UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice CRP-932**

For: State and County Offices

Deleting Continuous CRP Signup 55 and General CRP Signup 56 Offers

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1 Deleting Existing Offers

A Background

On April 22, 2021, Notice CRP-929 provided information on the CRP changes resulting from USDA's program evaluation. These changes include the expansion and renewal of CRP with higher payment rates, new incentives, and a focus on climate change mitigation. These changes impact all continuous CRP signup 55 and general CRP signup 56 offers. Therefore, after COB on June 4, 2021, all continuous CRP signup 55 and general CRP signup 56 offers will be deleted in the Conservation Online System (COLS).

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- procedure for deleting offers from COLS
- information about the deleted offers report from COLS
- instruction for informing producers of the offer deletion
- a letter to producers informing them of the opportunity to resubmit all deleted offers.

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

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2 Procedure and Reports for Deleted Offers

A Deleting Offers in COLS

The National Office will delete all offers in COLS for continuous CRP signup 55 and general CRP signup 56 after COB on Friday, June 4, 2021. No COLS action is required by County Offices for offers in these signups.

B Reports for Deleted Offers

The National Office will provide a report of all deleted offers to County Offices. This report will assist County Offices to identify offers and notify affected producers.

3 Instructions for Producer Letters

A Sending Letters to Producers with Deleted Offers

County Offices must send a letter (Exhibit 1) to all producers with a share greater than zero that are listed on the **SharePoint - County Office - 2021 Deleted Offer Report** to inform them of the opportunity to resubmit deleted offers and to take advantage of the new changes. Letters must be sent no later than **June 18, 2021**.

B Mail Merge

The <u>SharePoint - County Office - 2021 Deleted Offer Report</u> folder also contains a video explaining how to complete a mail merge to generate the letter. The letter template is also available on SharePoint.

4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will ensure that County Offices follow instructions in this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices must follow the instructions in this notice.

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Letter to Producers with Deleted Offers

Use the following letter to inform producers of the opportunity to resubmit deleted offers and to take advantage of new changes.



United States Department of Agriculture

Farm Production and Conservation

Farm Service Agency

1400 Independence Ave, SW Washington, DC 20250 Mail Stop 0513 June 7, 2021

Name of COF Address City, State, Zip

Address Block

Dear Producer:

On April 21, 2021, Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the United States Department of Agriculture will open enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) with higher payment rates, new incentives, and a targeted focus on climate change mitigation. In addition, land that meets the criteria for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) and the Highly Erodible Land Initiative (HELI) may be enrolled through continuous CRP signup.

Our records indicate that you submitted an offer to enroll in continuous CRP signup 55 and/or general CRP signup 56. The changes announced by the Secretary regarding higher payment rates, new incentives, and a focus on climate change mitigation will likely impact the rental rate on the offer you submitted. In addition, if any of the land you offered meets the criteria for SAFE or HELI, you may be eligible to enroll that land through continuous CRP signup.

Therefore, all offers must be resubmitted in order to provide you and other producers the opportunity to take advantage of the changes described above.

Please contact this office to resubmit your offer to enroll land in CRP through either continuous CRP signup 55 or general CRP signup 56. Offers for general CRP signup 56 must be submitted no later than July 23, 2021. Offers for continuous CRP signup 55 must be submitted no later than August 6, 2021.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director COUNTY FSA OFFICE

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