CP, paragraph 927 for fees.

- complete all acreage eligibility determinations
- *--ensure the first five CREP offers per County Service Center have been reviewed by STC or its representative.

Note: Some producers may elect to modify the number of acres to be offered for CRP instead of reducing base acres on the farm.--*

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
- 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.

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

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.--*

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice

A When to Start CRP Practice

--Producers will be advised that:--

- approved CRP practices may be started:
 - after submitting the offer to the County Office
 - when notified that CRP-1 has been approved
 - *--upon written notification from FSA that the environmental evaluation is complete when designs, specifications, and implementation requirements have been received and explained by NRCS or TSP--*
- starting a practice before environmental review and final approval of CRP-1 is at the producer's own risk
- where practical State-certified seed must be used for CRP

Note: However, common seeds, especially for natives, may be used when certified seed is **not** available.

- C/S payments are ineligible if:
 - offer is not accepted
 - designated acres are ineligible
 - practice does not meet specifications
 - practice is not included in the approved conservation plan
 - ground disturbance below previously disturbed depths occurs before environmental review is completed.

Note: See paragraph 429 for C/S when modifying approved conservation plan.

B C/S for Practice Re-Establishment

The practice failed because of a natural disaster or through no fault of the participant. C/S assistance for restoring CRP practices include component restoration and re-establishing the CRP cover. If the practice failed because of a natural disaster or through no fault of the participants, COC must evaluate the site to determine both of the following if:

- the purpose of the practice is being met

492 C/S for Establishing the Practice (Continued)

B C/S for Practice Re-Establishment (Continued)

- remaining cover provides the same environmental benefits as the original cover, which includes:
 - water quality benefits
 - wildlife habitat benefits
 - erosion control.

If both criteria are met, COC must not authorize C/S for re-establishment.

If both the criteria are not being met, COC must determine whether the cost of restoring the approved cover outweighs the benefits that would be received from the restoration. COC's must, at a minimum, consider all 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.

500 FSA-848A and FSA-848B (Continued)

A FSA-848A, C/S Agreement (Continued)

The following CRP-1's require FSA-848A:

- general CRP and continuous CRP-1's with conservation plans that include either of the following:
 - C/S for the establishment of the practice
 - a required management activity
- grassland CRP-1's with conservation plans that include C/S for installation of interior fencing, water systems, animal trails, and walkways
- SHIPP CRP-1S's with conservation plans that include C/S or zero C/S for the establishment of the practice
- *--CLEAR30 CRP-1's with conservation plans that include a practice maintenance activity.--*

The following CRP-1's **do not** require FSA-848A:

- general CRP and continuous CRP-1's with conservation plans for re-enrolled acreage that do not include **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

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- 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.--

This form is available electronically. Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0082

FSA-848A (12-02-19)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency									
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, MD 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 THERETO.											
3. Application Number		4. Agreement Number									
29 101 2013 000E		29 101 2012 000E									
5. Program Year		6. Disaster ID Number									
		Non-Project Area									
7. Program Code		8. Contract ID (if applicable)									
CRP		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)		C. Cost-Share Willing to Approve		D. Cost-Share Approved	
						03-10-2016				804	
12. PARTICIPANT APPROVAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT											
A. Participant's Name, Address and Telephone Number		B. Signature (By)		C. Title/Relationship of the individual if signing in a Representative Capacity		D. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)					
Any Farmer 123 Main Street Anytown, USA 12345 (123) 456-7890											

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 (mobilization or moving of equipment and fuel surcharges)--*
- fence chargers

Exception: Solar fence charger included as part of or attached to the fence.

- seed and/or materials in excess of the NRCS or TSP recommended, and COC or CED approved amounts
- personal mileage
- items or activity not required to meet the minimum practice standards.

522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

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Report	Employee	Required Action
FSA-848A, Practices With Expiration Date Exceeded	Program Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No later than the 10th of each month, filter the SharePoint site for your State and county to process all C/S agreements with FSA-848's with Practice Expiration Date Exceeded. • Contact all participants that have not submitted receipts or certified completion of practices with instructions for practice performance certification or extension, as applicable. • A progress report will be expected from SharePoint and reviewed with COC. • Process applicable payments for participants who had submitted receipts and certified completion of the practice. • Terminate FSA-848A's for practices that have not been completed or an extension has not been requested and approved according to paragraphs 502 through 504. • Record C/S agreement action take and explanation, as required, on the SharePoint.
	DD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filter and review SharePoint C/S agreements for your district no later than the 20th of each month. • Contact the County Offices that have not taken action on their agreements by the 20th 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"> • Provide County Offices updated instructions and the link the to the Practice Expiration Date Exceeded SharePoint site upon receipt of the monthly updated information from the National Office. • Review the monthly report provided by DD. • Provide summary report for the State to SED.
	SED	Review the monthly report and communicate corrective actions needed to DD's.

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522 Monitoring CRP C/S Obligations (Continued)

H Monitoring CRP Obligation Reporting Action Responsibilities (Continued)

Report	Employee	Required Action
Status Management Report – CSS Applications/Agreements	Program Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the first of each month, prepare 2 versions of the Status Management Report using the selection criteria. • Review the practice status for each FSA-848A on the reports. • Contact all participants that have not submitted receipts or certified completion of practices, as applicable. • Review report with COC. • Process applicable payments for participants who had submitted receipts and certified completion of the practice. • 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. • 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.

Part 16 CRP-1 Modifications

Section 1 CRP-1 Revisions

546 Revisions to CRP-1's

A When to Revise CRP-1's

CRP-1's must be revised for the following reasons:

- change in farm number after a reconstitution, if the farm number is on CRP-1

Note: For CRP-1's that have a farm number provided, if the farm number changes, the County Office must complete a pen and ink change on the hard copy of CRP-1 to strike through the farm number. Do not add a new farm number to CRP-1. The County Office employee making the change and the CRP participant both must initial and date the strike through. If the farm number changes again, no action is required.

- change of participants
- change in participant's shares
- part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated by the participant according to subparagraph 571 B
- part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated because of a violation
- land under CRP-1 is withdrawn from cropland status
- land under CRP-1 is sold to another producer
- loss of control of land, including death, sale, inheritance, incompetency, foreclosure, or eminent domain
- acreage changes because of new digital imagery
- *--change in CLU number--*
- removal of CRP because of natural conditions.

Note: This is applicable to all CRP-1 signups.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

B Revising Erroneous Acre Determinations

Revise erroneous acre determinations according to the following.

Note: This subparagraph only applies to cases where there was **no** measurement service completed.

IF, after CRP-1 is approved, it is determined that CRP-1 includes...	THEN...
<p>more eligible acres than originally approved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise CRP-1 to include the additional eligible acres • do not make retroactive payments on the additional acres.
<p>less eligible acres than originally approved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise CRP-1 to correct the error • do not collect overpayments if it is an FSA, NRCS, or TSP error.

