

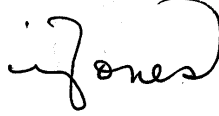
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**Agricultural Resource
Conservation Program
2-CRP (Revision 4)**

Amendment 16

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Paragraph 8 has been added to provide reference to updating SRR's.

Subparagraph 58 A has been amended to:

- remove SAFE practice CP38
- include SAFE practices CP38A, CP38B, CP38C, CP38D, and CP38E
- add a note that the practice title is determined by each State.

Subparagraph 58 D has been amended to:

- reduce the maintenance incentive rate by \$2 per acre
- include the contract length for SAFE practices
- include SIP's and PIP's for SAFE practices.

Subparagraph 112 C has been amended to clarify policy for size limitation for ponds.

Subparagraph 112 D has been amended to remove zone provisions.

Subparagraph 112 G has been added to include expired continuous signup land eligibility policy.

Subparagraph 124 B has been amended to include practices CP27 and CP28 to the list of practices eligible for the 20 percent incentive.

Subparagraphs 124 C and 153 C have been amended to reduce the maintenance incentive rate by \$2 per acre except for certain CREP contracts as specified in the CREP agreement.

Subparagraph 124 D has been amended to update the annual rental payment example using the \$2 maintenance incentive rate.

Subparagraph 153 A has been amended to limit the maximum payment rate for general signup offers to \$202 per acre.

Amendment Transmittal (Continued)

A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 156 B has been amended to provide the Soils Data Management System Intranet location.

Subparagraph 322 C has been amended to include practice CP33 to the list of practices under incidental grazing provisions.

Subparagraph 404 C has been amended to provide an updated example of CRP-817U in letter format.

Subparagraph 510 A has been amended to clarify policy for:

- Federal funds in relation to the 20 percent State commitment
- including re-enrolling expiring CRP project cost into State cost analysis for CREP.

Exhibit 9 has been amended to:

- correct C/S authorization criteria for CP3 for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation from within 10 to 20 percent open areas
- provide exception for pond size eligibility for CP21, CP22, CP29, and CP30
- remove zone provisions for CP22
- add technical practice codes for CP22
- add program policy for SAFE practices CP38A, CP38B, CP38C, CP38D, and CP38E.

Exhibit 15 has been amended to denote signup numbers 34, 35, and 36 as continuous.

Exhibit 30 has been amended to update CRP-37 with practice CP33.

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***--8 Updating SRR's**

A SRR Updates

Maximum payment rates for cropland offered for CRP are calculated using SRR's. SRR's shall be set at levels that reflect local prevailing average cash rental rates per acre for **nonirrigated** cropland for the production of the predominant annually tilled crops for each soil map unit area within a soil survey area within a county during the most recent 3 years.

STC's and COC's shall ensure that SRR's for all forms of CRP signup shall be updated according to paragraph 157.--*

9-17 (Reserved)

Part 3 CRP Practices

58 National Practices

A National Practices and Titles

National practices are listed in this table.

Practice	Title
CP1	Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
CP2	Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
CP3	Tree Planting
CP3A	Hardwood Tree Planting
CP4B	Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors), Noneasement
CP4D	Permanent Wildlife Habitat Noneasement
CP5A	Field Windbreak Establishment, Noneasement
CP8A	Grass Waterways, Noneasement
CP9	Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife
CP10	Vegetative Cover - Grass - Already Established
CP11	Vegetative Cover - Trees - Already Established
CP12	Wildlife Food Plot
CP15A	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips), Noneasement
CP15B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips), on Terraces
CP16A	Shelterbelt Establishment, Noneasement
CP17A	Living Snow Fences, Noneasement

58 National Practices (Continued)

A National Practices and Titles (Continued)

Practice	Title
CP18B	Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity, Noneasement
CP18C	Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover, Noneasement
CP21	Filter Strips
CP22	Riparian Buffer
CP23	Wetland Restoration
CP23A	Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
CP24	Cross Wind Trap Strips
CP25	Rare and Declining Habitat
CP27	Farmable Wetlands
CP28	Farmable Wetland Buffer
CP29	Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
CP30	Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
CP31	Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
CP32	Expired CRP Hardwood Tree Planting on Marginal Pastureland
CP33	Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds
CP35A	Emergency Forestry - Longleaf Pine - New
CP35B	Emergency Forestry - Longleaf Pine - Existing
CP35C	Emergency Forestry - Bottomland Hardwood - New
CP35D	Emergency Forestry - Bottomland Hardwood - Existing
CP35E	Emergency Forestry - Softwood - New
CP35F	Emergency Forestry - Softwood - Existing
CP35G	Emergency Forestry - Upland Hardwood - New
CP35H	Emergency Forestry - Upland Hardwood - Existing
CP35I	Emergency Forestry - Mixed Trees - Existing
CP36	Longleaf Pine – Establishment
CP37	Duck Nesting Habitat
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*-CP38A	SAFE - Buffers
CP38B	SAFE - Wetlands
CP38C	SAFE - Trees
CP38D	SAFE - Longleaf Pine
CP38E	SAFE - Grass--*

Notes: See Exhibit 9.

-For SAFE practices, the title is determined by each State.--

58 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Lengths, and Incentives

This table provides CRP practices, signup types, contract lengths, and incentives.

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Length	SIP	PIP	Rental Rate Incentive	Maximum Maintenance *--Incentive Rate
CP1, Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes	Wellhead	X	10	N	N <u>1</u> /	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP2, Establishment of Permanent Native Grass	Wellhead	X	10	N	N <u>1</u> /	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP3, Tree Planting	Wellhead	X	10	N	N <u>1</u> /	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP3A, Hardwood Tree Planting	Wellhead	X	10-15	N	N <u>1</u> /	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP4B, Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors - Noneasement	Wellhead	X	10-15	N	N <u>1</u> /	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP4D, Permanent Wildlife Habitat - Noneasement	Wellhead	X	10	N	N <u>1</u> /	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP5A, Field Windbreak Establishment - Noneasement	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y (20%)	\$4
CP8A, Grass Waterway - Noneasement	X		10	Y	Y	Y (20%)	\$2--*

1/ PIP is authorized for practices enrolled under wellhead protector criteria.

58 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Lengths, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Length	SIP	PIP	Rental Rate Incentive	Maximum Maintenance *--Incentive Rate
CP9, Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	X		10	N	Y	N	\$2
CP10, Vegetative Cover, Grass Already Established	Wellhead	X	10	N	N <u>1/</u>	Y (10%) for wellhead only	\$2
CP11, Vegetative Cover, Trees Already Established		X	10	N	N	N	\$2
CP12, Wildlife Food Plot		X	10-15	N	N	N	\$2
CP15A, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover – Contour Grass Strip	X		10	N	Y	N	\$2
CP15B, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover – Contour Grass Strip on Terraces	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP16A, Shelterbelt Establishment	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$4--*

1/ PIP is authorized for practices enrolled under wellhead protector criteria.

58 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Lengths, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Length	SIP	PIP	Rental Rate Incentive	Maximum Maintenance *--Incentive Rate
CP17A, Living Snow Fences - Noneasement	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$4
CP18B, Establishment of Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity - Noneasement	X		10	N	Y	N	\$2
CP18C, Establishment of Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover - Noneasement	X		10	N	Y	N	\$2
CP21, Filter Strip	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y (20%)	\$2, \$6, \$7
CP22, Riparian Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y (20%)	\$4, \$6, \$7
CP23, <u>1/</u> Wetland Restoration	X		10-15	N	N	N	\$2
CP23A, <u>1/</u> Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain	X		10-15	N	N	N	\$2--*

1/ A Wetland Restoration Incentive, not to exceed 25 percent of the cost to restore the hydrology, is authorized for CP23 and CP23A.

58 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Lengths, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Length	SIP	PIP	Rental Rate Incentive	Maximum Maintenance *--Incentive Rate
CP24, Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover as Cross Wind Trap Strips	X		10	N	Y	N	\$2
CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat		*--X--*	10-15	N	N	N	\$2
CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y(20%)	\$2
CP28, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y(20%)	\$2
CP29, Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y (20%)	\$2, \$6, \$7
CP30, Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer	X		10-15	Y	Y	Y (20%)	\$2, \$6, \$7
CP31, Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands	X		10-15	N	N	N	\$2
CP32, Expired CRP Hardwood Tree Planting on Marginal Pastureland		X	10	N	N	N	\$2--*

58 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Lengths, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Length	SIP	PIP	Rental Rate Incentive	Maximum Maintenance *--Incentive Rate
CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds	X		10	Y	Y	N	\$2
CP35A, Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine-New	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP35B, Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine-Existing	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP35C, Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood - New	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP35D, Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood - Existing	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP35E, Emergency Forestry – Softwood - New	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP35F, Emergency Forestry – Softwood - Existing	X		10	N	N	N	\$2--*

58 National Practices (Continued)

D CRP Practices, Signup Types, Contract Lengths, and Incentives (Continued)

