

For: State and County Offices

**CRP Tree Thinning (CRPTT)**

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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

2-CRP, Amendment 17, added authority to make cost-share payments to conduct thinning of CRP trees on certain CRP practices, which are necessary to improve the condition of resources on the land. **CRP practices CP3, CP3A, CP11, CP31, and CP36 are eligible for tree thinning cost-share.** A cost-share rate of 50 percent is authorized for the reasonable and necessary costs for thinning for a period of 2 to 4 years. The amount authorized for tree thinning through FY 2012 is \$100 million.

A new program code for CRP tree thinning, CRPTT, has been established in CRES to be used for paying cost-share for tree thinning. CRPTT will prevent the comingling of this \$100 million with other CRP funds. The CRP program name has been replaced with CRPPGM in the county eligibility table in CRES.

Payments that were issued using CRP funds instead of CRPTT funds were not recorded under the mandated funding. Instructions for identifying and correcting those payments will be issued soon.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with procedure for preparing the CRES software to make CRPTT an eligible program.

**2 Preparing CRES for Tree Thinning**

**A CRES Configuration for Tree Thinning**

All eligible programs for cost-share in the county must have a “Y” status on the County Eligibility Table to be active for the county. The CRPPGM status must be updated to “Y” for CRP and CRPTT program codes to be eligible for the county in CRES.

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**B Updating CRPPGM Program Eligibility**

County Offices shall complete the following steps to make CRPPGM eligible in CRES.

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	On Application Selection Menu FAX07001, ENTER “5”, “ <b>Conservation</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
2	On Conservation Main Menu EEA000, ENTER “1”, “ <b>AD245/AD-862 Menu</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
3	On Conservation AD245/AD-862 Menu EEA100, ENTER “12”, “ <b>County Eligibility Table Update Menu</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
4	On County Eligibility Table Update Menu EEA205, ENTER "1", “ <b>Programs</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ”.
5	On Conservation Update Program Eligibility Menu EEA21000, change the “ <b>Eligibility</b> ” status to “Y” for “ <b>CRPPGM Program</b> ” and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
6	On Conservation Update Program Eligibility Menu EEA21005 PRESS “ <b>CMD7</b> ”.

**C Updating CRPPGM Practice Eligibility**

County Offices shall complete the following steps to make the CRPPGM practices eligible.

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	On Application Selection Menu FAX07001, ENTER “5”, “ <b>Conservation</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
2	On Conservation Main Menu EEA000, ENTER “1”, “ <b>AD245/AD-862 Menu</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
3	On Conservation AD245/AD-862 Menu EEA100, ENTER “12”, “ <b>County Eligibility Table Update Menu</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
4	On County Eligibility Table Update Menu EEA205, ENTER "2", “ <b>Practices</b> ”, and PRESS “ <b>ENTER</b> ”.
5	On Practice Eligibility Menu EEA21010, ENTER the applicable practice code under “ <b>Practice Code To Change</b> ” and PRESS “ <b>Enter</b> ” to continue.
6	On the Update Practice Eligibility Menu EEA21015, do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• change “N” to “Y” for the “<b>Practice Eligibility Status</b>” and PRESS “<b>Tab</b>”</li> <li>• for “<b>Soil Loss Calculation</b>” enter the applicable agency and PRESS “<b>Tab</b>”</li> <li>• for “<b>Technical Determination</b>” enter the applicable agency and PRESS “<b>Enter</b>” to continue.</li> </ul>
7	On the Update Practice Eligibility Menu EEA21010, PRESS “ <b>Cmd7</b> ”.

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#### D Adding Component Code for CRPTT Tree Thinning

County Offices shall complete the following steps to add the component code.

Step	Action
1	On Application Selection Menu FAX07001, ENTER "5", "Conservation".
2	On Conservation Main Menu EEA000, ENTER "1", "AD245/AD-862 Menu".
3	On Conservation AD245/AD-862 Menu EEA100, ENTER "12", "County Eligibility Table Update Menu", and PRESS "Enter" to continue.
4	On County Eligibility Table Update Menu EEA205, ENTER "4", "Component Codes", and PRESS "Enter" to continue.
5	On Conservation Update Component Screen EEA21030, PRESS "Cmd16", "Add a Component", and PRESS "Enter" to continue.
6	On Conservation Update Component Screen EEA21035, do the following for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Component Code", ENTER "Thin" and PRESS "Tab"</li><li>• "Description", ENTER "Tree Thinning" and PRESS "Tab"</li><li>• "Unit", ENTER "Acres" and PRESS "Tab"</li><li>• "Cost Share Rate", Enter "(rate determined by each State)", PRESS "Tab" for "Cost Share Level", ENTER "50" and PRESS "Enter" to continue.</li></ul>
7	On Conservation Component Update Screen EEA21030, PRESS "Cmd7".

#### E Technical Practice Code

Use technical practice code **666**, "Forest Stand Improvement" for CRPTT tree thinning.

### 4 Action

#### A State Office Action

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

#### B County Office Action

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