C Notification of Revisions

COC or CED **must** notify all CRP participants in writing that the conservation plan and CRP-1 **must** be revised to reflect the change to CRP-1. Participants **must** consult with NRCS or TSP to revise the conservation plan. Notify all participants, in writing, upon COC or CED receipt of the revised conservation plan, that the participants have 60 calendar days from the date of notification to sign the revised CRP-1.

546 Revisions to CRP-1's (Continued)

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	
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	
continuous signup 50	2017 and 2018	Either of the following:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 30, 2016 • October 14, 2016, for CRP-1's approved on or after October 14, 2016.
continuous signup 51	2018 and 2019	October 14, 2016.
grassland signup 201	2018	
continuous signup 52	2019 and 2020	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 9, 2019 • June 14, 2021, for CRP-1's approved on or after June 14, 2021.
general signup 56	2022	
grassland signup 203	2022	
continuous signup 57	2022 and 2023	June 14, 2021
general signup 58	2023	
grassland CRP signup 204	2023	
--continuous signup 59	2023 and 2024--	

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

Section 2 Terminations, Foreclosures, Receiverships, and Bankruptcies

571 Terminations

A Policy for Terminating All Land Under CRP-1

COC must terminate **all** land under CRP-1 before its expiration date, if any of the following are met:

- participant loses control of or transfers **all** of the land under CRP-1 and there is no successor-in-interest
- **all** signatories voluntarily request, in writing, to terminate **all** land under CRP-1
- participants' request for termination of part of the land under CRP-1 was disapproved and participants proceed to violate the terms and conditions of CRP-1 on that land

Example: Participant has 100 acres enrolled in CRP. Participant requests to terminate part of the acres under CRP-1 to return to crop production. The request is not approved. Producer plants part of the acres under CRP-1 to corn. COC must terminate all land (100 acres) under CRP-1.

Note: See subparagraph 603 E.

- **all** land under CRP-1 is transferred to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement according to paragraph 553

Note: The same land **may** be enrolled in CRP, including CREP, and ACEP-ALE at the same time.

- CRP practice or practices failed on **all** land under CRP-1 according to subparagraph 492 B and COC determines the cost of restoring the cover outweighs the benefits received from the restoration
- land under CRP-1 is under lease for gas, oil, earth, or mineral rights and the owner of these rights exercises the option to extract the gas, oil, earth, or minerals on **all** of the land under CRP-1 according to paragraph 154
- CRP-1 was approved based on erroneous eligibility determinations according to paragraph 638

571 Terminations (Continued)

A Policy for Terminating All Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)

- NRCS determines continuous signup practice cannot function on its own when a partial termination is requested
- participant is out of compliance with CRP-1 terms and conditions on all the land under CRP-1, and COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply according to paragraph 603.

Note: See paragraph 573 for terminating CRP-1's.

B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1

COC must terminate **part** of the land under CRP-1 before its expiration date, if any of the following are met:

- participant loses control of or transfers **part** of the land under CRP-1 and there is no successor-in-interest
- participant is out of compliance with CRP-1 terms and conditions on part of the land under CRP-1, and COC determines there was not a good faith effort to comply according to paragraph 603
- **part** of the land under CRP-1 is transferred to ACEP-WRE, HFRP, or EWP Floodplain Easement according to paragraph 553

Note: The same land **may** be enrolled in CRP, including CREP, and ACEP-ALE at the same time.

- CRP practice or practices failed on **part** of the land under CRP-1 according to subparagraph 492 B and COC determines the cost of restoring the cover outweighs the benefits received from the restoration
- land under CRP-1 is under lease for gas, oil, earth, or mineral rights and the owner of these rights exercises the option to extract the gas, oil, earth, or minerals on **part** of the land under CRP-1 according to paragraph 154
- part of the land under CRP-1 was approved based on erroneous eligibility determinations according to paragraph 638.

571 Terminations (Continued)

B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)

*--COC **may** terminate part of the land under CRP-1 before its expiration date, if **both** of the following conditions are met:--*

- **all** signatories to CRP-1 request, in writing, to terminate part of the acreage under an approved CRP-1
- the later of the following:
 - *--the approved cover is established on the acreage--*
 - CRP-1 has been effective for at least 2 years

Exception: CRP-1's that have been re-enrolled do not have to be in effect for at least 2 years.

Example: CRP-1 number 926 was enrolled in 2011 and was scheduled to expire September 30, 2021, but was re-enrolled to CRP-1 number 10025 with an effective date of October 1, 2021. CRP-1 number 10025 does **not** have to be in effect for 2 years to request a partial termination.

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*--**Important:** For continuous signup practices only, in addition to meeting the criteria in this paragraph, NRCS **must** determine that the remaining practice will continue to function after part of the land under CRP-1 is terminated. If NRCS determines that the remaining continuous practice cannot function on its own after the land under CRP-1 is partially terminated, follow subparagraph 571 A and terminate all land under CRP-1.--*

Notes: A paid-for measurement service must be completed to determine the acreage terminated. The producer must refund annual rental payments plus interest and liquidated damages for the acreage terminated. Any cover destroyed on the acreage not terminated must be re-established at the producer's expense.

SRR's for remaining acreage under CRP-1 must not be recalculated.

Requests for termination of part of the land under CRP-1 that do not meet these requirements may only be approved by DAFP.

571 Terminations (Continued)**B Policy for Terminating Part of the Land Under CRP-1 (Continued)**

Requests for DAFP approval of termination of part of the land under CRP-1 **must** 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)

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 Conservation Division 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.

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
- *--during the PNS, participants may request a modified conservation plan, up to 4 weeks prior to the end of PNS, to allow time for NRCS or TSP to prepare documentation for the grazing activity--*
- 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 sell or lease the 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.

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

664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements (Continued)

B Conservation Plan Requirements (Continued)

- 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.

C Commencement and Duration of Grazing

Non-emergency grazing:

- *--must not exceed 120 calendar days, during the period beginning March 1 and ending November 1--*
- 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 reduction in the carrying capacity specified in the conservation plan--*
- 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**.

664 Non-Emergency Grazing Requirements (Continued)

Example 1: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. A CRP participant may obtain a modified conservation plan to allow grazing from March 1, 2023, to April 14, 2023, and to graze again beginning July 16, 2023, not to exceed a total of 120 calendar days, as determined by NRCS in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start date, the participant can use non-emergency grazing again any time after March 1, 2024, subject to an approved conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on the start date of the grazing on the acres actually grazed.

Example 2: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. The participant's modified conservation plan allows grazing to start July 16, 2023, not to exceed 120 calendar days as determined by NRCS in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start date, the participant would not be allowed to use non-emergency grazing for 2 years. The participant would be able to use non-emergency grazing beginning July 16, 2025, subject to the conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on the start date of the grazing on the acres actually grazed.

