

For: State and County Offices

Annual Reporting of CRP Acreage

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1 Overview

A Background

Prior to 2017, an annual acreage report of CRP acreage was required. Beginning in 2017, once certified, a CRP acreage report was considered certified until the producer notified the County Office of any change to the certification on file, the CRP contract expired, or the CRP contract was terminated.

An annually filed accurate and timely acreage report of all land enrolled in CRP can assist County Offices and producers in reducing potential noncompliance, improving internal controls, and prevent loss of benefits. A certification of acreage enrolled in CRP must be filed on either FSA-578 or CRP-817U before a CRP annual rental payment can be issued for the acreage.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy for the annual reporting of CRP acreage beginning in 2020.

2 Annual Acreage Reporting for CRP

A Reporting for 2020 and Future Years

For 2020 and future years, an annual acreage report of all CRP acreage is required. The certification of acreage enrolled in CRP must be filed on either FSA-578 or CRP-817U. A one-time continuous certification of CRP acreage is not authorized. The annual acreage report of CRP acreage is required before CRP annual rental payments can be issued.

Applicable procedure in 2-CRP and 2-CP will be provided in forthcoming amendments.

County Offices will publicize the annual acreage reporting requirements for CRP according to 2-CP, subparagraph 22 C.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2020	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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3 Software Changes

A CARS Updates

To support the policy for an annual acreage report of CRP, the certification date was removed in CARS from all 2020 continuous certification CRP fields on October 1, 2019.

The modification to remove CRP from the continuous certification process for 2020 will be updated in a future CARS software release, and County Offices will be notified via an Information Bulletin. County Offices will be required to enter the new 2020 annual CRP certification date in CARS as provided by the producer on the signed FSA-578 or CRP-817U.

Until the software is modified, County Offices must refrain from entering 2020 CRP certification dates for the current year in CARS. A separate process will be completed to remove those dates automatically.

B CARS Reports

According to 2-CP, subparagraph 339 B, CARS status reports “Farms with CRP” and “Farms with Uncertified CRP” will assist employees in verifying that producers have annually certified CRP acreage.

4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will ensure:

- County Offices are informed of the contents of this notice
- the policy change in this notice is adequately publicized.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- review the contents of this notice
- publicize the annual acreage reporting requirements for CRP according to paragraph 2.