

For: State and County Offices

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) Signup Instructions

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1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) amended GRP.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices the following:

- overview of major policy changes to GRP authorized by the 2008 Act
- authority to begin GRP signup activities
- initial GRP allocations.

2 GRP 2008 Act Changes

A GRP Changes

The 2008 Act modified GRP by:

- increasing the enrollment authority to an additional 1,220,000 acres
- eliminating the 30-year rental contract and 30-year easement option
- requiring easements to be permanent or the maximum duration allowed under State law
- requiring that 40 percent of total funds be used on rental contracts and 60 percent of total funds be used for easements

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November 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 GRP 2008 Act Changes (Continued)

A GRP Changes (Continued)

- creating a priority for enrolling expiring CRP acreage
- establishing a payment limitation of \$50,000 each for rental payments and cost-share payments
- eliminating the 40-acre minimum size requirement.

B Initial GRP Allocations

The table in Exhibit 1 contains the initial GRP allocations for each State. Only the following 2 fund codes shall be used:

- XX5001/2009
- XX5002/2009.

Note: No supplemental codes (**XX6009/200X**) shall be used.

After the ranking period is closed and AD-1153's identified for approval, State Offices may request increases and/or decreases in their 2009 rental contract and easement allocations. FSA and NRCS State Offices will work together to submit NHQ-FNM-3, Allowance Performance Adjustment Sheet to the NRCS National Office.

All increases and decreases **must** be approved at the national level and will **not** be final until CCC-357, with the approved amount, is received. Funds **cannot** be transferred between fund codes without prior approval from the National Office and receipt of a signed CCC-357.

C Forms

The current AD-1153 will be used to accept GRP applications. The 30-year rental option and 30-year easement option shall be crossed out by County Office employees. An updated AD-1153 is currently in clearance.

CCC-920's shall **not** be approved until AD-1153 that is currently in clearance is approved and provided.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- provide allocation information to NRCS
- work with NRCS to help meet application ranking deadlines.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- accept GRP applications using AD-1153
- provide completed AD-1153's to NRCS for ranking according to the State-established deadlines.

Once a County Office is notified by NRCS that AD-1153 is ranked high enough for approval, the County Office shall verify that the applicant has provided all the necessary eligibility forms, including the following:

- a current AD-1026
- required AGI documentation
- all the necessary payment limitation forms.

If the applicant's required documents are **not** on file, provide the required forms to the applicant and request that the forms be returned within 10 workdays.

Initial GRP Allocations

State	Rental Contracts	Easements	Total
Alabama	\$304,959	\$457,440	\$762,399
Alaska	\$36,855	\$55,282	\$92,137
Arizona	\$284,420	\$426,630	\$711,050
Arkansas	\$276,739	\$415,108	\$691,847
California	\$739,631	\$1,109,447	\$1,849,078
Colorado	\$392,369	\$588,553	\$980,922
Connecticut	\$50,115	\$75,172	\$125,287
Delaware	\$45,184	\$67,775	\$112,959
Florida	\$669,305	\$1,003,957	\$1,673,262
Georgia	\$193,486	\$290,230	\$483,716
Hawaii	\$414,648	\$621,971	\$1,036,619
Idaho	\$159,363	\$239,045	\$398,408
Illinois	\$298,201	\$447,302	\$745,503
Indiana	\$205,801	\$308,701	\$514,502
Iowa	\$400,489	\$600,734	\$1,001,223
Kansas	\$458,643	\$687,964	\$1,146,607
Kentucky	\$307,037	\$460,555	\$767,592
Louisiana	\$116,106	\$174,159	\$290,265
Maine	\$72,156	\$108,234	\$180,390
Maryland	\$85,218	\$127,826	\$213,044
Massachusetts	\$69,466	\$104,198	\$173,664
Michigan	\$315,445	\$473,167	\$788,612
Minnesota	\$252,930	\$379,395	\$632,325
Mississippi	\$227,149	\$340,724	\$567,873
Missouri	\$789,964	\$1,184,945	\$1,974,909
Montana	\$673,928	\$1,010,893	\$1,684,821
Nebraska	\$438,294	\$657,442	\$1,095,736
Nevada	\$125,707	\$188,560	\$314,267
New Hampshire	\$41,897	\$62,845	\$104,742
New Jersey	\$76,909	\$115,363	\$192,272
New Mexico	\$851,522	\$1,277,283	\$2,128,805
New York	\$414,496	\$621,744	\$1,036,240
North Carolina	\$150,336	\$225,504	\$375,840
North Dakota	\$402,883	\$604,324	\$1,007,207
Ohio	\$321,263	\$481,895	\$803,158
Oklahoma	\$672,394	\$1,008,591	\$1,680,985
Oregon	\$297,869	\$446,804	\$744,673
Pennsylvania	\$311,718	\$467,577	\$779,295
Puerto Rico	\$82,062	\$123,093	\$205,155
Rhode Island	\$40,108	\$60,162	\$100,270
South Carolina	\$103,612	\$155,418	\$259,030
South Dakota	\$694,303	\$1,041,455	\$1,735,758
Tennessee	\$368,209	\$552,313	\$920,522
Texas	\$1,749,067	\$2,623,601	\$4,372,668
Utah	\$187,749	\$281,624	\$469,373
Vermont	\$65,406	\$98,108	\$163,514
Virginia	\$241,364	\$362,046	\$603,410
Washington	\$217,739	\$326,609	\$544,348
West Virginia	\$175,799	\$263,699	\$439,498
Wisconsin	\$278,527	\$417,790	\$696,317
Wyoming	\$333,960	\$500,943	\$834,903
Total	\$16,482,800	\$24,724,200	\$41,207,000