## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250

For: State and County Offices

## **Transition Incentives Program (TIP)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



#### 1 Overview

#### A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 amendments to the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized \$25 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring CRP contract from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a beginning or SDA farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

Retired or retiring owners and operators who qualify under TIP may be eligible to receive annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP-1 expiration date provided the transition is **not** to a family member as defined in 4-PL, paragraph 138.

**Note:** Family members of the retired or retiring owners or operators may participate in TIP; however, the additional 2 years of annual rental payments will **not** be paid.

#### **B TIP Regulation**

An interim rule was published in the FR on May 14, 2010, that provides regulatory authority for TIP.

#### C Purpose

This notice provides the following:

- policy and procedure to implement TIP
- signup start date for TIP
- completing CRP-1R (Exhibit 1)
- processing applications for TIP (Exhibit 2).

**Note:** A forthcoming CRP notice will provide software provisions for making payments under TIP.

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#### **1 Overview (Continued)**

## **D** Signup Period for TIP

Eligible retired or retiring owners and operators and beginning or SDA farmers or ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis beginning on Monday, **May 17, 2010**.

To be considered eligible, beginning or SDA farmers or ranchers and CRP participants must enroll in TIP during the period beginning 1 year before the CRP contract expiration date and September 30 of the year when the CRP contract is scheduled to expire.

**Example:** CRP-1 is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2012. The TIP signup period applicable for that contract is October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.

For contracts that expired on September 30, 2008 and 2009, or are scheduled to expire on September 30, 2010, TIP enrollment may begin immediately.

#### **E** Definitions

Beginning farmer or rancher means a person or entity who:

- has **not** been a farm or ranch operator or owner for more than 10 years
- materially and substantially participates in the operation of the farm or ranch involved in the CRP contract modification
- if an entity, is an entity in which 50 percent of the members or stockholders of the entity meets the first 2 requirements of this definition.

<u>Retired or retiring owner or operator</u> means an owner or operator of land enrolled in a CRP contract who has ended active labor in farming operations as a producer of agricultural crops or expects to do so within 5 years of the CRP contract modification.

<u>SDA farmer or rancher</u> means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a SDA group, whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. **Gender is not included as a covered group.** SDA groups include any of the following and no others unless approved in writing by DAFP:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives
- Asians or Asian Americans
- Blacks or African Americans
- Hispanics
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

### 2 Eligible Land

#### A Eligible Land for TIP

All or a portion of land under an expiring CRP contract may be eligible to enroll in TIP, if COC determines that **all** of the following have been met:

- producer eligibility requirements in paragraph 3
- land eligibility requirements in subparagraph 4 B for contracts scheduled to expire on or after September 30, 2010

**Note:** See subparagraph 4 A for contracts that expired on September 30, 2008, or September 30, 2009.

• land under CRP-1 is in compliance according to 2-CRP, Part 17.

#### **B** Easement Eligibility for TIP

Land expiring from CRP-1 under an easement that would prohibit the land from being farmed in a sustainable manner is **not** eligible to be enrolled under CRP-1R.

#### **3 Eligible Producers**

#### A Retired or Retiring Owner or Operator Eligibility

To be eligible for TIP, producers must be retired or retiring owners or operators on land under an expiring CRP contract.

**Note:** For CRP-1's already **expired**, the land must be sold or leased to a beginning or SDA farmer or rancher only after COC approves CRP-1R, but no later than September 30, 2010. See subparagraph 4 A for additional eligibility provisions.

One or more participants under CRP-1 may be eligible to transition land to a beginning or SDA farmer or rancher if **all** of the following have been met:

- at least 1 participant on an expiring CRP-1 is a retired or retiring farmer or rancher on the land as self-certified on CRP-1R
- persons or entities on the expiring CRP-1 must receive, in the aggregate, at least 50 percent of the annual rental payments

**Note:** The retired or retiring members of an entity must own at least 50 percent of the stock of the entity to be eligible for TIP.

### 3 Eligible Producers (Continued)

#### A Retired or Retiring Owner or Operator Eligibility (Continued)

• retired or retiring owner or operator agrees to sell, has a contract to sell, or leases the land for a minimum of 5 years to a beginning or SDA farmer or rancher before CRP-1R begins

Notes: See paragraph 7.