Practice Number And Name	Continuous	General	Contract Length	SIP	PIP	Rental Rate Incentive	Maximum Maintenance *--Incentive Rate
35G, Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood - New	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
35H, Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood - Existing	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
35I, Emergency Forestry – Mixed Trees - Existing	X		10	N	N	N	\$2
CP36, Longleaf Pine - Establishment	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$2
CP37, <u>1</u> / Duck Nesting Habitat	X		10-15	N	N	N	\$2
CP38A, SAFE - Buffers	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$2
CP38B, SAFE – Wetlands	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$2
CP38C, SAFE – Trees	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$2
CP38D, SAFE – Longleaf Pine	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$2
CP38E, SAFE - Grass	X		10-15	Y	Y	N	\$2--*

1/ A Wetland Restoration Incentive, not to exceed 25 percent of the cost to restore the hydrology, is authorized for CP37.

59-68 (Reserved)

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland

The following is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland:

- cropland
- forestland
- woodland.

Under no circumstances can land be considered both cropland and marginal pastureland. See 3-CM, paragraph 26, for provisions for removing land from cropland status to be enrolled in CRP under marginal pastureland criteria to be devoted to CP22, CP29, and CP30.

All of the following **must** be met before **marginal pastureland**, including grazing land that may not have been previously seeded, may be determined acceptable for enrollment under continuous signup:

- the marginal pastureland offered **must** be both of the following:
 - immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:
 - perennial stream
 - seasonal stream
 - permanent water body, such as a lake or pond, that provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm

***--Exception:** A pond that is less than 5.0 acres and does **not** provide at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP22.--*

Notes: Water bodies that do not provide a permanent water cover throughout the year in all years are not eligible.

See subparagraph E and Exhibit 2 for definitions of perennial and seasonal streams.

- devoted to a riparian buffer (planted or natural regeneration), wildlife habitat buffer, or wetland buffer

Important: Trees **must** be * * * immediately adjacent and parallel to the eligible perennial or seasonal stream or other eligible **permanent** water body. See subparagraph D and Exhibit 9.

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

C Eligibility Requirements for Marginal Pastureland (Continued)

- COC determines all of the following:
 - producer eligibility requirements in Part 5, Section 1, are met
 - land offered is marginal pastureland

Important: Land that meets the definition of cropland shall not be enrolled in CRP as marginal pastureland. See 3-CM for the definition of cropland.

 - program policy and size requirements of the riparian buffer practice provided in Exhibit 9 are met
 - NRCS or TSP determines all of the following:
 - land is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer (planted or natural regeneration) to trees, wildlife habitat buffer, or wetland buffer
 - riparian buffer, wildlife habitat buffer, or wetland buffer is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - purpose of the practice according to Exhibit 9 is met
 - existing trees on the offered land, if applicable, are not functioning as a riparian buffer

Important: See subparagraph D for eligibility criteria for marginal pastureland with existing trees.
 - producer offers a per acre rental rate that is less than or equal to the calculated maximum payment rate using the applicable marginal pastureland rental rate for the county. Offers in excess of the maximum payment rate shall be rejected.
- Note:** See paragraphs 124 and 138 for calculating maximum payment rate for marginal pastureland.

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

D Marginal Pastureland and Trees

Land enrolled under the marginal pastureland eligibility criteria **must** be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees. Trees **must** be immediately adjacent and parallel to the eligible stream or water body * * * regardless of FOTG standards. Marginal pastureland that is not suitable for tree plantings as determined by NRCS or TSP, as applicable, is not eligible to be enrolled as CP22. The marginal pastureland may be eligible to be enrolled as CP29 or CP30.

If trees are already established and functioning as a riparian buffer, as determined by NRCS or TSP, the land is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP22.

If the existing trees are not functioning as a riparian buffer because of the presence of livestock, the land is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP. Other programs, such as EQIP or WHIP, may be used to exclude the livestock and restore the functions of the riparian buffer.

Example 1: Mary Smith offers to enroll marginal pastureland to be devoted to CP22. Based on a site visit, NRCS or TSP determines that the existing trees and vegetative cover would function as a riparian buffer if the livestock would be excluded from the site. No further action would be required for the existing cover to function as a riparian buffer. Therefore, the land is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CRP.

Example 2: Bob Brown offers to enroll marginal pastureland to be devoted to CP22. Based on a site visit, NRCS or TSP determines that the existing trees are not functioning as a riparian buffer because of the presence of livestock and the lack of a sufficient understory. The existing trees will not function as a riparian buffer by excluding the livestock. Additional vegetation **must** be planted to establish a functioning riparian buffer. Therefore, provided all other eligibility requirements are met, the land may be enrolled in CRP to be devoted to CP22.