Example 3: The participant has 100 acres of CRP. The participant requests to non-emergency hay after the PNS in 2022. The participant can hay 75 of the 100 acres with a 25 percent reduction in annual rental payment on the 75 acres. The participant asks the County Office if they can graze the 25 acres left unharvested next year. The County Office tells the participant they may not hay or graze the 25 acres next year. The 25 percent left unharvested cannot be included as a separate instance.

Example 4: The participant hayed 75 acres in 2022. In the spring of 2023, the county triggers for emergency haying and grazing. The participant contacts the County Office and wants to know if they can hay the 25 acres that were left unharvested in 2022. Because emergency haying and grazing resets the clock the participant can hay the entire 100 acres, subject a modified conservation plan and no long-term damage to the grass stand. If the participant hays the entire acreage in 2023 (under emergency) they must wait until 2026 before they can non-emergency hay the same acres.

Note: In all examples, under no circumstance may non-emergency or emergency haying or grazing be permitted if such activity would cause long-term damage to the vegetative cover on the land. NRCS or TSP will review each case to determine if the activity will cause long term damage.

665 Non-Emergency Haying or Harvesting for Biomass Requirements

A CRP Participant Requirements

CRP participants:

- must request and receive approval in writing from FSA before haying or harvesting for biomass
- must specify the number and location of acres to be hayed or harvested for biomass on digital imagery/map
- must record the intended use to either hay or harvesting for biomass on CRP-117 (Exhibit 47)
- must sign the request before the haying or harvesting for biomass begins (Exhibit 48)
- must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying or harvesting for biomass, unless it was already part of the conservation plan had been included when CRP-1 was approved
- *--during the PNS, participants may request a modified conservation plan, up to 4 weeks prior to the end of the PNS for NRCS or TSP to prepare documentation for the haying activity--*
- must not hay or harvest for biomass and graze the same acreage during the program year
- must agree in writing to re-establish, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or harvesting for biomass
- may be subject to the noncompliance provisions in subparagraph 670 B, if the conservation plan is not followed.
- must be assessed a payment reduction, if applicable, based on the number of acres hayed or harvested for biomass times the CRP annual rental rate times 25 percent
- *--may sell or lease the haying or harvesting for biomass privilege--*
- may sell the harvested hay
- limit haying or harvesting for biomass to 1 cutting per program year
- must not hay or harvest for biomass **during the PNS**
- 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 contract 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, 2023, to April 14, 2023, and to allow haying or harvesting for biomass again beginning July 16, 2023, for up to 15 days, not to exceed a total of 60 (one-cutting) calendar days, as determined by NRCS in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start date, the participant can use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass again any time after March 1, 2026, subject to an approved conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on the start date of the haying or harvesting for biomass on the acres actually hayed or harvested for biomass.

Example 2: The PNS is April 15 to July 15. The participant's modified conservation plan allows haying or harvesting for biomass to start July 16, 2023, not to exceed 60 calendar days as determined by NRCS and approved by FSA in the modified conservation plan. Based on the start date, the participant would not be allowed to use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass for 3 years. The participant would be able to use non-emergency haying or harvesting for biomass beginning July 16, 2026, subject to the conservation plan. The payment reduction is 25 percent in the program year (program year 2023) based on the start date of the haying or harvesting for biomass on the acres actually hayed or harvested for biomass.

668 Non-Emergency Incidental Grazing

A General Provisions

Acreage devoted to CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, *--CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP33, CP37, CP38A, CP38B, and CP43 is eligible for incidental--* grazing **outside the PNS**, with no payment reduction if all the following are met:

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

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

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

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

Note: See Exhibit 54 for CRP-37.

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

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

COC's * * * 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 to subparagraph 604 A.
more acres than requested on the CRP-117, and the COC determines the participant did not make a good faith effort to comply	terminate the CRP-1 according to subparagraph 571 A.

C Participant Reports

Participants must report the number of acres hayed or grazed within 10 calendar days of the end of the haying or grazing period in the conservation plan, using the CRP-118.

D County Office Report

As part of the annual Haying and Grazing Summary Report, County Offices must report to the State Office by December 1 of each year, the number of:

- CRP-1’s where haying or grazing under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions actually occurred
- CRP acres actually hayed or grazed under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions
- *--CRP contracts and acres grazed under beginning farmer provisions
- contract and acres hayed or grazed used as a required management activity.--*

670 Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions (Continued)

E STC Report

STC or designee must report to the Conservation Division (CD) by accessing the following
*--CD SharePoint site at **FSA Conservation - CRP Haying Grazing Annual Summary Report - All Items (sharepoint.com)**--*

SELECT “CRP Haying and Grazing Annual Summary Report” in the left column. This report must be submitted by December 31 of each year and will include the following:

- CRP-1’s harvested under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions
- CRP acres harvested under applicable non-emergency haying and grazing provisions
- *--CRP contracts and acres grazed under beginning farmer provisions
- contract and acres hayed or grazed used as a required management item.--*

Note: Negative reports are required.

671-680 (Reserved)

***--Section 2 Emergency Haying and Grazing**

681 County Eligibility

--A D2 Eligibility (Outside the PNS)--

Emergency haying or emergency grazing of the approved cover is allowed in response to a drought, flood, wildfire, or other emergency as determined by DAFP on **all** practices including CP38 if allowed in the SAFE agreement, **outside the PNS**, when:

- all or any part of the county in which the CRP acreage is physically located is designated as D2 (severe drought) or greater for one week according to the United States Drought Monitor; see subparagraph B.

***--Note: See paragraph 681.5 for practice restrictions if the U.S. Drought Monitor identified the county to meet the LFP trigger threshold (D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3).**

- there is at least a 40 percent loss in forage production in the county in which the CRP acreage is physically located; see subparagraph D; or
- DAFP determines that CRP can assist in the response to a natural disaster event without long-term damage to the established cover; see subparagraph E.--*

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

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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.

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***--C Documenting Continued use of Emergency Haying and Grazing Once D2 Status Has Improved**

A COC decision to continue allowing the use of emergency haying and grazing once the county is no longer in a D2 status on the U.S. Drought Monitor must be documented monthly in the COC minutes. Documentation must include justification for continued use of emergency haying and grazing. Examples of justifiable documentation include:

- significant lack of soil moisture
- additional supplemental feeding still needed
- forage production loss still exceeds 40 percent
- livestock are being liquidated or culled heavier as a direct result of the drought
- drought monitor does not reflect local conditions
- lack of stockpiled forage (hay, silage, pasture and rangeland).--*

681 County Eligibility (Continued)

D Emergency Haying and Grazing that Requires STC Authorizations

If emergency haying or grazing is not authorized under subparagraph B, COC's may request STC approval for emergency haying or grazing for all or part of a county when there is a 40 percent or greater loss in forage production using the CRP-42. See subparagraph E.