In the case of a long-term lease, the lease must be a nonrevocable long-term lease of at least 5 years, with or without an option to purchase the land.

- retired or retiring owner or operator and beginning or SDA farmer or rancher have signed CRP-1R according to paragraph 7
- retired or retiring owner or operator agrees to allow beginning or SDA farmer or rancher to make conservation and land improvements, according to a modified conservation plan approved by NRCS or Technical Service Provider (TSP), **beginning** on the date COC approves CRP-1R.
- **Note:** Land improvements in the last year of the CRP contract under CRP TIP will **not** be permitted during the primary nesting season unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of the primary nesting season.

When 1 or more retired or retiring owners or operators on a CRP contract agree to transition their portion of the land under CRP-1 to beginning or SDA farmer or rancher, CCC may approve CRP-1R provided all signatories to CRP-1 sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria are met.

- **Note:** All signatories to CRP-1 are **not** required to be retired or retiring; however, all CRP-1 signatories are required to sign CRP-1R. If all signatories on CRP-1 do **not** agree to sign CRP-1R, then the land is **not** eligible under TIP.
- **Example 1:** Three participants have equal shares in an expiring CRP contract. Two of the participants are retiring and intend to participate in TIP. The land is eligible for TIP because the shares of the 2 retiring participants equal at least 50 percent provided all signatories sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria have been met.
- **Example 2:** Four participants have equal shares in an expiring CRP contract. Two of the participants are retiring and intend to participate in TIP. The land is eligible for TIP because the shares of the 2 retiring participants equal at least 50 percent provided all signatories sign CRP-1R and all other eligibility criteria have been met.
- **Example 3:** Five participants have equal shares in an expiring CRP contract. Two of the participants are retiring and intend to participate in TIP. The land is **not** eligible for TIP because the shares of the 2 retiring participants do **not** equal at least 50 percent of the shares on the expiring CRP contract.

### **3** Eligible Producers (Continued)

#### **B** Beginning or SDA Farmer or Rancher Eligibility

A beginning or SDA farmer or rancher may be eligible for TIP provided the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher agrees to **all** of the following:

- buy or lease (under a long-term lease of at least 5 years) the land under CRP-1 from a retired or retiring owner or operator during the last year of CRP-1 before its scheduled September 30 expiration
- develop and implement the required conservation plans according to paragraph 6
- self-certify and sign CRP-1R.

#### 4 TIP for CRP-1's

#### A TIP for CRP-1's That Expired September 30, 2008, or September 30, 2009

Generally, TIP only applies to CRP-1's that expire on September 30, 2010, or later. However, retired or retiring owners or operators with CRP-1's that expired on September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2009, may be eligible to enroll in TIP provided **all** of the following apply:

- the land has **not** been sold or leased before signing CRP-1R
- producers are otherwise eligible under TIP provisions
- the conservation plan is modified to require sustainable grazing or crop production methods
- CRP-1R beginning date is October 1, 2010.

The following table provides examples for expired CRP-1's enrolled in TIP.

CRP-1 Expiration	Final CRP-1 Annual Rental	CRP-1R	First Scheduled	Second Scheduled
Date	Payment	<b>Beginning Date</b>	<b>TIP Payment</b>	<b>TIP Payment</b>
September 30, 2008	October 2008	October 1, 2010	October 2011	October 2012
September 30, 2009	October 2009	October 1, 2010	October 2011	October 2012

## 4 TIP for CRP-1's (Continued)

### A TIP for CRP-1's That Expired September 30, 2008, or September 30, 2009 (Continued)

**Notes:** Retired or retiring owners and operators who qualify under TIP may be eligible to receive annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP-1 expiration date provided the transition is **not** to a family member as defined in 4-PL, paragraph 138.

Members of the retired or retiring owner's or operator's family may participate in TIP; however, the additional 2 years of annual rental payments **cannot** be paid.

Land leased or sold **before** CRP-1R is signed is **not** eligible under TIP.