If NRCS or TSP determines that existing trees are not functioning as a riparian buffer, the conservation plan **must** require some action by the producer, such as tree planting; otherwise, the land is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP.

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

E Perennial and Seasonal Streams

The following definitions shall be used for filter strip, riparian buffer, wildlife habitat buffer, or wetland buffer enrollment:

- perennial stream is a stream that contains water throughout the year
- seasonal stream is a stream that contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after rainfall or snowmelt.

Note: Streams **must** have a defined stream channel.

Important: Because the same map symbol may be used for multiple stream types, USGS maps shall **not** be solely used to determine seasonal streams.

Only marginal pastureland, including grazing land that may not have been previously seeded to be devoted to a riparian buffer (CP22), wetland buffer (CP29), or wildlife habitat buffer (CP30), is eligible to be enrolled.

Seasonal streams do **not** include any of the following:

- wetland of any type
- land devoted to CP9
- terrace channels
- grass or sod waterways
- gullies
- narrow or wide wash
- roadside ditches
- well, spring, or seep
- marsh or swamp
- center pivot irrigation corners
- irrigation canals
- tail water recovery pit/system.

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112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

***--F Expiring Continuous Signup Land Eligibility**

The following are eligible land examples.

Example 1: CP21 is expiring and is re-offered. The average width of the practice is 80 feet. The technical agency or TSP recommends the practice should be an average width of 100 feet to meet current practice standards. The participant may re-enroll the practice provided the average width enrolled is 100 feet according to an approved conservation plan. C/S and PIP may be authorized for the additional average width required to meet the current practice standard.

Note: If the technical recommendation was for a width less than enrolled, **only** the lesser width would be eligible.

Example 2: The following practices are no longer available:

- CP13C, Filter Strips/Riparian Buffers (Grass) Noneasement
- CP13D, Filter Strips/Riparian Buffers (Trees), Noneasement.

Expiring CP13C and CP13D practices may be re-enrolled as either of the following practices, as applicable; provided the land is otherwise eligible, including meeting current practice standards:

- CP21, Filter Strips
- CP22, Riparian Buffer.

Example 3: Expiring general signup CRP-1 includes a tree practice such as CP3, CP3A, or CP11. The participant re-offers part or all of the applicable acreage as a continuous signup practice such as CP22 or CP31. CRP-1 is in compliance and NRCS or TSP determines the practice meets the current standards for the practice. COC may approve CRP-1. SIP and PIP are **not** authorized.

Example 4: Expiring general signup CRP-1 with 1 or more practices such as a CP1, CP2, CP4D, CP10, or CP11 that includes wetland restoration as part of CRP-1. The participant re-offers the restored wetland as an applicable continuous practice such as CP23, CP23A, CP27, CP28, CP31, or CP37 according to procedure. CRP-1 is determined in compliance and NRCS or TSP determines the practice meets practice standards. COC may approve CRP-1 and conservation plan.--*

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

***--G Expired Continuous Signup Land Eligibility**

Land previously enrolled under a CRP contract that expired in the year previous to the year the land is offered for enrollment is eligible to be offered for enrollment under continuous signup practices provided all of the following occur:

- cropland meets eligibility criteria according to paragraph 97
- cropland is offered for enrollment in CRP before June 1 of the year following the year the CRP contract expired
- CRP-1 is approved by September 30 of the year following the year the CRP contract expired
- all other eligibility and practice requirements are met.

Note: C/S is authorized only if required to meet current practice standards according to paragraph 236 and Exhibit 9.

The following are eligible land examples.

Example 1: A producer has a 40-acre field that was previously enrolled under a CRP contract that expired on September 30, 2007. The permanent cover is established to native grasses. On April 25, 2008, the producer offers the land for enrollment into CRP practice CP38E, Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses, under an approved SAFE project. The land meets all other eligibility and practice requirements. The contract is approved by COC on May 10, 2008.

Example 2: A producer has a 100-acre field that was previously enrolled under a CRP contract that expired on September 30, 2007. The permanent cover is established to introduced grasses. On May 2, 2008, the producer offers 4.5 acres of the land for enrollment into CRP practice CP21, Filter Strips. The land meets all other eligibility and practice requirements. The contract is approved by COC on June 16, 2008.

Note: CRP-SIP and PIP are **not** authorized for expired CRP land offered for enrollment in continuous signup practices.

Exception: Incentives may be approved for PIP only if new C/S is approved according to paragraph 236 and Exhibit 9.--*

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)**H Lands Ineligible for Re-Enrollment Under Continuous CRP**

Lands ineligible for re-enrollment are:

- land not currently enrolled and not necessary to meet current practice standards for the existing practice according to Exhibit 9

Exception: Practices in the expiring year of the contract may be enrolled, provided the contract acreage is otherwise in compliance, though an upgrade may be required because of natural wear and tear as recommended by NRCS or TSP, such as shaping or grading. Eligible practices are:

- CP8A
 - CP9
 - CP13 (re-enrolled as CP21 as applicable)
 - CP14 (re-enrolled as CP22 as applicable)
 - CP21
 - CP22
 - CP23
 - CP23A
 - CP26
 - CP27
 - CP28
 - CP29
 - CP30
 - CP34
 - CP37.
- expiring acreage that is currently under an easement according to subparagraph 97 D, that requires a resource-conserving cover be maintained throughout the proposed contract period

112 Eligibility Requirements (Continued)**H Lands Ineligible for Re-Enrollment Under Continuous CRP (Continued)**

- expiring land permanently inundated with water according to subparagraph 97 D.

Note: Land permanently inundated with water is land that is reasonably expected to be under water through the CRP-1 period.

Exception: Practices that include water as part of the practice, as applicable, are eligible, such as CP3A, CP9, CP23, CP23A, CP27, CP30, CP31, and CP37.

Example: Producer offers an expiring CP21 as practice CP21 that is an average of 80 feet in width. The producer also requests to enroll land adding an average width of 40 feet to reach the maximum average width allowed according to current FOTG standards (up to an average width of 120 feet). NRCS or TSP recommends that the practice meets the practice standards at the 80 foot average width. COC may accept an offer and approve CRP-1 and practice at the 80 foot average width. An offer of additional land to an existing buffer practice is **not** authorized because the current width is addressing the conservation issue.

I Acreage Ineligible To Be Enrolled

See subparagraphs 97 C and D for ineligible acreage.

124 Annual Payments (Continued)

B Per Acre Maximum Payment Rate Additional Incentive

For the following continuous signup practices, including re-enrolled practices, an additional incentive amount equal to 20 percent of the weighted average SRR shall be added to the weighted average SRR:

- CP5A
- CP8A
- CP21
- CP22
- *--CP27
- CP28--*
- CP29
- CP30.

Important: For marginal pastureland devoted to CP22, CP29, and CP30, the additional incentive amount is equal to 20 percent of the applicable marginal pastureland rental rate.

For land within approved public wellhead protection areas, an additional incentive amount equal to 10 percent of the weighted average SRR shall be added to the weighted average SRR.

Note: Practices CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, and CP10 are eligible within an approved public wellhead protection area only. See subparagraph 58 D.

The 10 percent and 20 percent additional incentives are not additive.

Example 1: Producer offers 3 acres to be devoted to a field windbreak. The 3 acres are located within an approved public wellhead protection area. The per acre incentive amount would equal 20 percent of the weighted average SRR because of the practice offered (CP5A).

Example 2: Producer offers 3 acres within an approved wellhead protection area with 2 acres to be devoted to CP1 and 1 acre to be devoted to a field windbreak. The County Office may complete separate CRP-2's for each practice or calculate a weighted average incentive percentage using 20 percent for the 1 acre devoted to a field windbreak and 10 percent for the 2 acres devoted to CP1. See paragraph 138.

See subparagraph D for calculating the per acre maximum payment rate.

124 Annual Payments (Continued)

C Per Acre Maintenance Rates for Continuous Signup Practices

Per acre maintenance incentive rates shall be established to reimburse participants for the average annual cost of practice maintenance. Maintenance rates:

- may be established by geographic area, practice type, or other criteria
- above \$0 shall only be established when the participant will be required to perform substantial maintenance on the acreage enrolled.

STC's, upon State Technical Committee recommendation and with NRCS consultation, shall establish a per acre maintenance rate:

•*--not to exceed \$2 per acre for any of the following:

- CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP8A, CP9, CP10, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP23, CP23A, CP24, CP27, CP28, CP31, CP33, CP35A-I, CP36, CP37, and CP38A-E

Notes: Practices CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, and CP10 are eligible within an approved public wellhead protection area only. See subparagraph 58 D.

The revised maintenance incentive rate applies to all new offers for CRP except CRP contracts enrolled under CREP that have different maintenance incentive rates specified in the CREP agreement. If CREP agreements do **not** specify maintenance incentive rates, the revised maintenance incentive rates apply.

