

For: State and County Offices

**Adding CRP Marginal Pasture Land Field to Farm Maintenance**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

Currently, when CRP acres are passed to farm maintenance, all the acres enrolled in CRP are passed as CRP cropland acres, even if the acres were enrolled as MPL acres. Upon installation of County Release No. 417, a CRP MPL acre field will be added to the farm maintenance files. Adding the CRP MPL acre field will provide the capability for CRP cropland acres and CRP MPL acres to be displayed as separate totals in farm maintenance.

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**Purpose**

This notice explains:

- CRP cropland and CRP MPL acres in farm maintenance
- an edit that will run during County Release No. 417
- the CRP MPL Acres Report that will print after County Release No. 417 is installed
- corrections to cropland and agricultural use acres.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>February 1, 2000</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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### 2 CRP MPL Acres

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#### A Farm Maintenance

CRP cropland and CRP MPL acres will be stored as separate fields in the farm maintenance files. There will no longer be a total CRP acres field. The total CRP acres on the farm is the sum of the CRP cropland and CRP MPL acres.

CRP MPL acres are not considered cropland or agricultural use acres, and therefore, are not included in the calculation for effective agricultural use acres.

**Note:** CRP MPL acres are updated to farm maintenance according to data loaded in the CRP software. Any corrections to the total CRP MPL acres must be done through CRP software. When the CRP contract is updated, the acres will be updated to the farm level in farm maintenance.

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#### B CRP MPL Acres Edit

During the installation of County Release No. 417, an edit will run that will identify the CRP MPL acres in the CRP files and copy them into the CRP MPL acre field at the farm level in farm maintenance. The CRP cropland acres will be reduced by the amount of the CRP MPL acres at the farm level to reflect the acreage enrolled in CRP on cropland acres.

**Note:** The CRP MPL acres must have been loaded as CRP MPL acres in the CRP software for the edit to determine the difference between CRP cropland acres and CRP MPL acres. A forthcoming CRP notice will be issued to provide procedure in cases where the CRP MPL acres were not loaded in the CRP software as CRP cropland acres.

CRP cropland and CRP MPL acres will be updated to the farm level and tract level on single tract farms. For farms with multiple tracts, the CRP cropland and CRP MPL acres will be updated at the farm level and the County Office shall update the acres to the tract level. See 3-CM, paragraph 164 for procedure on updating CRP cropland and CRP MPL acres after installing County Release No. 417.

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**Edit Report**

CRP Marginal Pasture Land Acres Report MIBPMP-R001 will print upon successful installation of County Release No. 417. The report will identify farms that have MPL acres enrolled in CRP.

**Note:** Counties that do not have any acres loaded as MPL acres in CRP software will get a negative report.

County Offices **shall** check every farm on this report to ensure that the farms' cropland and/or agricultural use land acres were not increased for CRP contract acceptance or to retain PFC acres. If cropland and/or agricultural use land acres were increased for CRP contract acceptance or to retain PFC acres, County Offices shall immediately correct these acres to the appropriate value. If cropland and/or agricultural use land acres were not increased, no adjustments shall be made to cropland or agricultural use land acres.

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