

For: State and County Offices

Signup Dates for CRP General Signup 43

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1 CRP General Signup 43

A Background

On February 1, 2012, USDA announced that the next general CRP signup will be held from March 12, 2012, through April 6, 2012. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for enrollment during CRP signup 43. In addition, CRP participants with contracts expiring on September 30, 2012, may submit offers. Accepted contracts for CRP signup 43 will begin on October 1, 2012.

For program administration purposes, the continuous signup number will change from signup 42 to signup 44 for CRP-1's offered **after** September 30, 2012.

The number of acres accepted under signup 43 will be determined after signup 43 concludes based on the environmental benefits and the cost of the acres offered. The CRP offer process for signup 43 is expected to be highly competitive. The national environmental benefits index (EBI) cutoff score will be determined after signup concludes.

Note: State and County Offices must **not** release signup data to the media until offers have been ranked and producers have been notified of acceptable or rejected offers.

B Signup 43 Fact Sheet

A signup 43 Fact Sheet and an updated EBI Fact Sheet are available on FSA's Internet at www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices