

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-1101

For: State and County Offices

CRP Authority After September 30, 2026

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Food Security Act of 1985, Section 1231(a), as amended by the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act of 2026, provides FSA's authority to administer CRP through September 30, 2026. As of the date of this notice, legislation has not been enacted to reauthorize or extend this authority beyond September 30, 2026.

B Purpose

No new offers or offers for re-enrollment may be processed or approved after September 30, 2026. 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 Signup 208
- guidance on Signup 65, 66, and 208 offers through September 30, 2026
- CRP authorities beginning October 1, 2026
- CRP software availability after September 30, 2026
- authorized Conservation On-Line System (COLS), Conservation Contract Management System (CCMS) and Cost Share Software (CSS) activities beginning October 1, 2026
- avoiding Anti-Deficiency Act violations after September 30, 2026
- base reductions and restorations to be completed after September 30, 2026.

Disposal Date	Distribution
September 1, 2027 9-25-26	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Signups 65, 66, and 208 Guidance

A Conservation Plans

Conservation plans must be completed and signed before the CRP-1 is approved, according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 401 B. All acceptable Signup 65, 66, and 208 offers must be approved by COB on September 30, 2026.

B Authorization of Interim Conservation Plans for Signup 208

Interim conservation plans and interim conservation plan addendums are authorized for use with Signup 208, as provided in Notice CRP-1093. Signup 208 contracts approved with interim conservation plans must be reported to the Conservation Division using the [CRP Interim Plan Report](#) SharePoint site within 7 calendar days of CRP-1 approval, but no later than October 7, 2026. NRCS must complete and return final conservation plans to FSA by COB on December 31, 2026.

C Offers Not Approved by COB September 30, 2026

Signup 65 producers who submitted offers after May 1, 2026, will be notified of unacceptable offers using CRP-26.

Accepted Signup 65, 66, and 208 offers not approved by COB September 30, 2026, must be rejected.

3 Accepting and Approving Offers for Continuous CRP Signup 65

A Accepting and Approving Continuous CRP Offers

Continuous CRP Signup 65 offers accepted by DAFP in the 2 batching periods between March 20, 2026, and May 1, 2026, must be processed and approved by COB September 30, 2026. Continuous CRP offers submitted after May 1, 2026, will **not** be accepted for enrollment in Signup 65. Offers submitted after May 1, 2026, 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-1090 and 2-CRP, paragraph 5.

Example: A CRP continuous offer for re-enrollment was timely filed and signed by the participant before May 1, 2026, deadline for offers with re-enrolled or a combination of new and re-enrolled acres. The FSA employee failed to update the offer status to “Submitted” before the May 1, 2026. The County Office will submit the offer with applicable FSA-321 and documentation to the State Office for DAFP review and approval.

Note: Errors and omissions will not be processed and approved by DAFP until CRP authority is restored.

Important: Acres expiring on September 30, 2026, for which an offer for re-enrollment was not submitted before May 1, 2026, may be offered for enrollment in FY 2027 or a future year; however, the acreage must meet all eligibility requirements for new acres.

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4 CRP Authorities Beginning October 1, 2026

A Unauthorized Activities Beginning October 1, 2026

The Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act of 2026, provided a 1-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill through September 30, 2026. Statutory authority to administer CRP will expire at midnight on September 30, 2026, unless legislation is passed extending the 2018 Farm Bill beyond September 30, 2026.

Beginning October 1, 2026, 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, 2026
 - develop conservation plans for CRP-1's not approved by COB September 30, 2026
 - develop additional interim conservation plans (NRCS is required to develop and approve final conservation plans no later than December 31, 2026.)
 - 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
- initiate or approve new Forest Management Incentive (FMI) agreements
- process or approve FMI agreement revisions or reinstatements that increase the obligation
- initiate or approve new Transition Incentives Program (TIP) contracts.

B CRP Payments After October 1, 2026

CRP-1 contracts approved **by COB September 30, 2026**, will continue to receive annual rental, C/S, signup incentive, and practice incentive payments, as applicable. See subparagraph D and Exhibit 1.

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4 CRP Authorities Beginning October 1, 2026 (Continued)

C Authorized COLS Activities

Beginning October 1, 2026, **only State Offices** are authorized to enter Signup 65, 66, and 208 COC or CED approval dates in COLS **when the CRP-1 was approved on or before COB September 30, 2026.**

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

- approved CRP-1
- approved conservation plan or, if applicable, interim conservation plan
- COC minutes documenting COC or CED approval
- CCC-770 CRP Contract Approval Checklist applicable to the contract signup.

D Authorized CRP-1 Activities in CCMS

Beginning October 1, 2026, **County Offices are limited to completing only the CRP-1 activities in CCMS outlined in Exhibit 1**, and only when the original CRP-1 was approved before COB September 30, 2026, **after the State Office has determined the contract revision or correction does not result in an increase in CRP-1 acreage.**

Before completing any CRP contract revision or correction in CCMS, the County Office:

- must 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:

- the originally approved CRP-1
- the revised CRP-1 with participant signature(s)
- documentation supporting the modification
- a screen print of the View Contract Screen showing a 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 the CED or COC has signed the CRP-1.** The CED or COC approval date on the CRP-1 must match the date entered in CCMS by the authorized State Office representative.

4 CRP Authorities Beginning October 1, 2026 (Continued)

E Authorized CSS Activities

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

Beginning October 1, 2026, County Offices are **only** authorized to complete the CSS activities provided in Exhibit 1 for contracts approved before COB September 30, 2026, and only **after State Office has reviewed the contract documents and the State Office representative has provided approval**.

