

For: State and County Offices

Restoring Base Acres When CRP-1 Expires or is Voluntarily Terminated

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CM-586 was issued on October 23, 2007, to provide directions about how to process farm record actions in the absence of a farm bill. The notice specifically addressed restoring DCP base acres on a farm at CRP-1 expiration. A farm’s DCP base acres, production flexibility contract acres, or crop acreage bases may have been reduced because of participation in CRP. Under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, those “reduced” acres could have been restored according to 1-DCP, paragraph 67. Since the authority for the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 had expired, there was no authority to restore those acres. County Offices were instructed to manually keep track of those potential base acre restoration requests until further notice.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. The 2008 Act provides for DCP continuation for 2008 through 2012.

The 2008 Act provides for adjustments in base acres, including but **not** limited to, when a CRP-1 expires or is voluntarily terminated. Since the 2008 Act provides for restoring base acres, County Offices may now load the restored base acres in the Farm Records Management System (FRMS).

B Purpose

This notice provides procedure for restoring base acres when CRP-1 expires or is voluntarily terminated.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>January 1, 2009</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are notified of the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices:

- may adjust base acres on a farm because a CRP-1 expired or was voluntarily terminated on or after **October 1, 2007**, according to the following table, if **all** other eligibility requirements are met

Note: Policy for 2009 and later years is being developed.

IF, on or after October 1, 2007, CRP-1...	THEN...	AND...
expired	eligible producers may adjust base acreage on the farm by enrolling eligible acreage as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after CRP-1 expired • no later than the final enrollment date for DCP in FY 2008 	be paid both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full CRP payment for FY in which acreage was enrolled in CRP • full DCP payments for FY in which acreage is enrolled in DCP. <p>Note: All program eligibility requirements must be met before payments can be issued.</p>
was voluntarily terminated before CRP-1 expiration date	eligible producers may adjust base acreage on the farm by enrolling eligible acreage no later than the final enrollment date for DCP in 2008 when CRP-1 is voluntarily terminated	be paid either of the following, but not both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full DCP payments for FY in which acreage is enrolled in DCP • a prorated CRP payment for FY in which acreage was enrolled in CRP. <p>Note: All program eligibility requirements must be met before payments can be issued.</p>
	eligible producers may adjust base acreage on the farm by enrolling eligible acreage after September 30, 2008 , but no later than June 1 of the following FY	be paid both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a prorated CRP payment for FY in which acreage was enrolled in CRP • full DCP payments for FY in which acreage is enrolled in DCP. <p>Note: All program eligibility requirements must be met before payments can be issued.</p>

- shall follow 3-CM, Part 7 to load the acres in FRMS.