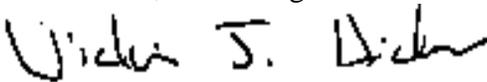


For: State and County Offices

2001 CRP 1-Year Contract Modifications

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

On January 10, 2001, the Administrator announced that CRP participants with acreage that expires from CRP on September 30, 2001, will have the option to modify all or part of CRP-1 to extend the expiration date for a period of 1 year at the same per acre payment rate. Participants with certain contracts expiring on September 30, 2001, will have an opportunity to modify CRP-1 on all or part of the acreage in CRP. No general signup is scheduled for FY 2001. A 1-year extension has been authorized.

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Purpose

This notice provides instructions for implementing the 1-year contract modification.

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Signup Period

Participants may submit requests from the date of this notice through May 31, 2001, to modify eligible contracts to extend the expiration date.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>December 1, 2001</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices</p>
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2 1-Year Contract Modification Provisions

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General Provisions

The following provisions apply to CRP-1 modifications to extend the expiration date 1 year.

- All eligible signatories on CRP-1, or their duly-appointed representative, shall sign CRP-1F Addendum as shown in Exhibit 1. This agreement requires continuing the terms and conditions of CRP-1 through September 30, 2002. COC is authorized to accept late-filed requests through September 30, 2001.
- The 1-year modification to extend option is only available to participants on any acreage that expires from CRP on September 30, 2001.

Note: This provision includes acreage erroneously enrolled based on an erroneous land eligibility determination as provided in 2-CRP, subparagraph 243 A.

- All CRP-1's scheduled to expire September 30, 2001, are eligible except those contracts expiring September 30, 2001, that have been in effect for more than 14 years on September 30, 2001. In no case shall CRP-1F Addendum be approved that would have the effect of a contract with a duration, in the aggregate, exceeding 15 years.

Exceptions: COC may determine not to require a tenant's signature on the modified CRP-1 if the tenant is either of the following:

- no longer has a right in interest to the land, such as a written lease for the time period of the modification or a maintenance agreement (not necessarily written) with the landlord
- not otherwise involved in farming other acreage on the farm.

When the tenant's signature is not required on the modified CRP-1, the full rental payment may be made to the landowner.

- Base, allotment, and quota history shall be reinstated when acreage expires from CRP.

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2 1-Year Contract Modification Provisions (Continued)

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Penalties

Participants may cancel the 1-year modification agreement before September 30, 2001, without penalty. Agreements terminated after this date are considered contract terminations and subject to standard termination policy in 2-CRP, paragraph 288.

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Federal Crop Insurance Requirements

There is no insurance linkage to participants who enter 1-year contract modifications provided for in this notice.

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FSA-578 End Year Dates

End year dates, as provided for in 2-CP, paragraph 78, shall be changed to "2002" for all acreage extended under CRP according to the provisions of this notice.

3 Action

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KCAO Action

KCAO shall:

- notify all affected CRP participants with CRP-1's expiring on September 30, 2001 (Exhibit 2)
 - provide a list to County Offices through the Internet containing the names of all CRP participants to whom the letter in Exhibit 2 was sent.
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State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- forward the information in this notice to County Offices
 - ensure that County Offices record CRP-1F Addendum in the system by September 30, 2001
 - retrieve CRP-1F Addendum from the FSA BBS in the National Forms Library.
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3 Action (Continued)

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County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- review the interest list provided by KCAO through the Internet (<http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepdsto.htm>) to ensure that CRP participants with contracts eligible for this 1-year extension were notified

Note: Send the letter in Exhibit 2 to any CRP participants who did not receive this notification.

- ensure that only CRP-1's scheduled to expire on September 30, 2001 (except those contracts that, with this 1-year extension, would exceed 15 years in duration), are approved
- follow up with participants with contracts expiring on September 30, 2001, who have not answered the response requested in the extension letter mailed by KCAO, on September 24, 2001

Suggestion: A copy of the KCAO list of participants with expiring contracts may be used to track the dates replies are received in the County Office.

- accept separate requests to modify CRP-1 to extend the expiration date for 1 year on CRP-1F Addendum (Exhibit 1)

Note: Do not approve requests until all signatories to CRP-1, or their duly-authorized representative, have signed CRP-1F Addendum.

Exception: COC may determine not to require a tenant's signature on the modified CRP-1 if the tenant is either of the following:

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- not otherwise involved in farming other acreage on the farm.

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3 Action (Continued)

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**County Office
Action
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- for participants that modify CRP-1 on only a part of the acreage under CRP-1, revise CRP-1, according to 1-CRP, to designate on separate CRP-1's the acres:
 - expiring on September 30, 2001
 - being extended through September 30, 2002.

Note: Modified CRP-1's shall be recorded in the system by September 30, 2001.

CRP-1F Addendum, CRP-1 Modification to Extend the Expiration Date for 1 Year

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and date on all reproductions.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0125

CRP-1F Addendum (01-10-01) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation CRP-1 MODIFICATION TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR 1 YEAR	1. ST. & CO. Code 42-075
	2. Contract Number 1A
	3. Farm Number 102

4. TERMS TO EXTEND EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CRP-1 CONTRACT

This contract modification is entered into by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the undersigned participant(s) of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract in item 2 above.

By signing this contract modification, the participant(s) and CCC agree to:

- extend the expiration date of the CRP contract identified in item 2 above for the period from October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002.
- comply with the terms and conditions of the cited contract as contained in the corresponding CRP-1, CRP-1 Appendix, and any addendum thereto.
- extend the lifespan of all CRP practices established for the contract identified in item 2 above for 1 year longer than indicated on AD-245, page 2 or for 1 year longer than was agreed to under other extension provisions.

It is so agreed and understood.

Participant Name (Printed) John Doe	Participant Signature <i>/s/ John Doe</i>	Date 2-01-01
Participant Name (Printed) Mary Doe	Participant Signature <i>/s/ Mary Doe</i>	Date 2-01-01
Participant Name (Printed)	Participant Signature	Date
Participant Name (Printed)	Participant Signature	Date

5. Signature of CCC Representative <i>/s/ COC Person</i>	Date 2-02-01	6. County FSA Office Name and Address Lebanon County FSA Office 123 N. Main Street Anytown, PA 12345-6789 Telephone No. (123) 456-7890
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NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 704. The information will be used to modify the CRP-1 contract by extending the expiration date for 1 year. Furnishing the requested information is voluntary. Failure to furnish the requested information will result in loss of benefits. This information may be provided to other agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State and Federal Law enforcement agencies, and in response to a court magistrate or administrative tribunal. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 USC 286, 287, 371, 641, 651, 1001; 15 USC 714m; and 31 USC 3729, may be applicable to the information provided.

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Letter to CRP Participants With Contracts Expiring on September 30, 2001



United States
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Dear CRP Participant:

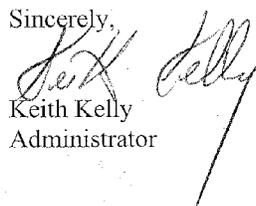
In the near future, you must make important decisions about your Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract(s) that is scheduled to expire September 30, 2001. Although FSA does not plan to hold a general signup to reenroll this land under another long-term CRP contract before it expires on September 30, 2001, these expiring contract(s) may be eligible for a 1-year extension of the current contract terms and conditions. Through participation in this 1-year extension, the CRP acreage will continue to remain in "cropland" status.

During this 1-year extension signup, which will end May 31, 2001, you can extend all or part of the acreage you currently have under the expiring contract.

If you instead consider putting back into production some or all of your expiring CRP land, I strongly encourage you to consider devoting areas of your land to highly desirable conservation practices such as grassed waterways, filter strips, contoured buffer strips, riparian buffers including marginal pastureland to be devoted to riparian buffers, field windbreaks, shelter belts, or similar practices. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will cost share with you to establish and maintain these practices and provide annual rental and, in some cases, incentive payments. These practices are eligible under the CRP continuous signup making them eligible to be enrolled at any time and without having to submit a competitive offer under a general signup.

For more information about the 1-year extension signup, contact your local FSA office where your contract(s) is administered.

Sincerely,


Keith Kelly
Administrator