

For: State Offices and Service Centers

**Updating Maintenance Incentive for CRP**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

For CRP contracts, a maintenance incentive is authorized. The current maintenance incentive may not exceed \$4 per acre.

The maintenance incentives for all CRP contracts approved after receiving this notice have been established.

**Note:** The revised maintenance incentive rates apply to all CRP contracts, **except** CRP contracts enrolled under Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) that specify maintenance incentive rates in the CREP agreement.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides revised CRP per acre maintenance rates.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>November 1, 2008</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers</p>
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### 2 Revised Rates

#### A Revised Per Acre Maintenance Rates

STC's shall establish a maintenance incentive rate for each practice **not** to exceed the rates in the following table.

Practices	Maintenance Rate Per Acre
CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP5A, CP8A, CP9, CP10, CP11, CP12, CP15A, CP15B, CP16A, CP17A, CP18B, CP18C, CP23, CP23A, CP24, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP31, CP33, CP35A-I, CP36, CP37, and CP38A-E.	\$2
CP21, CP22, CP29, and CP30 with no fencing or water development.	\$2
CP21, CP22, CP29, and CP30 with permanent fencing, <b>no</b> water development.	\$6
CP21, CP22, CP29, and CP30 with permanent fencing and water development.	\$7

**Note:** The revised maintenance incentive rates apply to all CRP contracts, **except** CRP contracts enrolled under CREP that have different maintenance rates specified in the CREP agreement. If CREP agreements do **not** specify maintenance rates, the revised maintenance rates in this notice apply.

The rates are the default maintenance incentive rates, however, STC's may lower the rate.

STC's shall ensure that the basis for their revised STC-established maintenance rates is clearly documented in the STC minutes.

#### B Effective Date

The revised maintenance rates are effective with CRP contracts approved after receiving this notice.

#### C Conservation Online System (COLS) and System 36 Updates

COLS has been updated by the National Office to reflect the revised maintenance rates. However, all Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment (TERRA) users **must** run the TERRA-COLS Downloader for the tool to reflect these new maintenance rates. The TERRA-COLS Downloader user guide can be accessed through the CEPD State and County Intranet web site under the Conservation GIS Information link.

System 36 software will be modified to reflect the revised maintenance rates. County Offices shall **not** load contracts into System 36 until the software is made available. A future notice will inform County Offices when the System 36 software is available.

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### 3 Action

#### A State Office

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice.

#### B County Office

County Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- **not** enter contracts in System 36 until software has been modified.