

For: State and County Offices

Conservation Software Contained in County Software Release No. 548

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1 Overview

A Background

Software to record and maintain general CRP signup 26 contracts in the System 36 did not allow changes to certain data fields that were pre-populated by data ported from the Access General Signup System (AGSS) offer software. As these contracts are now over a year old and changes are occurring that do not affect the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) and eligibility, it is now necessary to allow these data fields to be corrected without using data supplied by the AGSS offer software.

Some continuous CRP signup 30 contracts became effective on October 1, 2004, and software changes are necessary to allow these contracts to be loaded in the System 36.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that County Software Release No. 548 updates conservation software to:

- allow corrections to general CRP signup 26 contracts
- allow continuous signup 30 contracts to be added to the contract file
- make available additional practices for CRP contracts for signups 29 and later.

2 Software

A Signup 26 Corrections

Software contained in County Software Release No. 548 allows contracts to be corrected using Menu EPCR0001, option 5, "Correcting an Existing Contract". See 1-CRP, paragraph 290 for instructions on recording corrections. This software will allow corrections to be made to signup 26 contracts in the same way as is allowed for earlier signups.

Disposal Date

January 1, 2005

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Software (Continued)

B Continuous CRP Signup 30 Added

Software included in County Software Release No. 548 provides the capability to record continuous signup 30 contracts. See 1-CRP, paragraph 300.5 to record continuous contracts.

C New Practices

Practices CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Flood Plain, and CP33, Habitat Buffer for Upland Birds, have been added to the conservation table file and are available for use with continuous CRP and CREP contracts for signup 30 and later.

Practice CP32, Expired CRP Hardwood Tree Planting on MPL, has been made available for use with general CRP signup 29 contracts and later.

3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall install County Software Release No. 548 upon receipt.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices timely install County Software Release No. 548.