## **B** TIP for CRP-1's That Expire on or After September 30, 2010

Generally, land subject to CRP-1R must be returned to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

Beginning on October 1 that is 1 year before the CRP-1 scheduled expiration date of September 30, the retired or retiring owner or operator may sign CRP-1R to allow the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher to do 1 or more of the following:

- modify the current conservation plan to begin conservation and land improvements
- begin the certification process under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990
- offer eligible land into continuous CRP.
- **Note:** Land improvements in the last year of the CRP contract under CRP TIP will **not** be permitted during the primary nesting season unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of the primary nesting season.

If all other eligibility requirements are met, the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher with an approved CRP-1R is eligible to offer transitioned land for continuous CRP according to 2-CRP, Part 5, Section 1.

The beginning or SDA farmer or rancher enrolling into continuous CRP is **not required** to meet 12-month owner/operator criteria for acres under CRP-1R.

In cooperation with NRCS, County Offices must inform the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher to contact NRCS for more information about the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) or EQIP. Enrollment in CSP or EQIP must begin October 1, on or after CRP-1 expires.

### 5 CRP-1R Signature Requirements

#### A Required Signatures

CRP-1R must be signed by **all** of the following:

- retired or retiring owners or operators
- beginning or SDA farmer or rancher
- all signatories to CRP-1.

**Exception:** Follow 2-CRP, subparagraph 198 C for signature requirement exceptions.

Note: See Exhibit 1 for an example of CRP-1R.

#### 6 Conservation Plans

#### A Required Conservation Plans

The beginning or SDA farmer or rancher must complete **all** of the following for acres under CRP-1R:

- conservation plan according to Conservation Compliance Provisions of the 1985 Act that requires completing AD-1026 for HEL
- modified conservation plan in cooperation with retired or retiring owner or operator for conservation and land improvements that meets NRCS FOTG for sustainable grazing or crop production methods according to subparagraph B
- conservation plan that meets the requirements of continuous CRP, CSP, or EQIP, as applicable.
- **Note:** Modifications to the conservation plan in the last year of CRP-1 for the purpose of conservation land improvements under CRP-1R must be signed by **all** of the following:
  - all signatories to CRP-1
  - retired or retiring owner or operator
  - beginning or SDA farmer or rancher.

## **B** Sustainable Grazing and Crop Production Criteria

During the last year of CRP-1 before its scheduled expiration, the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher must develop and implement a conservation plan that meets acceptable standards for sustainable grazing or crop production methods. The sustainable grazing and crop production methods must be designed as a part of an overall plan defined on an ecosystem level to be useful in creating integrated systems of plant and animal production practices that have a site-specific application that would:

- meet human needs for food and fiber
- enhance the environment and the natural resource base
- use nonrenewable resources efficiently
- sustain the economic viability of the farming operation.

#### 6 Conservation Plans (Continued)

### **B** Sustainable Grazing and Crop Production Criteria (Continued)

The following are allowable conservation and land improvements in the last year of CRP-1 under TIP, according to approved conservation plan:

- preparing the land for certified organic food production
- laying out contours for contour buffer strips
- surveying and site preparation for contour farming
- installing fencing

Note: Grazing is not allowed before CRP-1 expiration.

- installing filter strips
- installing livestock watering facilities

Note: Grazing is not allowed before CRP-1 expiration.

- installing pipelines
- installing ponds
- installing terraces
- installing water wells
- installing waterways
- other potential improvements for re-enrolling acres into continuous CRP according to NRCS or TSP guidelines
- other appropriate practices as recommended by NRCS or TSP.
- **Note:** Land improvements in the last year of the CRP contract under CRP TIP will **not** be permitted during the primary nesting season unless CRP-1 cover was already disturbed because of allowable land improvements started before the first day of the primary nesting season.

Land improvements in the last year of the CRP contract do not include planting a commodity crop except when used as a temporary cover establishing conservation practices.

### 6 Conservation Plans (Continued)

#### **B** Sustainable Grazing and Crop Production Criteria (Continued)

Notes: CRP cost-share assistance is not authorized for TIP.

Using other Federal cost-share assistance requires refund of CRP cost-share assistance according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 441 B.

