

For: State and County Offices

Restart of Transition Incentives Program (TIP)

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Act of 2014 amends to the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized \$33 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring CRP contract from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher, 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 5-PL, paragraph 213.

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 FR notice was published on June 5, 2014, that provides regulatory authority for TIP.

C Purpose

This notice provides:

- changes to TIP included in the Agricultural Act of 2014
- State TIP allocations
- authority to begin TIP signup activities.

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

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 General Signup Information

A Signup Period for TIP

Eligible retired or retiring owners and operators and veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers or ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis beginning on June 9, 2014.

To be considered eligible, veteran, 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.

B Definition

The Agricultural Act of 2014 added the following definition for an eligible farmer or rancher:

Veteran Farmer or Rancher means a farmer or rancher who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released from the service under conditions other than dishonorable and who:

- (A) has not operated a farm or ranch; or
- (B) has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years.

C State Allocations

Total enrollment shall not exceed \$33 million. Allocations to States are based on CRP expirations. State TIP contracts are limited to the State's allocation. See Exhibit 1.

State Offices that can demonstrate a need for additional TIP funding can submit requests for an additional allocation. A justification must be provided to receive an additional allocation. A reserve of \$3 million has been held at the National level to address requests for additional allocations.

D Procedure for Signup

State and County Offices shall accept TIP applications:

- according to 2-CRP, Part 21
- using the definition for veteran farmer and rancher in this notice, if applicable.

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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 the provisions of this notice.

State TIP Allocations

State	Allocation	State	Allocation
ALABAMA	\$559,000	NEBRASKA	\$1,099,000
ALASKA	\$50,000	NEVADA	\$0
ARIZONA	\$0	NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$0
ARKANSAS	\$173,000	NEW JERSEY	\$50,000
CALIFORNIA	\$50,000	NEW MEXICO	\$104,000
COLORADO	\$1,561,000	NEW YORK	\$50,000
CONNECTICUT	\$50,000	NORTH CAROLINA	\$50,000
DELAWARE	\$50,000	NORTH DAKOTA	\$2,276,000
FLORIDA	\$115,000	OHIO	\$144,000
GEORGIA	\$1,053,000	OKLAHOMA	\$336,000
HAWAII	\$0	OREGON	\$528,000
IDAHO	\$716,000	PENNSYLVANIA	\$50,000
ILLINOIS	\$685,000	PUERTO RICO	\$0
INDIANA	\$196,000	RHODE ISLAND	\$0
IOWA	\$935,000	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$207,000
KANSAS	\$1,939,000	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$1,068,000
KENTUCKY	\$267,000	TENNESSEE	\$143,000
LOUISIANA	\$832,000	TEXAS	\$2,799,000
MAINE	\$50,000	UTAH	\$50,000
MARYLAND	\$50,000	VERMONT	\$0
MASSACHUSETTS	\$0	VIRGINIA	\$50,000
MICHIGAN	\$100,000	WASHINGTON	\$2,256,000
MINNESOTA	\$3,135,000	WEST VIRGINIA	\$0
MISSISSIPPI	\$672,000	WISCONSIN	\$386,000
MISSOURI	\$903,000	WYOMING	\$84,000
MONTANA	\$4,129,000		
Total			\$30,000,000