- **any** land currently enrolled in CRP, including CP5A, CP16A, CP17A, CP21, and CP22, for which the same practice will be re-enrolled

Example: Producer's 10-year CRP-1 for a field windbreak is scheduled to expire September 30, 2008. Producer offers to re-enroll the field windbreak under continuous signup before the existing contract expires. The STC-established maintenance rate shall not exceed \$2 per acre.--*

124 Annual Payments (Continued)

C Per Acre Maintenance Rates for Continuous Signup Practices (Continued)

- *--not to exceed \$4 per acre for new (not re-enrolled) CP5A, CP16A, and CP17A--*

Note: The revised maintenance incentive applies to all new offers except for CREP. CREP related maintenance incentives are governed by approved CREP agreements.

- according to the following table for the following new (not re-enrolled) practices.

IF the practice is...	AND it includes...	THEN the maintenance rate shall not exceed...
CP21, CP29, or CP30	no fencing or water facility development	*--\$2
	permanent fencing with no water facility development	\$6
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$7
CP22	no fencing or water facility development	\$4
	permanent fencing with no water facility development	\$6
	permanent fencing and water facility development	\$7--*

Note: The revised maintenance incentive applies to all new offers except for CREP. CREP related maintenance incentives are governed by approved CREP agreements.

STC's shall ensure that the basis for the maintenance rates is clearly documented in the STC minutes.

124 Annual Payments (Continued)

C Per Acre Maintenance Rates for Continuous Signup Practices (Continued)

COC shall ensure that conservation plans include:

- provisions for the maintenance of the approved cover and practices
- the applicable components for the maintenance rate provided.

Important: Single strand electric fence is **not** considered a permanent fence for CRP. Components **must** be maintained for the life of CRP-1.

See paragraph 153 for establishing per acre maintenance rates for standard signups.

D Calculating Per Acre Maximum Payment Rates

The formula to calculate the per acre maximum payment rate for continuous signup offers for:

- cropland is:

(weighted average SRR per acre) + (additional incentive (10 or 20 percent as appropriate) of weighted average SRR per acre) + (applicable maintenance rate per acre)

Note: The applicable incentive percentage is based on the practice offered. See subparagraph B.

- marginal pastureland is:

(applicable marginal pastureland rental rate per acre) + (additional incentive (20 percent) of applicable marginal pastureland rental rate per acre) + (applicable maintenance rate per acre).

Important: County Offices shall complete separate CRP-2C's and CRP-1's for marginal pastureland. See paragraphs 137 and 138.

Exception: Continuous signup incentives do not apply to land enrolled using infeasible-to-farm criteria.

Note: Infeasible-to-farm does **not** apply to marginal pastureland.

148 Payments**A Annual Rental Payment**

Producers receive annual rental payments on the land that is enrolled under FWP. The annual rental payment is the sum of the following:

- calculated SRR
- 20 percent of the calculated SRR
- *--applicable maintenance incentive rate, according to subparagraph 124 C.

Note: The revised maintenance incentive applies to all new offers except for CREP. CREP related maintenance incentives are governed by approved CREP agreements.--*

B Cost-Share Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. See Part 20.

C Incentive Payments

The following incentives are authorized for CP27 and CP28:

- PIP
- SIP
- 20 percent of the weighted average SRR.

148 Payments (Continued)**D Payment Example**

A producer enrolls 3 acres of eligible wetlands and 9 acres of eligible buffer into CRP under FWP. The weighted average SRR for the 3 predominant soils is \$50 per acre. The producer's CRP-1 is for 14 years 2 months. The total eligible cost for the practice installation is \$2,000.

The producer is eligible to receive the following payments.

Annual rental payment:

--\$50 per acre + (20 percent incentive times \$50 per acre) + \$2 (maintenance rate) = \$62 per acre. Total annual rental payment = \$744 per year (\$62 times 12 acres).--

SIP:

\$10 multiplied times 12 acres multiplied times 10 years = \$1,200.

PIP:

Total eligible cost for installing the practice is \$2,000. Producer received \$1,000 (\$2,000 multiplied times 50 percent) in cost-share. \$1000 is listed on AD-862, item H 2. PIP is calculated by multiplying AD-862, item H 2, times 80 percent. PIP is \$800.

E Limitation for CP27

Each wetland (CP27) is only eligible for payment, including annual rental, SIP, PIP, and C/S, on 5.0 acres.

149 (Reserved)

Section 1 SRR's and Maximum Payment Rates**153 Maximum Payment Rates****A About Maximum Payment Rates**

Before the producer submits an offer on CRP-1, the County Office shall calculate and inform the producer of the maximum payment rate for the eligible acreage being offered. The maximum payment rate is the maximum per acre rental rate that CCC is willing to pay for the eligible acreage offered. Offers submitted in excess of the maximum payment rate shall be automatically rejected.

