

For: State and County Offices

CRP Authority After September 30, 2025

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Food Security Act of 1985, Section 1231(a), as amended by the American Relief Act, 2025 (Pub. L 118-158), provides FSA’s authority to administer CRP through September 30, 2025. As of the date of this notice, legislation has not been enacted to reauthorize or extend this authority beyond September 30, 2025.

B Purpose

No new offers or offers for re-enrollment may be processed or approved after September 30, 2025. If legislation is passed that re-authorizes USDA’s authority to administer CRP, a new notice will follow with instructions for how to proceed.

This notice provides information about:

- Interim Conservation Plans for Signups 63, 64, and 207
- accepting and approving offers for continuous CRP signup 63 through COB September 30, 2025
- CRP authorities beginning October 1, 2025
- CRP software availability after September 30, 2025
- authorized Conservation On-Line System (COLS), Conservation Contract Management System (CCMS) and Cost Share Software (CSS) activities beginning October 1, 2025
- avoiding Anti-Deficiency Act violations after September 30, 2025.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2026	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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2 Signups 63, 64, and 207 Guidance

A Authorization of Interim Conservation Plans

Conservation plans are required to be completed and signed before the CRP-1 is approved, according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 401 B. All acceptable Signup 63, 64, and 207 offers must be approved by COB September 30, 2025. To meet this contracting deadline, Interim Conservation Plans and Interim Conservation Plan Addendums are authorized for use as provided in Notice CRP-1055.

B Offers Not Approved by COB September 30, 2025

Guidance for offers not approved by COB September 30, 2025, will be provided in a future notice after CRP authority is restored.

3 Accepting and Approving Offers for Continuous CRP Signup 63

A Accepting and Approving Continuous CRP Offers

Continuous CRP Signup 63 offers accepted by DAFP in the 2 batching periods between May 12, 2025, and July 18, 2025, will be processed and approved by COB September 30, 2025.

Continuous CRP offers submitted after July 18, 2025, will **not** be accepted for enrollment in signup 63 at this time. Offers submitted after July 18, 2025, may be resubmitted in the next continuous signup after authority to administer CRP is re-established.

Errors and omissions will be handled according to Notice CRP-1062 and 2-CRP, paragraph 5.

Example: A CRP continuous offer for re-enrollment was timely filed and signed by the participant before the July 18, 2025, deadline for offers with re-enrolled or a combination of new and re-enrolled acres. The FSA employee failed to get the offer to “Submitted” status before the deadline for the end of the second batching period. The County Office will submit the offer with applicable FSA-321 and documentation for DAFP review and approval.

Note: Errors and omissions will not be processed and approved by DAFP without CRP authority.

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4 CRP Authorities Beginning October 1, 2025

A Unauthorized Activities Beginning October 1, 2025

The American Relief Act, 2025 provided a 1-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill through September 30, 2025. Statutory authority to administer CRP will expire at midnight on September 30, 2025, unless legislation is passed extending the 2018 Farm Bill beyond September 30, 2025.

Beginning October 1, 2025, FSA **will not**:

- process offers for CRP enrollment for any signup type, meaning County Offices **will not**:
 - accept **manual** or **automated** offers
 - ask NRCS to perform:
 - site visits on land offered, but not approved, by COB September 30, 2025
 - develop conservation plans for CRP-1's not approved by COB September 30, 2025
 - develop additional Interim Conservation Plans (NRCS is required to develop and approve Final Conservation Plans no later than December 31, 2025.)
 - perform any other work to prepare an offer for approval
- approve a new CRP-1 contract (automated or manual contract) for any CRP signup type
- approve a CRP contract revision or correction that will result in an increase in the CRP-1 acreage
- approve new Forest Management Incentive (FMI) agreements
- initiate or approve new Transition Incentives Program (TIP) contracts

B CRP Payments After October 1, 2025

CRP-1 contracts approved **by COB September 30, 2025**, will continue to receive annual rental, C/S, signup incentive, and practice incentive payments, as applicable. See subparagraph D and Exhibit 1.

Follow guidance published in Notice CRP-1053 and Notice CRP-1058 for required use of CCC-770 CRP AR and CCC-770 CRP CS, CED reviews, and DD reviews for payments issued in FY 2026 until otherwise informed.

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4 CRP Authorities Beginning October 1, 2025 (Continued)

C Authorized COLS Activities

Beginning October 1, 2025, State Offices are authorized to enter Signup 63, 64, and 207 COC or CED approval dates in COLS **when the CRP-1 was approved on or before COB September 30, 2025.**

The County Office must submit all the following to the State Office:

- approved CRP-1
- approved Interim or Final Conservation Plan (as applicable)
- COC minutes documenting COC or CED approval
- CCC-770 CRP Contract Approval Checklist for each applicable Signup

D Authorized CRP-1 Activities in CCMS

Beginning October 1, 2025, County Offices are only authorized to complete the CRP-1 activities in CCMS as provided in Exhibit 1 **when the original CRP-1 was approved before COB September 30, 2025, and after the State Office determines the contract revision or correction does not result in an increase of the CRP-1 acreage.**

Before the County Office completes a CRP contract revision or correction in CCMS, the County Office:

- will process the revision or correction in CCMS through the finalization step (see 5-CRP)
- is not authorized to enter the COC approval date to complete the modification.

The County Office must submit all the following to the State Office:

- CRP-1 originally approved
- CRP-1 revised with the participant signature or signatures
- documentation supporting the modification
- screen print of the View Contract Screen showing the status of “Finalized”.

Note: The County Office may issue payments **only after the authorized State Office representative has entered the COC approval date into CCMS and CED or COC signs CRP-1.** The CED or COC approval date must be the same as the date entered in CCMS by the authorized State Office representative.

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4 CRP Authorities Beginning October 1, 2025 (Continued)

D Authorized CSS Activities (Continued)

Agreements for CRP C/S, CLEAR30 maintenance, and FMI payments are administered and processed through CSS subject to availability of funding.

Beginning October 1, 2025, County Offices are **only** authorized to complete the CSS activities provided in Exhibit 1 for contracts approved before COB September 30, 2025, **after State Office review of contract documents and approval by the State Office representative has been completed.**

Important: Modifications resulting in the acres on FSA-848A exceeding the approved CRP-1 acres are **not** authorized.

For all authorized CSS activities, the County Office:

- will process the modification in CSS up to COC or CED approval
- is **not** authorized to enter the COC approval date to complete the modification

Note: The COC or CED approval date must be the same as the date entered in CCMS by the authorized State Office representative.

- will submit all the following to the State Office:
 - CRP-1
 - Interim or Final Conservation Plan (as applicable)
 - FSA-848A, if applicable
 - FSA-848A modification, if applicable
 - FSA-848B, if applicable
 - documentation supporting the modification or action
 - screen print showing the modification at the “Agreement Approval - Approval Date” screen, as applicable

Note: 6-CRP, paragraph 65 contains the approval date screen for new agreements, and paragraph 225 contains the screen for revisions.

- will issue payments only after the authorized State Office representative has entered the COC approval date into CSS, as applicable. The COC or CED signature date must be the same as the date entered in CSS by the authorized State Office representative.

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5 CRP Software Availability

A FY Closeout Software Schedule

CRP software will be shut down at 5 p.m. CDT September 30, 2025, for the annual batch payment process and will remain shut down until further notice.

6 Authorized COLS, CCMS, and CSS Activities

A COLS, CCMS, and CSS Activities

The following table provides a list of action items by date.

Date	Action
September 30, 2025	<p>Conservation Software will be shut down at 5 p.m. CDT for the annual batch payment process and will remain shut down until further notice.</p> <p>Deadline for County Offices to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain all signatures on the CRP-1 contract and applicable conservation plan • obtain COC or CED approval of CRP-1 • load CRP-1 approvals in COLS by 5 p.m. CDT. <p>Note: There is no authority to approve CRP-1's after September 30, 2025.</p> <p>Accepted Signup 63, 64, and 207 offers are authorized to be approved by COB September 30, 2025.</p>
October 1, 2025	<p>If legislation has not been enacted to re-authorize or extend FSA's authority to administer CRP after September 30, 2025, FSA will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not process new offers for CRP enrollment for all signup types • not approve any CRP contracts for all signup types • not initiate or approve any new TIP enrollments • approve CRP contract revisions or corrections when CCMS is reopened according to this notice • approve FSA-848's for contracts approved by COB September 30, 2025, according to this notice.

Note: A forthcoming notice will provide guidance on manual tracking of FSA-848A's not entered or approved in CSS and CRP-1 approvals not entered in COLS by COB September 30, 2025.

7 Avoiding Anti-Deficiencies After September 30, 2025

A Anti-Deficiency Act Violations

Any unauthorized actions described in this notice may result in a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act. Federal employees who violate the Anti-Deficiency Act are subject to the following repercussions:

- administrative sanctions (suspension from duty without pay or permanent removal)
- penalties:
 - criminal charges
 - fines.

