

For: State and County Offices

Announcing CRP Continuous (non-CREP) Incentives

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

CRP provides the Secretary with discretion to establish certain payments to contract holders. According to Section 1234(d) of the Food Security Act of 1985, when determining the amount of annual rental rates, the Secretary will consider:

- the amount necessary to encourage owners or operators to participate in CRP
- the impact on the local farmland rental market
- such other factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

The Secretary set the FY 2021 incentive rates that will be implemented when software enhancements are deployed.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- policy for continuous (non-CREP) signup 55 incentives
- State and County Office actions.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2021	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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2 Policy for Continuous (non-CREP) Signup 55 Incentives

A Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)

All signup 55 non-CREP continuous practices listed in Exhibit 1, except CP12, are eligible for a PIP. PIP is an incentive payment made to an eligible CRP participant who certifies completion of the installation of a major component or CRP practice. The signup 55 PIP rate will change once FY 2021 software enhancements are deployed.

If the non-CREP continuous signup 55 CRP-1 is approved...	THEN the PIP rate is...
before FY 2021 software enhancements	5 percent of actual cost of establishment, except when limited to the original amount obligated (5 percent multiplied by the approved C/S amount multiplied by 2).
after FY 2021 software enhancements	20 percent of actual cost of establishment, except when limited to the original amount obligated (20 percent multiplied by the approved C/S amount multiplied by 2) up to a national not to exceed (NTE) rate for each practice.

Note: PIP is applicable to land offered under infeasible-to-farm provisions.

B Per Acre Annual Rental Rate Incentive

A per acre annual rental rate incentive of 10 percent will be added to the weighted average SRR for CLEAR (water quality) continuous (non-CREP) practices offered once FY 2021 software enhancements are deployed. Exhibit 2 provides the list of CLEAR (water quality) continuous (non-CREP) practices that will be eligible for the annual rental rate incentive.

If the non-CREP continuous signup 55 CRP-1 for CLEAR (water quality) practices is approved...	THEN the annual rental rate incentive per acre is...
before FY 2021 software enhancements	0.
after FY 2021 software enhancements	10 percent.

C Signup Incentive Payment (SIP)

According to 2-CRP, subparagraph 197 A, all signup 55 non-CREP continuous offers for new land are eligible for a SIP. SIP is a one-time incentive payment equal to 32.5 percent of the first full year (12 months) annual rental payment. SIP is applicable to new land offered under infeasible-to-farm provisions. SIP payments may be made in Conservation Payments based on the calculated amount on the Enrollment Information Report from the Conservation Online System according to instructions in 4-CRP.

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D Maintenance Incentive Rates

According to 2-CRP, subparagraph 196 C, maintenance rates for the applicable practices are authorized for land offered under infeasible-to-farm provisions.

The following table provides the practices for which a per acre maintenance rate applies and the applicable per acre maintenance rate limit.

IF the practice is...	AND it includes...	THEN the maintenance rate is...
CP21, CP21B, CP21S, CP29, or CP30	no fencing or water facility development	\$0.
	permanent fencing with no water facility development or no permanent fencing with a water facility	\$5.
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$10.
CP22, CP22B, CP22S	no fencing or water facility development	\$2.
	permanent fencing with no water facility development or no permanent fencing with a water facility	\$5.
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$10.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will:

- follow the provisions in this notice
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions in this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices must:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- submit questions to the State Office.

Continuous (non-CREP) CRP Signup 55 Eligible Practices

The following table provides eligible practices under continuous (non-CREP) CRP signup 55.

Practice	Title
CP1 <u>1/</u>	Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
CP2 <u>1/</u>	Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
CP3 <u>1/</u>	Tree Planting
CP3A <u>1/</u>	Hardwood Tree Planting
CP4D <u>1/</u>	Permanent Wildlife Habitat Noneasement
CP5A	Field Windbreak Establishment, Noneasement
CP8A	Grass Waterways, Non-easement
CP9	Shallow Water Area for Wildlife
CP12 <u>2/</u>	Wildlife Food Plot
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips), on Terraces
CP16A	Shelterbelt Establishment, Noneasement
CP17A	Living Snow Fences, Noneasement
CP18B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity, Noneasement
CP18C	Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover, Noneasement
CP21	Filter Strips
CP21B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips
CP21S	Saturated Filter Strips
CP22	Riparian Buffer
CP22B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers
CP22S	Saturated Riparian Buffer
CP23	Wetland Restoration on Floodplain
CP23A	Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain
CP24	Cross Wind Trap Strips
CP27	Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland
CP28	Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP33	Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds
CP36	Longleaf Pine – Establishment
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat
CP38A	SAFE Buffers
CP38B	SAFE Wetlands
CP38C-31	SAFE Trees – Bottomland Tree Establishment on Wetlands
CP38D	SAFE Long Leaf Pine
CP38E-12 <u>2/</u>	SAFE Wildlife Food Plot
CP38E-18B	SAFE Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity
CP38E-18C	SAFE Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover
CP39	FWP Constructed Wetland
CP40	FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration
CP41	FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland
CP42	Pollinator Habitat
CP43	Prairie Strip

1/ Wellhead Protection Area Provisions only.

2/ Practice is not eligible for C/S or PIP.

CLEAR (Water Quality) Practices Under Continuous (non-CREP) CRP Signup 55

The following table provides eligible CLEAR (water quality) practices under continuous (non-CREP) CRP signup 55.

Practice	Title
CP8A	Grass Waterways, Non-easement
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips)
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips), on Terraces
CP21	Filter Strips
CP21B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips
CP21S	Saturated Filter Strips
CP22	Riparian Buffer
CP22B	Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers
CP22S	Saturated Riparian Buffer
CP23	Wetland Restoration on Floodplain
CP23A	Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain
CP27	Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland
CP28	Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat
CP38A	SAFE Buffers
CP38B	SAFE Wetlands
CP39	FWP Constructed Wetland
CP40	FWP Aquaculture Wetland Restoration
CP41	FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland
CP43	Prairie Strip