

For: State and County Offices

**Repealing Standard Payment Reduction for Grazing
by Livestock for Beginning Farmer or Rancher**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Section 2004 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 reduced the standard payment reduction for beginning farmers or ranchers for conducting grazing. Prescribed grazing for the control of invasive species and routine grazing by livestock of a beginning farmer or rancher is authorized without any reduction in the rental rate if the grazing is:

- consistent with the conservation of soil, water quality, and wildlife habitat
- subject to appropriate restrictions during the nesting season.

B Purpose

Effective February 7, 2014, this notice provides policy that the standard payment reduction for beginning farmers or ranchers conducting prescribed or routine **grazing** shall **not** be assessed.

Additionally, Notice CRP-766 announced that the standard payment reduction does **not** apply for emergency grazing for all contract holders.

2 Action

A State Office Action

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

B County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the provisions of this notice.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2015 6-20-14	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices