

For: DE, IL, MD, MN, NY, NC, OR, and WA State Offices

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

CREP was established to provide a flexible and cost-effective means to address agricultural resource problems by targeting Federal and State resources to specific geographic regions of particular environmental sensitivity over a 10- to 15-year period. On February 19, 1997, CCC issued a final rule in the FR, at 7 CFR 1410.50(b), that provides that CCC may enter into agreements with States to use CRP to cost-effectively further “specific conservation and environmental objectives of that State and the nation.”

Eight State CREP Agreements have been approved and implementation is ongoing. Each CREP Agreement contains a requirement that the State produce an annual report summarizing the previous year’s CREP activities, describe monitoring results, and address activities for the upcoming year.

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Purpose

This notice:

- serves as a reminder that FY 1999 CREP annual reports are due January 31, 2000
- requires FSA State Offices to work with the State government in producing the annual report
- requires State Offices to provide the State government with relevant CREP enrollment and other data.

Disposal Date	Distribution
May 1, 2000	Above State Offices

2 Action

**A
Annual Report
Requirements**

In general, the purpose of the annual report is to present the findings of the monitoring and evaluation component of the project used to measure project success. This shall include information on environmental benefits achieved by CREP enrollments during the reporting period as well as level of program participation. A summary of all non-Federal CREP expenditures during the reporting period must also be clearly documented. The report must also address planned activities, challenges, and accomplishments.

**B
State Office
Action**

State Offices shall do the following:

- review the provisions of the CREP Agreement, particularly related to the annual report
 - confer with the State government to ensure submission of their annual report within 90 calendar days of the end of the Federal FY 1999, unless otherwise specified in the Agreement
 - provide to the State government FY 1999 cost and enrollment data for CREP
 - as requested, provide other support to the State government related to the annual report
 - submit a copy of the annual State CREP report to this office at the attention of CEPD to be received by January 31, 2000.
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