Generally, only the acres under CRP-1R must be returned to sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

**Notes:** CRP-1 provisions continue to apply through its expiration for land **not** covered by CRP-1R.

For acreage under an expiring CRP-1 **and** CRP-1R is **not** approved, the land may be returned to an agricultural commodity using normal crop production methods in compliance with Conservation Compliance Provisions of the 1985 Act. See 6-CP.

#### 7 CRP-1R Provisions

#### A CRP-1R Duration

CRP-1R begins on October 1 that is the day after the CRP-1 scheduled expiration date and ends 2 years following the CRP-1 expiration date of September 30.

- **Note:** Preparing or installing certain conservation practices may occur up to 1 year before the beginning date of CRP-1R according to paragraph 6.
- **Example:** A retired or retiring operator has land under CRP contract that expires on September 30, 2010. The retiring operator signed CRP-1R on June 14, 2010, along with the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher and both signed a modified conservation plan to make conservation land improvements in the last year of CRP-1. COC approved the modified conservation plan and CRP-1R on July 15, 2010. CRP-1R goes into effect October 1, 2010.

## **B** CRP-1R Payments

Retired or retiring owners or operators with an approved CRP-1R may receive up to 2 additional annual rental payments **after CRP-1 expires** provided that the retired or retiring owner or operator is **not** a family member of the beginning or SDA farmer or rancher according to the definition of family member in 4-PL, paragraph 138.

**Example:** The retired or retiring farmer and a nonfamily member beginning or SDA farmer or rancher completed and signed CRP-1R on May 15, 2010, for CRP-1 scheduled to expire on September 30, 2010. The CRP-1R period is October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2012. The retired or retiring owner or operator may receive the first CRP-1R payment after October 1, 2011, and the final TIP payment after October 1, 2012, provided all other payment eligibility criteria are met.

#### 7 CRP-1R Provisions (Continued)

#### C CRP TIP Payment Limitation

Payment limitation as applicable for other CRP-1's will be applied to CRP-1R annual rental payments.

### **D** CRP TIP AGI Provisions

The AGI determination of the expiring CRP-1 will continue for the additional 2 years for annual rental payments under TIP.

#### **E** Succeeding to CRP-1R

For TIP, follow the succession-in-interest provisions in 2-CRP, paragraph 343.

#### 8 Outreach

#### A Targeting Beginning or SDA Farmers or Ranchers

FSA will announce TIP through press releases, newsletters, and any other available means. In addition, State and County Offices must conduct additional outreach activities to ensure participation of beginning or SDA farmers or ranchers.

For outreach efforts specific to this notice, State Offices must ensure, using all available means, that beginning or SDA groups are informed of the opportunities provided under TIP.

State Offices must prioritize efforts to plan targeted outreach activities jointly with partner organizations whose mission specifies service to target groups as beginning or SDA farmers or ranchers.

#### 9 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- provide a copy of this notice to County Offices
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice.

### 9 Action (Continued)

#### **B** County Office Action

County Offices must:

- review the policies and provisions in this notice
- access and review CRP-1R (Exhibit 1)
- ensure that the TIP factsheet is made available to the public
- use appropriate public information methods to inform the public about the provisions of this notice according to paragraph 8.

Before approving CRP-1R's, COC, CED, or designee, must:

- follow the requirements of this notice
- ensure that a separate CRP-1R is completed for each CRP-1

Consistent with the provisions of 2-CRP, subparagraph 253 D, and the conflict of interest provisions in 22-PM, COC, CED, or designee must approve CRP-1R's if **all** of the following are met:

- land is eligible according to paragraph 2
- retired or retiring owner or operator and beginning or SDA farmer or rancher are eligible according to paragraph 3
- CRP-1 is eligible according to paragraph 4
- all required signatures have been obtained on all related CRP forms and conservation plans according to paragraph 5
- modified conservation plan has been completed according to paragraph 6.

**Note:** COC, CED, or designee must **not** approve CRP-1R until **all** requirements have been met.

After CRP-1R is approved according to this notice, notify the retired or retiring owner or operator and beginning or SDA farmer or rancher of approval. Ensure that all approved CRP-1R's are loaded into the system according to a forthcoming CRP notice.

For CRP-1R's disapproved according to this notice, notify the retired or retiring owner or operator and beginning or SDA farmer or rancher and provide appeal rights according to 1-APP.