Each week State offices must report to CD the counties approved for emergency haying or grazing based on a 40 percent loss in forage production (only county's approved that week *--will be reported upon approval) using the applicable link in the left menu and choose **Emergency Haying and Grazing 40 Percent Loss Approval Request at FSA Conservation - Emergency Haying and Grazing 40 Percent Loss Approval Request - All Items (sharepoint.com).**--*

681 County Eligibility (Continued)

E Applying for STC or DAFP Authorization

COC must submit requests to the STC for authorization for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage when the reason for the emergency haying or grazing is 40 percent or greater *--loss of forage production according to subparagraph D.

All requests for emergency haying or grazing under subparagraph D must include at a--* minimum all the following:

- CRP-42, completed according to Exhibit 51
- detailed narrative written description of disaster conditions in the county
- *--copy of COC minutes and narrative recommendation for subparagraph D--*
- copy of STC minutes and narrative recommendation for subparagraph D
- explanation of livestock emergency and justification of need for emergency activities.

When COC is requesting authorization for emergency haying or grazing in only a part of the county, the County Office must submit the following:

- CRP-42, completed according to Exhibit 51, for the:
 - entire county
 - affected area
- county map clearly showing the part of the county affected by the disaster.

Note: The affected area must be outlined by township boundaries, roads, highways, streams, or other identifiable landmarks.

If the request for part of a county is approved, the part of the county not covered by the request will not be eligible for emergency haying or grazing of CRP.

All COC requests and STC determinations, as applicable, must be recorded in the COC minutes.

COC must clearly document in the COC minutes the following:

- justification for the request to release CRP acres for emergency haying or grazing
- monthly review of conditions in the county and the basis used to determine whether continued haying or grazing is warranted.

681 County Eligibility (Continued)

E Applying for STC or DAFP Authorization (Continued)

STC must thoroughly review COC requests for completeness and approve the request for loss of forage production if all requirements are met.

If STC, as applicable, approves COC's request, COC will notify all participants in the county or part of the county, as applicable, of the authorization for emergency haying and grazing CRP acreage by the fastest means possible.

F STC Action and Determinations

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

STC must:

- make determinations on a county-by-county basis
- report county approvals to CD weekly for loss of forage production.

Each week State Offices must report to CD the counties approved for emergency haying or grazing based on a 40 percent loss in forage production (only county's approved that week will be reported upon approval) using the applicable link in the left menu at

*--**FSA Conservation - Emergency Haying and Grazing 40 Percent Loss Approval Request - All Items (sharepoint.com).**--*

681 County Eligibility (Continued)

G Emergency Haying and Grazing Duration/Deadlines and Timeframes

The duration for emergency haying and grazing approved for CRP participants is for:

- grazing, up to 90 days during the program year
- haying, up to 60 days during the program year.

Note: Emergency haying and grazing may begin before the PNS and continue after the end of the PNS, but only when conditions in this paragraph are still applicable after the PNS.

The STC cannot authorize an extension of time for:

- emergency haying
- DAFP approvals.

--681.5 Emergency Haying and Grazing During the Extreme Drought Conditions*A Extreme Drought Conditions Described**

Extreme drought conditions exist when a county reaches D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 on the U.S. Drought Monitor. LFP triggers for a county when extreme drought conditions exist.

B Emergency Grazing During Extreme Drought Conditions

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

- payments are authorized for the county under LFP (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4)
- grazing is less than 50 percent of the normal carrying capacity
- the participant's conservation plan is modified to incorporate the 50 percent of normal carrying capacity, and approved prior to grazing.

A list of counties eligible for this authority is available at **County Office - D2/D3 CRP Eligible Emergency Haying and Grazing Counties - All Documents (sharepoint.com)**.--*

C Emergency Haying During Extreme Drought Conditions

Haying of all practices is not authorized when a county reaches D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 and otherwise triggers eligibility for LFP.--*

--681.5 Emergency Haying and Grazing During the Extreme Drought Conditions (Continued)*C Emergency Haying During Extreme Drought Conditions (Continued)**

Eligible CRP conservation practices include the following as designated in the 2014 and 2018 Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) include:

- CP1 Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
- CP2 Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
- CP4B Permanent Wildlife Habitat (corridors)
- CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat
- CP8A Grass Waterways
- CP10 Vegetative Cover – Grass – Already Established
- CP18B Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity
- CP18C Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover
- CP21 Filter Strips
- CP23 Wetland Restoration
- CP23A Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain
- CP28 Farmable Wetland Buffers
- CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat
- CP38E – Grass (but only if emergency haying and grazing is authorized in the SAFE agreement)
- CP39 Constructed Wetland.

Emergency haying is restricted to 50 percent of the acreage devoted to the eligible practices.

Emergency **haying is not permitted during the PNS.**

Emergency haying during extreme drought conditions is not permitted on land with 120 feet of a perennial, seasonal, or intermittent stream, or other permanent waterbody.--*

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

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

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

CRP participant:

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

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

--686 Reporting Requirements*A Participant Reports**

Participants **must** report the number of acres hayed or grazed within 10 calendar days of the end of the emergency haying or grazing period in the conservation plan using the CRP-118.

B County Office Report

As part of the annual Emergency Haying and Grazing Summary Report, County Offices must report to the State Office December 1 of each year, the number of:

- CRP-1's where haying or grazing under emergency haying and grazing provisions actually occurred
- CRP acres actually hayed or grazed under emergency haying and grazing provisions.

C STC Report

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

SELECT "CRP Haying and Grazing Annual Summary Report" in the left column. This report must be submitted by December 31 of each year and will include the following:

- the number of CRP-1's where haying or grazing under emergency authority occurred
- CRP acres hayed or grazed under emergency authority.

Note: Negative reports are required.--*

687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

A Summary of Each Type of Haying and Grazing

The following table provides a summary of haying and grazing types and the applicable policy and payment reduction.

