

For: State and County Offices

**2012 Emergency Haying and Grazing Spot Check Requirements for Wetland Practices**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Because of this summer’s extreme drought conditions, emergency haying and grazing were permitted on the following wetland practices:

- CP8A, Grass Waterways, Noneasement
- CP23, Wetland Restoration
- CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
- CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland
- CP28, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer
- CP37, Duck Nesting Habitat
- CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland.

To ensure that CRP cover is **not** damaged, wildlife and associated habitat are protected and participants are complying with emergency haying and grazing provisions. 2-CRP, subparagraph 695 A requires that COC’s shall spot-check at least 10 percent of the contracts approved for emergency haying and grazing.

**The provision in Notice AO-1540, Exhibit 1, paragraph 2 is not applicable.**

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>January 1, 2013 9-11-12</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### B Purpose

This notice provides that County Offices must conduct the required 10 percent spot checks according to 2-CRP, subparagraph 695 A on farms that conducted emergency haying and grazing on CRP acres with wetland-related characteristics, as required by the Environmental Assessment no later than October 31, 2012.

The Environmental Assessment authorized haying and grazing under strict compliance rules to help minimize impacts on these sensitive practices. Follow-up monitoring of these acres is to be conducted to:

- ensure that producers are adhering to policy
- study any potential effects of the drought and USDA's emergency haying and grazing actions.

### 2 Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the provisions of this notice.

#### B State Office Action

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