Note: See Exhibit 2 for a table about processing applications for TIP.

## **Completing CRP-1R's**

## A Instructions for Completing CRP-1R

Complete CRP-1R according to the following table.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter State and county code and administration location.
2	Enter CRP-1R number.
	Note: Expiring CRP-1 contract number from CRP-1, item 3, plus the extension
	"TIP".
	Example: 567-TIP
3	Enter acres for enrollment into TIP.
4	Enter farm number.
5	Enter tract number.
6	Enter County Office address and telephone number.
7	Enter rental rate/acre from CRP-1, item 7.
8A	Enter TIP beginning date (beginning date of CRP-1R). See subparagraph 7 B.
8B	Enter TIP ending date (ending date of CRP-1R). See subparagraph 7 B.
9	Retired or retiring owner or operator and beginning or SDA farmer or
	rancher shall read the self-certification statement.
10	Participants shall read and fill in the CRP contract number.
10A	Require retired or retiring owner or operator to print name, enter share on CRP-1,
	sign, and date.
10B	Require beginning or SDA farmer or rancher to print name, sign, and date.
	Note: Do not enter share for beginning or SDA farmer or rancher.
10C	Require CRP-1 signatories to print name, enter share on CRP-1, sign, and date.
11	COC approves CRP-1R.

## **Completing CRP-1R's (Continued)**

## **B** Example of CRP-1R

The following is an example of CRP-1R.

## Note: CRP-1R is located at http://intra3.fsa.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/currentforms.asp.

This form is available electronically.						
CRP-1R (05-14-10) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation			1. ST. & CO CODE & AE LOCATION	OMIN.	2. TIP CONT	RACT NUMBER
CONSERVATION RESERVE PRO	GRAM					
TRANSITION INCENTIVES BROGRAM CONTRACT		3. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT	4. FARM NU	IMBER 5. TF	ACT NUMBER(S)	
6. COUNTY OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)		7	7. RENTAL RATE	8. CC	NTRACT PE	RIOD
					EGINNING M-DD-YYYY)	B. ENDING (MM-DD-YYYY)
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code):						
NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of Commodity Credit Corporation Chardre Act (15 U.S. C.14 et seq.), an so decided, process the offer to enter into a Conservation Reserve Pri- contract. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to a access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described Information provided hereunder will be subject to the provisions of sec the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the contract. This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction	d the Food, Conservatio gram contract, to assist ther Federal, State , and in applicable Routine Us tion 1619 of Pub. L. 110- requested information w	on, and E t in deten t Local go ses identi 0-246, sei will result	Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-2) mining eligibility, and to determin overnment agencies, Tribal agen- tifted in the System of Records Nu clon 2004 of Pub. L. 107-171, th in a determination of ineligibility	246). The informa the correct par- cies, and nongou- otice for USDA/F ae Privacy Act, ar to offer to enter is	tion will be used b ties to the Conserv errmental entities SA-2, Farm Recon Id other applicable nto a Conservation	y CCC to consider and, if vation Reserve Program that have been authorized ds File (Automated), privacy laws, Providing Reserve Program
Subtitle I – Miscellareous Conservation Provisions). of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may	f appropriate criminal an	nd civil fr	aud, privacy, and other statutes r	may be applicabl	e to the information	n provided. The provisions
9. CERTIFICATION:						
By signing below, the retired or retiring participant in Item 10 from farming within 5 years; (2) effective on the date in Item least 5 years, the acres identified in Item 3 to the beginning on longer operate the acres identified in Item 3 beginning on the Item10B(1) may: a) begin Organic Foods Production Certific consistent with the conservation plan as necessary, and c) offe By signing below, the beginning or socially disadvantaged far a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher as defined in the ro compliance with the Conservation Compliance Provisions of form AD-1026; (3) I agree to develop and implement a conse methods on the acress identified in Item 3; (4) I understand th 1470 or the Environmental Quality Incentives Program under Conservation Reserve Program; and (6) I understand that I ma	8A, I have sold, h socially disadvan date in Item 8A; a ation, b) develop er to enroll under or mer or rancher id gulations at 7 CF the Food Security rvation plan that n I I may be eligibl 7 CFR Part 1466,	nave a ontaged and (4) a consider continue FR Part Act of meets a le to er or, (5) I u	contract to sell, or leased farmer(s) or rancher(s) i ) the beginning or social servation plan and install uous Conservation Rese ed in Item 10B(1) certified 1410; (2) I agree to dev f 1985, Pub. L. 99-198 ( applicable standards for aroll in the Conservation understand that I may be	d under a not identified in ly disadvanta l practices ar rve the acres es: (1) I am a velop and im the 1985 Ac sustainable g n Stewardshi e eligible to o	n-revocable lc Item 10B(1); aged farmer(s d initiate lance identified in beginning fa plement a com t), which requ grazing and/or p Program um	ng-term lease of at (3) I will no ) or rancher(s) in 1 improvements Item 3. rmer or rancher or servation plan in tires completion of crop production der 7 CFR Part
10. PARTICIPANTS: (As a signatory to CRP contract		, I ag	ree to allow this contrac	ct to be mod	fied under th	e TIP provisions.)
A(1) RETIRED OR RETIRING FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS ( <i>Zip Code</i> ):	(2) SHARE	(3) SI	GNATURE (BY):		DAT	E (MM-DD-YYYY)
	%	(4) TI	TLE/RELATIONSHIP (of	Individual Sigr	ning in the Repre	esentative Capacity)
		(If mor	re than three individuals are	signing, contin	ue on attachme	nt.)
B(1) BEGINNING OR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code)	(2) SHARE	(3) SI	GNATURE (BY):		DAT	E (MM-DD-YYYY)
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its prog status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic informati bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative mean (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USD SW., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toil-free at (866) 632-9992 (I is an equal opportunity provider and employer.	on, reprisal, or because is for communication of p A, Assistant Secretary fo	all or pai program for Civil R	rt of an individual's income is der information (Braille, large print, a Rights, Office of the Assistant Sec	rived from any pu audiotape, etc.) s cretary for Civil R	blic assistance pro hould contact USD ights, 1400 Indepe	gram. (Not all prohibited A's TARGET Center at ndence Avenue,