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	*--Percent--* Payment Reduction
Non-Emergency Harvesting for Hay or Biomass	<p>Outside the PNS, all practice acres (as listed in subparagraph 663 A) are eligible for non-emergency harvesting for hay or biomass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more frequently than 1 in 3 years. • Emergency haying or grazing restarts the frequency for conducting non-emergency harvesting for hay. • Not authorized during the PNS. • No later than August 31. • Must not hay on 25 percent of the contract acres. • Request approval before harvesting eligible acreage. 	25 percent
Non-Emergency Grazing	<p>Outside the PNS, all practice acres are eligible for non-emergency grazing except CP12, CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38C, and CP38 if not specifically allowed in the SAFE agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more frequently than every other year. • Emergency haying or grazing restarts the frequency for conducting non-emergency grazing. • Request an approval before grazing eligible acres. <p>Exception: During the PNS a 50 percent reduction in carrying capacity is required.</p>	25 percent

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687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

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

Haying and Grazing Provisions Table

Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Percent Payment Reduction
Non-Emergency Incidental Grazing	<p>Practices, CP8A, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP23, CP23A, CP29, CP30, CP37, (CP38A, CP38B, CP38D, if included in the approved safe agreement), and CP43.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidental to grazing crop residue in the surrounding field. • Not authorized during the PNS. • Authorized up to 60 calendar days after the start of incidental grazing. • Request approval before grazing eligible acreage. 	None
Non-Emergency Grazing-Gleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acreage is in the first year of CRP-1. • Acreage was devoted to an agricultural commodity before enrollment into CRP. • Mechanical harvesting not completed in time to glean the crop residue before the start date of CRP-1. • Gleaning the crop residue will not delay establishment of the approved cover. • Authorized up to 60 calendar days after the start of permissive grazing. • Request approval before grazing eligible acreage. 	None
Non-Emergency Prescribed (Invasive Species) Grazing	<p>Outside the PNS, all practice acres are eligible for non-emergency (all practices including CP38 if the activity is allowed in the SAFE) agreement. Practices not eligible for non-emergency prescribed (Invasive Species) grazing are CP12 and tree practices CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be grazed according to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315). • Not to exceed 30 calendar days between May 1 and September 1. • Request approval before grazing eligible acreage. 	25 percent
Beginning Farmer Grazing	<p>Outside the PNS, all practices except CP12 and tree practices CP3, CP3A, CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP31, CP36, CP38C are eligible for beginning farmers for non-emergency grazing (must have more than zero shares).</p> <p>Note: CP38 practices if the activity is allowed in the SAFE agreement.</p>	None

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687 Summary of Haying and Grazing

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

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Haying and Grazing Provisions Table		
Type/Provisions Activity/For	Components	Percent Payment Reduction
Emergency Haying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside PNS, haying on all practice acres including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement outside the primary nesting period if approved. • Exception, if extreme drought conditions exist (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4), and LFP triggers, haying may only occur on acreage devoted to practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP8A, CP10, CP18B, CP18C, CP21, CP23, CP23A, CP28, CP37, CP38E (if authorized in the SAFE agreement), and CP39 on not more than 50 percent of the acres. • Producer must request approval before haying eligible acreage. • Producer has up to 60 days to complete one cutting of hay. • County Office must spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved. 	None
Emergency Grazing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside the PNS, all practices including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement. • During PNS, all practices, including CP38E if specifically allowed under the SAFE agreement with a 50 percent reduction of normal carrying capacity if the county is eligible for LFP payments (D2 for 8 weeks, D3, or D4). • Up to 90 days of grazing is allowed. • Producer must request approval before grazing eligible acreage. • County Office must spot-check 10 percent of CRP-1's approved. 	None

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688-770 (Reserved)

Part 20 (Reserved)

771-800 (Reserved)

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

Reports

None.

Forms

The following lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
AD-893	Recommendation of Percent of Cropland To Be Enrolled in CRP/ACEP-WRE	83	81
AD-894	Request for Cropland Waiver for CRP/ACEP-WRE	82	81
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification		35, 462, 519, 602, 806, 811, 821
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		465
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, 265
CRP-1E Addendum	Addendum Regarding Possession of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Property Held by Federal Agency		551
CRP-1G Addendum	CRP-1 Modification to Allow Early Land Preparation	636	35
CRP-1R	Conservation Reserve Program Transition Incentives Program Contract	810	Text

1/ CCC-926 is obsolete; however, is still in effect for existing CR-1's.

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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, 265, Ex. 11, 24
CRP-20	Notice of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract Termination		551
CRP-23	Notice Regarding Acceptable CRP Offers	Ex. 5	171, 184, 215, 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

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Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
FSA-848	Cost-Share Request		Text, Ex. 5
FSA-848A	Cost-Share Agreement	500	Text
FSA-848A-1	Continuation Sheet for Cost-Share Agreement		500
FSA-848B	Cost-Share Performance Certification and Payment	500	Text, Ex. 5
FSA-848B-1	Continuation Sheet for Cost-Share Performance Certification and Payment		500
FSA-850	Environmental Screening Worksheet		635
FSA-860	2009 Crop Assistance Program (CAP) Application		Ex. 48
IRS-1042	Annual Withholding Tax Return for U.S. Source Income of Foreign Persons		466
IRS-1042S	Foreign Persons U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding		466
NRCS-CPA-52	Environmental Evaluation Worksheet		Text
NRCS-CPA-1155	Conservation Plan or Schedule of Operations		369, 546
NRCS-CPA-1156	Revision of Plan / Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract		369
NRCS-LTP-13	Status Review		508, 601
SF-424-1 <u>1/</u>	Application for Federal Assistance		52
SF-LLL	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Ex. 6	6
SF-LLL-A	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet	Ex. 6	6

1/ SF-424-1 is obsolete.

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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	Text, 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 (Continued)

Erodibility Index (EI)

EI means an index used to determine the inherent erodibility from either water or wind, but not both combined, of a soil in relation to the soil loss tolerance for that soil.

*--Extreme Drought Conditions

Extreme drought conditions means when a county reaches D2 for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 on the US Drought Monitor. LFP triggers for a county when extreme drought conditions exist.--*

Family Member

A family member defined according to 7 CFR Part 718 and Part 1410 as “an individual to whom a person is related as spouse, lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, or sibling, including a:

- (1) Great grandparent;
- (2) Grandparent;
- (3) Parent;
- (4) Child, including a legally adopted child;
- (5) Grandchild;
- (6) Great Grandchild;
- (7) Sibling of the family member in the farming operation; and
- (8) Spouse of a person listed in items 1 through 7.”

Federally-Owned Land

Federally-owned land means land owned by the Federal Government or any department, instrumentality, bureau, or agency thereof, or any corporation whose stock is wholly owned by the Federal Government.

Field Border

Field border means a strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of a field, the purpose of which is to provide food and cover for quail and upland birds in cropland areas.

Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG)

FOTG means the official USDA guidelines, criteria, and standards for planning and applying conservation treatments and conservation management systems. It contains detailed information on the conservation of soil, water, air, plant, animal resources, and cultural resources applicable to the local area for which it is prepared.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Field Windbreak, Shelterbelt, and/or Living Snowfence**

Field windbreak, shelterbelt, and/or living snowfence means a vegetative barrier with a linear configuration composed of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation that are designated as such in a conservation plan and that are planted for the purpose of reducing wind erosion, controlling snow, improving wildlife habitat, or conserving energy.

