

For: State and County Offices

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Policy

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1 Overview

A Background

1-DCP, Amendment 31, included procedure to determine whether enrolling land into GRP will require a reduction in:

- DCP base acres
- number of acres offered for GRP.

B Purpose

This notice:

- contains procedure for correcting FY 2003 and FY 2004 GRP contracts
- provides instructions for County Offices to ensure that DCP and GRP payments are not earned on the same acreage.

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September 1, 2005	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 County Office Action

A Determining GRP and DCP Acres

The GRP handbook currently in clearance includes procedure for using 1-DCP to ensure that acreage enrolled in GRP does not receive both GRP and DCP payments.

County Offices shall follow procedure in 1-DCP to ensure that GRP acres do not receive both GRP and DCP payments beginning FY 2005.

B Relief for Certain FY 2003 and FY 2004 GRP Contracts

Producers may reduce their GRP contract acres to receive DCP payments without paying liquidated damages. Producers that elect not to reduce GRP contract acres must reduce DCP base acres according to 1-DCP.

County Offices shall:

- determine which farms were enrolled in both GRP and DCP in either 2003 or 2004
- change GRP or the base as elected by the producer
- prepare FSA-321 to grant relief to keep payment for the 1 program that is then determined overpaid. If relief is requested for:
 - **GRP**, send FSA-321 to **CEPD**
 - **DCP**, send FSA-321 to **PECD**.

Notes: Both programs are not wrong unless the producer wants to forgo some of each.

When requesting relief for GRP, include GRP:

- contract year
- rental rate per acre
- acres reduced from the GRP contract.