

For: State and County Offices

CRP Signup 50 Contract Approval Policy

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The 2014 Farm Bill requires that beginning with FY 2017, no more than 24 million acres can be enrolled in CRP. Current CRP enrollment is approximately 23.5 million acres. Contracts totaling about 2.5 million acres are scheduled to expire on September 30, 2017.

Notice CRP-809, provided policy for offers for CRP submitted during continuous signup 50. Offers for signup 50 with contract effective dates during FY17 could be processed through COLS but not approved and would be included in the batch process scheduled for May 2017. Offers for signup 50 with contract effective dates of October 1, 2017, could be processed through COLS and approved by COC or CED.

The National Office continues to monitor both FY17 and FY18 enrollment to ensure the 24 million acre statutory cap is not exceeded.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy about:

- continuous signup 50 FY17 acceptance and approval authority
- continuous signup 50 FY18 approval authority.

Disposal Date December 1, 2017	Distribution State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices
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2 Policy for Continuous Signup 50

A Continuous Signup 50 Offers for FY17

County Offices shall not accept new offers for FY 17 after May 3, 2017, except for CREP.

County Offices will be able to approve existing FY17 offers received on or before May 3, 2017. These offers must be in a complete “Submitted” status in COLS by COB May 12, 2017. A notice will be issued after the May 12, 2017, batching process with the list of acceptable FY17 offers.

Once the list of acceptable FY17 offers have been announced, and the accepted status has been set in the software, County Offices will be able to approve the accepted offers in COLS. Upon selecting the “Submit For Plan” option from the left navigation bar in COLS, all signup 50 FY17 accepted offers will be displayed in the results list and available for selection.

Note: Do **not** make any edits to the accepted offers, this includes farm and tract reconstitutions, once the accepted status has been set in COLS. If edits are made it will remove the accepted status and the offer will need to be ranked again by the National Office.

Offers for CREP may continue to be processed through COLS and approved by COC or CED.

B Continuous Signup 50 for FY18

County Offices shall continue to accept new offers, including expiring contracts, but may not approve any signup 50 FY18 offers received after COB May 3, 2017, except for CREP. Do not refer offers to NRCS for needs and feasibility or go beyond the “Submitted” status in COLS.

Offers received before COB May 3, 2017, may continue to be processed until the offer is approved by COC. These offers must be in a complete “Submitted” status in COLS by COB May 12, 2017.

Note: Contracts expiring in FY17 may be offered for enrollment in FY18.

Offers for CREP may continue to be processed through COLS and approved by COC or CED.

3 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 follow instructions in this notice.