Important: Modifications which result in the acres on the 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 CSS by the authorized State Office representative.

- will submit all the following to the State Office:
 - CRP-1
 - approved conservation plan or, if applicable, interim conservation plan
 - 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” screen, as applicable

Note: 6-CRP, subparagraph 142 B, Step 7 contains the approval date screen for new agreements. Subparagraph 452 B, Step 17 contains the approval date screen for finalize path revisions. Subparagraph 563 B contains the approval date screen for revise path revisions and reinstatements.

- 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

All conservation applications will be taken offline at 5:00 p.m. C.T. on September 30, 2026, to prepare for the annual batch payment process. Functionality will be restored once payment processing is complete.

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, 2026	Conservation Software will be taken offline at 5:00 p.m. C.T. to prepare for the annual batch payment process. Functionality will be restored once payment processing is complete.
	For accepted Signup 65, 66, and 208 offers, the deadline for County Offices to: • obtain all signatures on the CRP-1 contract and conservation plan or, if applicable, interim conservation plan • obtain COC or CED approval of CRP-1 • load CRP-1 approvals in COLS 5:00 p.m. C.T. For TIP enrollments authorized for approval in CRP-1092, the deadline for County Offices to: • obtain all signatures on the CRP-1R contract and conservation plan • obtain COC or CED approval of CRP-1R • load CRP-1R approvals in CCMS by 5:00 p.m. C.T. There is no authority to approve CRP-1's after September 30, 2026.

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6 Authorized COLS, CCMS, and CSS Activities (Continued)

A COLS, CCMS, and CSS Activities (Continued)

Date	Action
October 1, 2026	If legislation has not been enacted to re-authorize or extend FSA's authority to administer CRP after September 30, 2026, FSA will: • 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 CRP C/S and CLEAR30 maintenance FSA-848's for contracts approved by COB September 30, 2026, according to this notice.

Note: Notice CRP-1100 provides guidance for manual tracking of all FY 2026 Accepted Offers in COLS that were not approved as of September 30, 2026, and FY 2026 Approved Offers without a corresponding FSA-848A as of September 30, 2026, when the software was taken offline.

7 Farm Records and Base Reductions and Restorations

A Completing FY 2027 Tasks and Updates for CRP

For CRP contracts that expire on September 30, 2026, or that are voluntarily terminated or early released after September 30, 2026, base acres must be restored in FY 2027. County Offices will refer to Notice CM-878 which provides guidance on base redistributions, reductions, and restorations.

8 Avoiding Anti-Deficiencies After September 30, 2026

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.

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9 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:
 - Joy Alspach, CRP Program Manager
 - Johanna Davis, Acting CREP Program Manager
 - Patrick Lewis, Grassland Program Manager
 - Micki Crider, General CRP 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 authorized CCMS activities and required State Office action.

CCMS Activity	Actions	Activity Authorized	State Office Review Required	State Office Entry of COC Approval Date Required
Revision/Division	- 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	Increase contract acres	No	Not Authorized	
Terminate	- Partial termination - Full termination	Yes	Yes	State Office enters the "Last Day that Contract is in Effect"
Transfer	Initiate transfer	Yes	No	No
Transfer	Finalize transfer	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reinstate	Correct previously selected termination criteria, then terminate again	Yes	Yes	State Office enters the reinstatement reason and date
Reinstate	Reinstate contract terminated in error (no COC or STC action)	Submit documentation to PDD SharePoint for CD review.		
Reinstate	- 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	Initiate TIP enrollment	No	Not Authorized	
TIP Revision (See 5-CRP, subparagraph 158 C for procedure on effective dates.)	- Add or remove participants - Update CRP-1R payment shares - Decrease contract acres - No change in contract acres	Yes	Yes	Yes
Revise Rates	Correct SRR	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports	All reporting options	Yes	No	No
Expired CRP Letters	Print and mail letter for contracts that expire on September 30, 2026	Yes	No	No

CRP Contract Activities (Continued)

B CSS Activities

The following table provides CRP C/S and CLEAR 30 maintenance payment CSS activities authorized and required State Office action.

CSS Activity Associated With Original CRP-1's Approved Before September 30, 2026	Description	Activity Authorized	State Office Review Required	State Office Entry of COC Approval Date Required
New Application (new FSA-848A)	Acres on FSA-848A are less than or equal to the acres on CRP-1	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Acres on FSA-848A exceed acres on CRP-1	No	Not Authorized	
Revise C/S Agreement	Acres on FSA-848A are less than or equal to the acres on CRP-1	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Acres on FSA-848A exceed acres on CRP-1	No	Not Authorized	
Make C/S and associated PIP	Acres on FSA-848A are less than or equal to the acres on CRP-1	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Acres on FSA-848A exceed acres on CRP-1	No	Not Authorized	
Extend Practice Expiration Date	Modify C/S agreement to extend practice expiration date	Yes	No	No
Zero Certification	\$0, greater than 0 extent certification \$0, 0 extent certification	Yes	No	No
\$0 Management Certification				
Negative Certification	- Correct previously entered certification - Establish receivables	Yes	No	No
Terminate C/S Agreement	- Terminate C/S agreement: - Associated with terminated CRP-1 to establish receivables - Created in error	Yes	Yes	Yes
Issue PIP Through Conservation Payments	Applicable to 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.

SaveCancel

Copy link

This form must only 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.

* State

Colorado

* State Office Representative

* State Office Signature Date

10/1/2026

* SED

* SED Signature Date

10/1/2026