

## General Policy

Participants on certain CRP contracts may obtain permission to destroy vegetative cover during the final year of the contract. The purpose of the cover destruction is to prepare a seedbed for the next year's crop.

## Filing a Request

CRP participants who want to prepare a seedbed during the final year of the CRP contract period must file a request on Form CRP-1G before cover destruction begins.

## Eligible Acreage

Cropland enrolled in certain practices is not eligible for early land preparation. Those practices include:

- CP5A-Field Windbreak
- CP8A-Grass Waterways
- CP9-Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
- CP16A-Shelterbelt Establishment
- CP21-Filter Strips
- CP22-Riparian Buffer/Riparian Forest
- CP23-Wetland Restoration
- CP27-Farmable Wetlands
- CP28-Farmable Wetland Buffer

In addition to the practices listed above, the following cropland is ineligible:

- Within 120 feet of a stream or permanent water body.
- Wetlands
- Buffer areas adjacent to wetlands
- EPA-designated wellhead protection areas.

## Preparing for Spring-Seeded Crop

Participants with an approved request may chemically destroy the vegetative cover beginning August 2 of the final contract year to prepare for a spring-seeded crop. A payment reduction will not be assessed for this activity.

Tillage or destruction by fire is not authorized during the contract period when preparing for a spring-seeded crop.

Haying of the vegetative cover is allowed prior to chemical destruction if the acreage is eligible for managed or emergency haying and when written authorization is received.

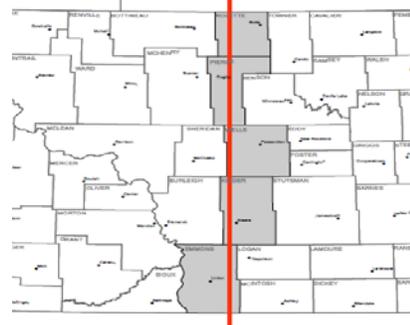
If the acreage is not eligible for managed or emergency haying, the vegetation can be removed by baling and then must be destroyed. FSA must witness the destruction of the forage.

## Preparing for Fall-Seeded Crop

Participants with an approved request may destroy cover beginning July 1 of the final contract year to prepare for a fall-seeded crop. Cover destruction for a fall-seeded crop may be by tillage, chemical application or both. No payment reduction is assessed if the destruction is started July 1 or later.

CRP cover destruction in semi-arid areas may begin as early as May 1. There is a prorated payment reduction from date of destruction to July 1. Semi-arid areas include any CRP west of the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian.

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Haying of the vegetative cover is allowed prior to tillage or chemical application. The participant may keep the hay if a 25 percent payment reduction is applied. The participant must notify FSA of the intent to hay the acreage.

No payment reduction for haying will be applied if the vegetation is removed by baling and destroyed. FSA must witness the destruction of the forage.

CRP participants shall be considered in violation of the CRP contract if the fall-seeded crop is not planted or is not planted in a normal manner after cover is destroyed. Refunds of CRP payments, interest and liquidated damages may apply if the crop is not planted.

## Continuous CRP

Participants may re-enroll portions of the expiring acreage under a continuous CRP signup practice. Wetlands and adjacent buffer areas, filter strips adjacent to streams and saline areas may be re-enrolled.