

**For:** State and County Offices

**Revising Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Acreage Because of  
Certified Common Land Units (CLU's)**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Certain County Offices are certifying CLU's. County Offices must follow procedure in 2-CP about certifying CLU's and notifying producers of the new measurement and appropriate appeal rights. Questions have arisen about changes in CRP acreage because of certifying CLU's on a producer's farm which may have an impact on DCP.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides policy for changing CRP-1 because of certified CLU's and reaffirms the provisions of 2-CP, paragraph 497, 2-CRP, paragraph 335, and 1-CRP, paragraph 285.

**2 Policy**

**A Changes to CRP-1 Because of Increases or Decreases in Acreage**

If the acreage that is enrolled in CRP:

- increases as a result of planimentering new aerial photography or digitizing new photography (certified CLU's, GIS measurement), the CRP contract must be revised to reflect the larger acreage and the annual payment will increase beginning the next FY as a result of that increase
- decreases as a result of planimentering new aerial photography or digitizing new photography (certified CLU's, GIS measurement), the CRP contract must be revised to show the smaller acreage and the annual payment will be less beginning with the next FY.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
October 1, 2004	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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### 2 Policy (Continued)

#### A Changes to CRP-1 Because of Increases or Decreases in Acreage (Continued)

No refunds are required if the acreage decreases. No additional payments will be issued for previous years if the acreage increases.

Reconciling any acreage discrepancies ensures the most accurate program and payment data and, over the long term, minimizes workload because of acreage reconciliation, over- and under-payments, and interest.

#### B Revising the Conservation Plan

According to 2-CRP, paragraph 355, participants must consult with NRCS or the Technical Service Provider to revise the conservation plan to reflect the change in CRP-1 acres.

#### C Certifying CLU's

See 2-CP, paragraph 501 for certifying CLU's.

### 3 Correcting and Revising CRP-1

#### A Making Corrections or Revisions to the CRP-1

For all CRP-1's, except signup 26, County Offices shall follow the provisions of 2-CRP, paragraph 335, and 1-CRP, paragraph 285, for correcting or revising CRP-1 because of acreage changes due to certified CLU's. A future software release will allow changes to be made to signup 26 contracts.

All producer's must sign the revised CRP-1. If all producer's do not sign the revised CRP-1 within 60 calendar days after COC notification of the revision, COC must terminate CRP-1.

### 4 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- forward this notice to County Offices
- ensure County Offices follow the requirements of this notice.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the requirements of this notice and 2-CP, 2-CRP, and 1-CRP, paragraph 285.