Filter Strip

Filter strip means a strip or area of vegetation immediately adjacent and parallel to an eligible water body, the purpose of which is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, and other processes, thereby reducing pollution and protecting surface water and subsurface water quality and of a width determined appropriate for such purpose.

Forb

Forb means any herbaceous plant other than those in the grass family.

Grassland

Grassland means land described in §1410.6(d)

Grass Waterway

Grass waterway means a shape or graded channel that is established with suitable vegetation to convey surface water from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding using a broad and shallow cross section to a stable outlet.

Highly Erodible Land (HEL)

HEL means land determined to have an EI equal to or greater than 8 on the acreage offered.

Improved Rangeland or Pastureland

Improved rangeland or pastureland means grazing land permanently producing naturalized forage species that receives varying degrees of periodic cultural treatment to enhance forage quality and yields and is primarily consumed by livestock.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Saline Seep

A saline seep is an induced temporal (discharge) site with hydro-geologically connected recharge areas that contribute to high concentrations of soluble salts on or near the soil surface, impairing productivity. Discharge areas **must** have a soil electrical conductivity greater than 4 mmhos/cm at 25 degrees Celsius. Other characteristics include:

- ground water usually 4,000 micromhos or greater
- sodium absorption ratio ranges from 0 to 12
- soil pH less than 9
- high water table with electrical conductivity greater than mmhos/cm within 8 feet of the surface some or all of the time (often within 3 feet of the surface).

Shrubland

Shrubland means land where the dominant plant species are shrubs, which are plants that are persistent, have woody stems, and a relatively low growth habit.

Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher

A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Gender is not included as a covered group. Socially disadvantaged groups include the following and no others unless approved in writing by DAFP:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives
- Asians or Asian-Americans
- Blacks or African Americans
- Hispanics
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

*--Soil Amendment

Soil amendment means any fertilizer, lime, or gypsum added to the soil to improve its physical or chemical properties. All amendments must be applied according NRCS standards and specifications.--*

Soil Loss Tolerance (T)

Soil loss tolerance (T) means the maximum average annual erosion rate specified in FOTG that will not adversely impact the long-term productivity of the soil.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**State**

State means State agencies, departments, districts, count or city governments, municipalities or any other State or local government of the State.

State Technical Committee

State Technical Committee means a committee established to provide information, analysis, and recommendations to USDA.

Sustainable Grazing and Crop Production Methods

Sustainable grazing and crop production methods is an integrated system of plant and animal production practices that have a site-specific application that would:

- meet man's food and fiber
- enhance the environment and the natural resource base
- use nonrenewable resources efficiently
- sustain the economic viability of the operation.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance means assistance in regard to determining the eligibility of land and practices, implementing and certifying practices, ensuring CRP contract performance, and providing annual rental rate surveys. The technical assistance provided in connection with CRP to owners or operators, as approved by CCC, includes but is not limited to:

- technical expertise, information and tools necessary for the conservation of natural resources on land
- technical services provided directly to farmers, ranchers and other eligible entities, such as conservation planning, technical consultation, and assistance with design and implementation of conservation practices
- technical infrastructure, including activities, processes, tools and agency functions needed to support delivery of technical services, such as technical standards, resource inventories, training, data, technology, monitoring, and effects analyses.


Letters Notifying Producers of Offer and Eligibility Status (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.

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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, 2022.

You must contact the county office within 15 business days of this letter, by phone call, email, or fax to notify the county office that you wish to continue with the offer.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Technical Service Provider (TSP) must develop a plan, approved by the Conservation District, and signed by all signatories on the CRP contract offer to participate in the CRP. Your offer cannot be approved by the County Committee without an approved conservation plan. A conservation plan to meet program requirements must be approved by the Conservation District and signed by all signatories on the CRP contract offer to participate in the CRP by September , 2022. So that we may continue to process your offer, you should continue to work with NRCS or an approved TSP 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, 2022**.

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 (04-04-22)

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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.

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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

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:

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

If you feel that all the facts have not been considered in your case, you may appeal this determination to the County Committee by filing a written request no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the FSA appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 780. Please note that the County Committee must receive your appeal within this 30 calendar days period. 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 to the National Appeals Division in accordance with the procedures found at 7 CFR part 11. To appeal, write to the County Committee at the following address: provide factual information and explain why you believe this determination is erroneous. (Insert Applicable Address)

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.

It may be possible that your offer for Grassland CRP sign-up may be modified to increase the ranking score and increase the likelihood of acceptance in future sign-up periods. Please contact your local FSA county office for more information.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director
(Insert Cty Name) County FSA Office

Enclosures

CRP-28 (11-08-22)

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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.--*

(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...	
--soil amendments--	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			
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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...	
--soil amendments--	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	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications		
seeding, including approved shrubs			
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 		
--seeding, firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements--		not authorized.
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover		
insecticides			
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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 	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 394, 550, 612, 644, 645, *--and 666.--* Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, and 645 are for open areas only .
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	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. 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. Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, *--and soil amendments, must be--* specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	
herbicides and insecticides	specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and 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.	

(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		
--soil amendments,-- 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, 645, *--and 666.--* 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 hardwoods needed until required plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed to 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)

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) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only)--

A Purpose

This practice is to do both of the following:

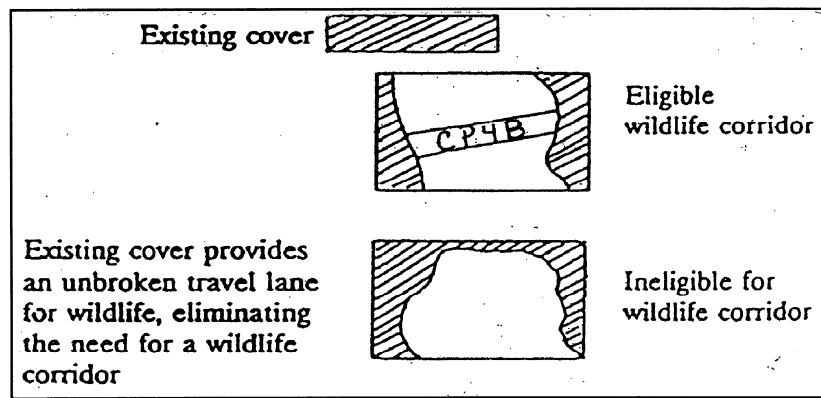
- establish a permanent wildlife corridor between 2 existing wildlife habitat areas that are not connected by a suitable corridor for environmental benefits
- enhance the wildlife in the designated or surrounding area.