A separate maximum payment rate will be calculated for each offer based on:

- posted SRR tables; see subparagraph B for more information about the SRR table
- soils MUSYM and acreage data collected and recorded on CRP-2
- incentive amounts, when applicable for continuous CREP and FWP offers
- maintenance rates set by STC or COC, as applicable.

--The maximum payment rate is limited for general signup offers to \$202 per acre. Rental-- rates per acre offered shall not exceed this amount. There is no maximum amount for continuous signup offers, including CREP and FWP. See Part 6.

Notes: The marginal pastureland rental rates do not apply to land enrolled under WBP criteria.

The maximum payment rate for CP32 is the lower of the following:

- rental rate from the expired contract
- SRR for the area to be enrolled in CP32 plus the maintenance rate set by STC or COC, as applicable.

Important: See Part 6, Section 2, for continuous signup payment rates.

153 Maximum Payment Rates (Continued)**B SRR Tables**

The tables will show the individual maximum SRR for groupings of soils by soil survey. These groupings will be established based on similar productivity levels. Therefore, one SRR may be used for more than 1 survey. However, each soil grouping will have only one SRR.

SRR's are based on the relative productivity of the soil type and the pre-established dryland cash rental rate estimate for the county.

State and County Offices shall thoroughly review the payment rates on the table before signup to ensure that the posted maximum SRR reflects actual local prevailing rental rates for comparable land.

SRR's are maintained by State Offices using the CRP Soils Database Management System.

C Maintenance Provision

For general signups, per acre maintenance rates shall be established to reimburse participants for the average annual cost of practice maintenance. STC's:

- upon State Technical Committee recommendation and with NRCS consultation, shall *--establish a per acre maintenance rate between \$0 and \$2; maintenance rates:

Note: The revised maintenance incentive rate applies to all new offers for CRP except CRP contracts enrolled under CREP that have different maintenance incentive rates specified in the CREP agreement. If CREP agreements do **not** specify maintenance incentive rates, the revised maintenance incentive rates apply.--*

- above \$0 shall only be established when the participant will be required to perform substantial maintenance on the acreage enrolled
- may be established by geographic area, practice type, or other criteria
- shall ensure that the basis for the maintenance rates are clearly documented in the STC minutes.

Important: See Part 6, Section 2 for establishing maintenance rates for continuous signup.

154 (Reserved)

155 **Reviewing and Adjusting Soil Map Unit Symbols and SRR's (Continued)**

C Rental Rate Establishment for Pastureland (Riparian Buffers)

Maximum payment rates for marginal pastureland offers are calculated using marginal pastureland rental rates. These rates shall be set for CP22, CP29, and CP30 at levels that reflect the average cash rental values of **nonirrigated** riparian area grazing land during the most recent 3 years.

The grazing productivity of riparian corridor acreage in arid regions is typically higher and more variable than that of adjacent whole field grazing acreage. For this reason, Western U.S. counties' marginal pastureland rents are usually higher than average grazing rental rates, and separate rates based on permanent/seasonal riparian sites have been established. These rates were established through a previously released CRP notice.

The basis for these rates shall be set using this table.

County Location	Rate Basis	Soil Map Unit Symbol
Eastern and Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico Counties	One rate per county	MPLALL
Western Counties	One rate per county for land adjacent to seasonal water bodies	MPLSEA
	One rate per county for land adjacent to perennial water bodies	MPLPER

There should be general consistency of rates across all county and State geopolitical boundaries.

156 Updating Soil Map Unit Symbols and Posting and Using Rental Rates

A Rental Rate Posting and Use

Approved rental rates shall be:

- used uniformly for all CRP-2's and CRP-2C's regardless of signup type
- loaded and maintained separately for cropland and pastureland in the System 36 table files as outlined in 1-CRP
- effective beginning with STC's determined effective date as outlined in 1-CRP and shall remain in effect until withdrawn or otherwise modified
- posted year-round on a public display area in the County Office only for the land that exists within the county boundary. County Offices shall **not** post and maintain rates for land in surrounding counties.

B Soil Map Unit Symbol Update Responsibilities

County Offices shall ensure that rental rates are established and posted for all cropped soils in each county using NRCS's most current soil survey legend from FOTG, including proper uppercase and lowercase patterns for those symbols using alphabetic letters.

Notes: Future updates of symbols are also needed whenever NRCS modifies soil survey legends in FOTG for cropped soils.

For those new soil map units with new symbols that retain the old soil boundaries,
 *--County Offices are authorized to update symbols immediately in the FSA Intranet
 Soils Data Management System at
<https://indianocean.sc.egov.usda.gov/soilDbMgnt/SoilWelcome.do>--*

For those new soil map units with new boundaries, County Offices shall follow this paragraph to obtain new or deleted rental rate approval by STC.