8 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will:

- ensure that County Offices follow instructions in this notice
- complete the authorized representative certification statement (Exhibit 2) provided on [FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP-State Office/Lists/Authorized STO Representative Certification](#) before taking any actions provided in this notice

Note: This site is for State Offices only, County Office employees' access requests will be denied. Only 1 signed certification statement must be completed. After certification is completed, only the authorized State Office representative will enter the COC approval date into the applicable system.

- submit questions to any of the following:
 - FSA.conservation@usda.gov
 - Joy Alspach, CRP Program Manager
 - Kim Martin, CREP Program Manager
 - Patrick Lewis, Acting Grassland Program Manager.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- submit questions to the State Office.

CRP Contract Activities

A CCMS Contract Activities

The following table provides CCMS activities authorized and required State Office action.

CCMS Activity	Actions	Activity Authorized	State Office Review Required	State Office Entry of COC Approval Date Required
Revision/Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add or remove participants Update CRP-1 payment shares Update Farm or Tract Modify practice Decrease contract acres No change in contract acres 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Revision/Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase contract acres 	No	Not Authorized	
Terminate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial termination Full termination 	Yes	Yes	State Office enters the “Last Day that Contract is in Effect”
Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate transfer 	Yes	No	No
Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize transfer 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reinstate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct previously selected termination criteria, then terminate again 	Yes	Yes	State Office enters the reinstatement reason and date
Reinstate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate contract terminated in error (no COC or STC action) 	Submit documentation to PDD SharePoint for CD review.		
Reinstate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract termination approved by COC or STC is reversed through reconsideration, appeal, or mediation updates DAFP approval required (2-CRP, subparagraph 573 A) 	No	Not Authorized	
TIP Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate TIP enrollment 	No	Not Authorized	
TIP Revision (See 5-CRP, subparagraph 158 C for procedure on effective dates.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add or remove participants Update CRP-1 payment shares Decrease contract acres No change in contract acres 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Revise Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct SRR 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All reporting options 	Yes	No	No
Expired CRP Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Print and mail letter for contracts that expire on September 30, 2025 	Yes	No	No

CRP Contract Activities (Continued)

B CSS Activities

The following table provides CSS activities authorized and required State Office action.

CSS Activity Associated With Original CRP-1's Approved Before September 30, 2025	Description	Activity Authorized	State Office Review Required	State Office Entry of COC Approval Date Required
New Application (new FSA-848A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres on FSA-848A are less than or equal to the acres on CRP-1 C/S on non-contracted grassland CRP as provided in Notice CRP-1059 	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres on FSA-848A exceed acres on CRP-1 	No	Not Authorized	
Revise C/S Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres on FSA-848A are less than or equal to the acres on CRP-1 C/S on non-contracted grassland CRP as provided in Notice CRP-1059 	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres on FSA-848A exceed acres on CRP-1 	No	Not Authorized	
Make C/S and associated PIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres on FSA-848A are less than or equal to the acres on CRP-1 	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres on FSA-848A exceed acres on CRP-1 	No	Not Authorized	
Make Final PIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS status review completed Participant who received an initial PIP is removed from the CRP-1 	Yes	No	N/A
Extend Practice Expiration Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modify C/S agreement to extend practice expiration date 	Yes	No	No
Zero Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0, greater than 0 extent certification \$0, 0 extent certification 	Yes	No	No
\$0 Management Certification				
Negative Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct previously entered certification Establish receivables 	Yes	No	No
Terminate C/S Agreement	Terminate C/S agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associated with terminated CRP-1 to establish receivables Created in error 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Issue PIP Through Conservation Payments	Applicable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SU51 and prior contracts CREP agreements in effect on or before September 30, 2019, that have not been subsequently amended or revised 	Yes	Yes	N/A

Authorized Representative Certification Statement

The following is an example of the authorized representative certification statement located on SharePoint at [FPAC-FSA-DAFP-CRP-State Offices/Authorized STO Representative Certification](#) and must be completed by State Offices.

Save CancelCopy link

This form must only to be completed by a State Office Specialist or State Executive Director. County Office employees are NOT authorized to complete this form under any circumstances.

By filling out this form, I acknowledge that the form has been signed and completed according to CRP policy and provisions. Further, I certify that the contract modifications reviewed by me will not have the effect of increasing acreage under the CRP contract.

<p>* State</p> <input type="text" value="Iowa"/>	<p>* SED</p> <input type="text" value="karen.rawson@usda.gov"/>
<p>* SED Signature Date</p> <input type="text" value="10/1/2025"/>	<p>* State Office Representative</p> <input type="text" value="curt.goettsch@usda.gov"/>
<p>* State Office Signature Date</p> <input type="text" value="10/1/2025"/>	