## Completing CRP-1R's (Continued)

## **B** Example of CRP-1R (Continued)

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# **Processing Applications for TIP**

The following table provides a chronological guide for processing applications for TIP.

Step	Action
1	FSA will announce TIP through press releases, newsletters, and any other available means.
	In addition, State and County Offices will conduct additional outreach activities to ensure
	participation of low income and minority producers.
2	A producer is interested in enrolling in TIP. County Offices shall:
	• review TIP with the producer
	• provide the producer with the TIP factsheet and discuss applicable program provisions
2	• explain producer, land, and other eligibility requirements.
3	The retired or retiring owner or operator <b>and</b> beginning or SDA farmer or rancher will initiate CRP-1R and identify the following:
	initiate CKF-TK and identify the following.
	• State and county code where the acreage being transitioned is administratively located
	• expiring CRP contract to transition under TIP
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	• TIP contract number and contract acres
	Note: Expiring CRP-1 contract number from CRP-1, item 3, plus the extension "TIP".
	Example: 567-TIP
	• number of CRP-1 transition acres
	• farm number
	• tract number
	• rental rate/acre from CRP-1, item 7.
4	Retired or retiring owner or operator will self-certify to selling or long-term leasing expiring
	acres on CRP-1R.
5	Beginning or SDA farmer or rancher will self-certify on CRP-1R.
6	The following producers will sign CRP-1R:
	retired or retiring owners and operators
	beginning or SDA farmers or ranchers
	• all signatories to CRP-1.

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Step	Action
7	Retired or retiring owner or operator and beginning or SDA farmer or rancher will work
	with NRCS or TSP to develop and complete the modification of conservation plan if land
	improvements will be made on the land subject to CRP in the last year of CRP-1.
8	Beginning or SDA farmer or rancher will:
	• develop and implement a conservation compliance plan and submit a completed AD-1026 to the administrative county
	• ensure that the conservation plan meets applicable standards for sustainable grazing and/or crop production methods.
9	COC, or designee, after review will provide CRP-1R approval.