

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice CRP-852**

**For:** State and County Offices

**Soil Rental Rate (SRR) Update for 2018**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

SRR's are:

- soil-specific estimates of dryland rental rates used to set maximum annual payment rates for CRP cropland offers and contracts
- regularly updated, most recently in 2017.

Periodic reviews and updates are performed to ensure that payment rates are set at the minimum amount needed to attract offers for enrollment in CRP, minimizing market distortions.

The National Office calculates SRR's for each county by multiplying county-average dryland rental rates by a set of soil-specific productivity factors for the county.

The Cash Rents Survey administered by NASS generates county-average dryland cash rent estimates, which are the foundation for the county-average rental rates.

Disposal Date	Distribution
September 1, 2018	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

## 1 Overview (Continued)

### B Purpose

This notice:

- announces that county-average rental rates will be updated based on 2017 NASS Cash Rent Survey results for dryland rent estimates
- provides that:
  - new SRR's for CREP and non-CREP continuous signup will be available by June 4, 2018

**Note:** For Continuous CRP offers already in process but not approved, the SRR in effect when the offer was filed will be used to calculate the Maximum Payment Rate for that contract. To obtain the new rates, the current offer must be withdrawn and a new offer must be submitted.

- SRR's will be updated and posted in the CRP Soils Database Management System (Conservation SDMS)
- updated 2018 SRR's are not appealable and, therefore, alternative rate submissions will not be considered.

## 2 Updated SRR's

### A Calculating the SRR

FSA has updated the soil productivity factors (SPF's) that are applied to county-average rates to obtain SRR's using NRCS's publicly available National Commodity Crop Productivity Index. As a consequence, virtually all SRR's have changed, regardless of whether the associated county-averages changed.

For soils with SPF:

- 1.0 or greater, the FY18 SRR will be the 2017 NASS determined value
- less than 1.0, the FY18 SRR will be the 2017 NASS determined value multiplied by the soil-specific SPF.

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### 2 Updated SRR's (Continued)

#### A Calculating the SRR (Continued)

The following table provides an example of calculated SRR's.

State	County	County Average Rate	Map Unit Symbol	SPF	Updated SRR
Any State	Any county	\$100	ADC1	1.50	\$100
Any State	Any county	\$100	ADC2	1.25	\$100
Any State	Any county	\$100	CR1	1.00	\$100
Any State	Any county	\$100	PVa	0.75	\$75
Any State	Any county	\$100	PVb	0.50	\$50

**Note:** No alternative rate submissions will be considered. 2018 rates are not appealable.

#### B Posting SRR and Effective Dates

The National Office will post the updated SRR's in Conservation SDMS by COB June 1, 2018. The county average SRR's will be published on the SharePoint web site at [https://sharepoint.fsa.usda.net/mgr/dafp/CEPD/policy/Pages/CRP\\_Summary.aspx](https://sharepoint.fsa.usda.net/mgr/dafp/CEPD/policy/Pages/CRP_Summary.aspx).

**Note:** The 2018 SRR's will be effective for offers received beginning June 4, 2018.

### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice
- not submit alternative rate requests to DAFP.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- beginning June 4, 2018, print and post the updated SRR's in the County Office using the "Posting Report" option available in Conservation SDMS
- coordinate with the State GIS Specialist to ensure the most recent Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) soils data is placed in the Citrix K:\<ST>\Geodata\Soils folder to use the 2018 SRR's with the GIS TERRA Tool
- publicize the availability of the rates by all means possible.