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) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only) (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...	
--soil amendments--	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			
--soil amendments--	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) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only) (Continued)--

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments 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) (CP4B Eligible To Be Offered Before January 4, 2021, Only) (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...
--soil amendments--	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	substantiated as needed by COC and listed as approved species in the practice specifications	
seeding, including approved shrubs, and trees		
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 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 	
tree thinning (pre-commercial)	to improve resource condition	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
insecticides		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
roads		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	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)

CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Continued)

E Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- *--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments 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 meet 1 or more of the following purposes:

- reduce cropland erosion below soil loss tolerance
- enhance the wildlife habitat on the designated area
- intercept airborne particulate matter, chemicals, and odors
- capture and store carbon
- provide buffering 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 and designed according to the conservation practice standard in FOTG to address 1 or more of the purposes listed in subparagraph A. Field windbreaks are intended to be adjacent to active agricultural production and designed to a maximum size that is not greater than the associated production area.--

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)

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, *--646, 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	
--soil amendments-- 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	
--soil amendments-- 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)

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...
--soil amendments,-- nutrients, herbicide, insecticide, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	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. 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. Notes: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments,--* must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician. This does not include herbicides or insecticides used as part of the maintenance of the cover.	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 394, 550, 612, 644, 645, 647, and 666. Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, 645, and 647 are authorized for open areas only .
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 on 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.
- *--Soil amendments 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)

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...	
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 332, and 340.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
herbicides			
insecticides	<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 		
temporary cover			
herbicides			to maintain vegetative cover
insecticides			
earthmoving	to establish the contour grass strips		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			
fencing			
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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, 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...	
--soil amendments--	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			
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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)

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...	
--soil amendments--	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			
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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)

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...	
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	authorized using technical practice codes 314, 315, 327, 342, 512, 550, 610, and 645.	
eligible seed			
seedbed preparation			
seeding	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan		
herbicides			
insecticides	<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 		
temporary cover			
herbicides			to maintain vegetative cover
insecticides			
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded			not authorized.
fencing			
earthmoving			
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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)

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...
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* 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	providing a water source for livestock away from the filter strip and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	
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.	
construction of structures where concentrated flow continues to degrade water quality	to meet the requirements of the conservation plan	
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.	

(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		
--soil amendments-- 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 soil amendments 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)

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.
--soil amendments-- or nutrient		
eligible seed and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed *--mixtures, nutrients, and soil amendments 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 end • to 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	
insecticides		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
stream bank stabilization		
--soil amendments-- 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 soil amendments 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 (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.

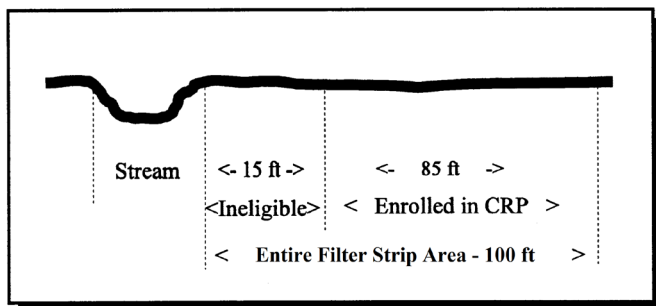
Note: NRCS will use the Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet to document the need for an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be maintained in the CRP folder.

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.
--soil amendments-- or nutrient		
eligible seed and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* 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		
--soil amendments-- 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 soil amendments 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)

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...
--soil amendments,--, 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 soil amendments--* 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.
--soil amendments,-- 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	
--soil amendments-- 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.

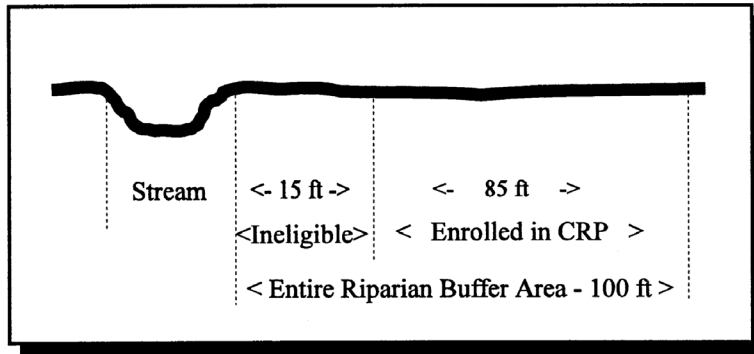
See subparagraph H for natural regeneration.

(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)

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...
--soil amendments,-- 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 soil amendments--* 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	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)

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.
--soil amendments,-- 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	
--soil amendments-- 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.--*

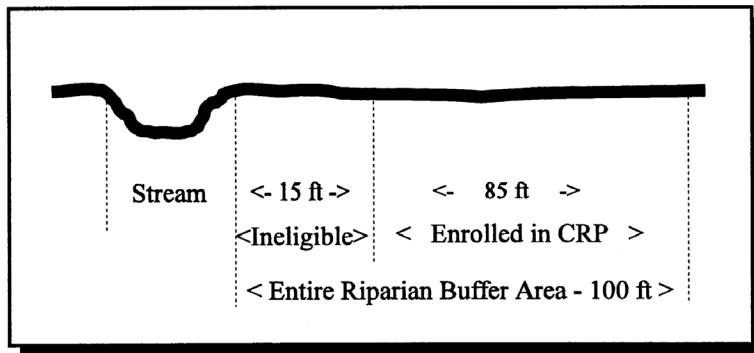
- Limit C/S to the minimum materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
- Meet the purpose of the practice.

(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)

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...
--soil amendments,-- 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 soil amendments 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	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)

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	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.
--soil amendments,-- 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	
--soil amendments-- 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)

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	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control 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 use of 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.

(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	
--soil amendment-- 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)

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	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control 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 use of 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.

(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	
--soil amendments-- 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)

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...
--soil amendments--	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		
--soil amendments--	to enhance production	

F Practice Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

•*--Limit C/S to the minimum soil amendments 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)

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.

(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)

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...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC	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	Notes: The requirements of this practice, including eligible seed mixtures and *--soil amendments 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.	
seedbed preparation		
seeding		
herbicides		
insecticides	specified as necessary during practice establishment in the approved conservation plan	
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 	
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	

(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)

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		
--soil amendments--	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)

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 soil amendments 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.

(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)

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
--soil amendments-- 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	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or 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)

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.

(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)

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	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"> • 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	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: <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	

(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)

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	
--soil amendments-- 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		
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or 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)

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...
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* 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	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 wildlife habitat buffer	providing a water source for livestock away from the wildlife habitat buffer and the adjacent stream or water body Note: See paragraph 511.	
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the buffer strip Note: See paragraph 511. 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.	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		
--soil amendments-- 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 soil amendments 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)

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...
*--soil amendments-- *or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC	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	Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* must be specified in the practice specification as designated by the designated technician.	
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	providing a water source for livestock away from the wetland buffer and the adjacent stream or wetland Note: See paragraph 511.	
fencing	permanent fencing needed to exclude livestock from the buffer strip Note: See paragraph 511. Important: A single strand electric fence will not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	
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		
--soil amendments-- 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 soil amendments 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 (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	
--soil amendments-- 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, improving soil and water quality, protecting and enhancing the on-farm ecosystem, and intercepting airborne particulate matter and chemicals to buffer organic farming operations.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice along field boundaries 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 along field boundaries or pivot corners suitable for quail and upland birds.

CP33 may be enrolled on qualifying cropland to intercept airborne particulate matter and chemicals to buffer organic production. All CP33 practice policies apply when designing CP33 as a buffer for organic production.

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(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)

C Size Requirements

*--Habitat buffers will be installed along the field boundary with a length and width designed to meet the primary purpose of food and cover for upland birds in the amount that aligns with the objectives of the participant. The following average minimum and maximum width to be objectives. Design dimensions will also consider any secondary purposes identified to be objectives of the participant. The following average minimum and maximum width policy applies to all situations where CP33 is being applied:

- minimum average width is 30 feet
- maximum average width is 120 feet
- pivot corners of any size may be enrolled as CP33.

CP33 buffers will be installed on the field boundary (perimeter) or pivot corners of a cropped field. The entire perimeter of the field is not required. 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

Note: Pivot corners may be less than 5 acres.

- infeasible to farm does not apply to CP33
- 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.

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

C Size Requirements (Continued)

- Individual center pivot ‘corners’ may be enrolled.

Examples:

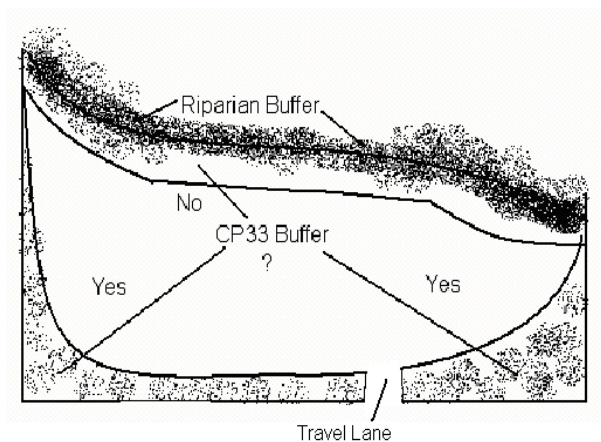


Figure 1

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.

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).

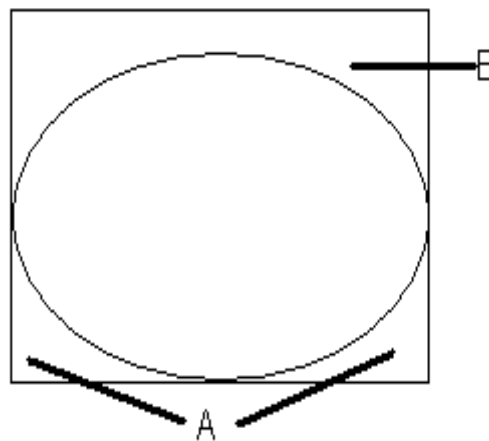


Figure 2

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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	

(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)

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 314, 315,--* 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	
--soil amendments-- 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 soil amendments 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.

(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 (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.

(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)

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, 490, 548, 550, 612, 645, and 647.
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.	
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		
--soil amendments-- 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	

(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)

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.

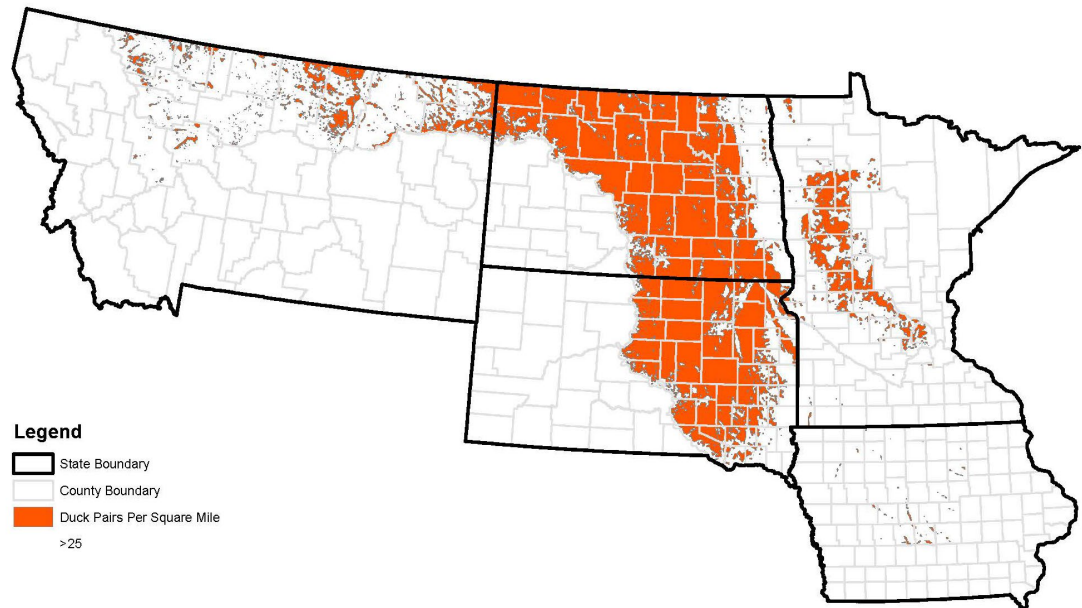
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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

Note: The following map provides general areas that meet the density requirement.

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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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 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	

(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)

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	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
fencing or roads		
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	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	to maintain cover or 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)

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	
--soil amendments-- or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal damage control 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 use of 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.

(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	
--soil amendments-- 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)

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	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 	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.
eligible seeding for woodland ecosystem	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: <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.

(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	
--soil amendments-- 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.	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 use of 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.

(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	
--soil amendmets,-- nutrient, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain cover or enhance production	
grading, shaping, filling	for use with natural regeneration	
seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation and seeding		
--soil amendmets-- 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.

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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)

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	
--soil amendments-- 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.

(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	
--soil amendmets-- 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)

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.
--soil amendments--		
eligible seed or plant stock, including shrubs Important: Native flowering species are encouraged.	substantiated as needed by COC, and specified in the approved conservation plan to benefit targeted pollinator species	
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 Important: Limited to woody materials on CP42 acres only.	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to provide nesting habitat for pollinators and other environmental benefits	
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 	
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		
--soil amendments--	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)

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...
--soil amendments--	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, *--nutrients, and soil amendments--* 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 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 	
boundary markers	specified in the approved conservation plan	
herbicides	to maintain vegetative cover	
insecticides		
earthmoving	to establish the prairie strip	
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
fencing		
--soil amendments--	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 soil amendments 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.

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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 338, 378, 382, 472, 516, 533, 561, 574, 575, 595, and 614.
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.	authorized.
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.

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