

For: State and County Offices

**Suspending CRP Contract Approval and CRP Cost-Share Payments,
WRI, SIP, and PIP's Beginning October 1, 2008**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Section 1603 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) amended the provisions governing payment limitations from payment limitation/eligibility determinations based on a "person" to payment limitation based on direct attribution of payments.

Section 1604 of the 2008 Act amended the average adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions and, for conservation, generally lowered the threshold above which persons or entities would not be eligible for payment from \$2.5 million to \$1.0 million.

For CRP, these new provisions are effective beginning **October 1, 2008**.

County Software Transmittal No. 650 and AS/400 Transmittal No. 97 were released to County Offices on September 19, 2008. After installation, these transmittals completed subsidiary files rollover to program year 2009. Notices PL-177 and PL-180 provide information on changes to subsidiary file flags after rollover occurred. After rollover is completed, all eligibility flags will read 2009 as the current year for all eligibility fields.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

B Purpose

This notice provides policy about suspending the following:

- CRP contract approvals for all signup types beginning October 1, 2008, until a new CRP form is developed

Note: The CRP form will generally describe the direct attribution and average AGI limitations, and provide for any further action that could result after the regulation is published for those provisions.

- cost-share payments, WRI, SIP, and PIP's until the subsidiary file is updated to provide for 2009 flags.

A future notice will be issued about contract approval using the new payment limitation and AGI provisions.

2 General Policy

A CRP Authority to Approve CRP Contracts Effective October 1, 2008

Effective October 1, 2008, FSA shall:

- not **approve** any CRP contracts for all signup types
- continue to accept **offers** for enrollment in the CRP
- not pay cost-share payments, WRI, SIP, and PIP's for contracts approved before October 1, 2008.

3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall read and follow the provisions of this notice.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow instructions in this notice.