Section 3 Other Grazing Provisions**322 Restrictive Grazing****A General Restrictions**

Except as authorized in this part, CRP acreage shall not be grazed during the CRP-1 period.

Exceptions: Free roaming wildlife may graze CRP acreage.

Grazing of CRP acreage may be authorized under certain conditions, such as a managed grazing plan or DAFP authorization due to widespread drought of other similar national emergency.

B Limited Grazing

Limited grazing is authorized where kudzu has infested CRP acreage:

- not to exceed 30 calendar days between May 1 and September 1
- for not more than a total of 3 consecutive years during the life of CRP-1.

Requests to graze kudzu **must** be in writing before COC may authorize grazing on the CRP acreage.

Note: Requests **must** identify the invasive species and dates acreage will be grazed.

A prorated payment reduction shall be taken each year the acreage is grazed for only the number of days the livestock actually graze the CRP acreage.

Exception: Based on participant certification, a payment reduction shall not be taken if:

- livestock used to graze the acreage do not belong to the participant
- the participant receives no compensation for the grazing.

322 Restrictive Grazing (Continued)**B Limited Grazing (Continued)**

COC shall consult FS or other natural resources agency before approving requests to graze kudzu infested acreage.

Note: Conservation plan shall not be modified by NRCS for this purpose.

Applicable County Offices:

- shall inform producers of the kudzu grazing provisions
- shall reduce the annual rental payment by the daily rental rate per acre times the number of kudzu infested acres grazed, times the number of days grazed, times 50 percent
- may approved subsequent requests by the same CRP participant

Note: COC shall approve each request.

- shall spot check CRP-1's approved for kudzu grazing to ensure that livestock are not grazing more acreage or longer than authorized.

C Incidental Grazing

--Subject to COC approval, CP8A, CP13C (filter strips), CP15A, CP21, and CP33 may be-- grazed only if all of the following requirements are met:

- grazing is incidental to the gleaning of the crop residue in a field, or before the harvest of a small grain
- grazing occurs after the participant harvests crops from within the surrounding field, or during the dormant period of a small grain intended for harvest
- grazing shall not occur during the primary nesting or brood rearing season, as determined by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee; for States affected by the National Wildlife Federation Settlement Agreement, see subparagraph 293.5 B.

Note: See paragraph 238.

404 Certifying Compliance (Continued)

B Completing CRP-817U

County Offices shall complete CRP-817U according to this table.

Step	Action
1	Enter FSN in item 1.
2	Enter CRP-1 number in item 2. Note: Use one CRP-817U for each CRP-1.
3	Enter the program year for the certification in item 3. Do not enter the CRP-1 year.
4	Enter applicable CRP practices and the associated number of acres in item 4.
5	Provide a deadline for returning CRP-817U to the County Office.
6	Mail CRP-817U to CRP participant.
7	When the participant returns CRP-817U: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that participant signed and dated CRP-817U in item 5 • update the following in the System 36: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA-578 according to 2-CP • eligibility flags according to 6-CP and 2-PL.

404 Certifying Compliance (Continued)

C Example of CRP-817U

This is an example of CRP-817U.

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<p>CRP-817U (04-30-08)</p>	<p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency</p>	
<p>CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE FOR CRP</p>		
<p>Producers name and address</p>	<p>County Office Address, City, State, Zip and Telephone number</p>	
<p>Dear Producer:</p> <p>Our records indicate that all of the following applied to you in the previous year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That all or a portion of the land of your farm was enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). 2. That you certified compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions and have an approved farm operating plan for payment eligibility review (form CCC-502). <p>If the above statements remain true for the current year, please sign and date the CRP-817U and return it to this office by <u>Return date</u> so your CRP rental payment may be processed.</p>		
<p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ AND RETURN BY DATE SPECIFIED SHOWN ABOVE</p>		
<p>1. Farm number</p>	<p>2. CRP Contract No.</p>	<p>3. Program Year of Certification</p>
<p>4. Practice Identification and Acres</p>		
<p>I hereby certify that: (1) the information shown above is correct; (2) I have and will continue to comply with ALL the terms and conditions of the indicated CRP contract, including the applicable appendix and any addendums; (3) I am in compliance with ALL Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions set forth in 7 CFR Part 12; (4) I have filed an approved farm operating plan for payment eligibility review (form CCC-502), in accordance with 7 CFR Part 1400 and there have been no changes in my farming operation; and (5) USDA representatives are authorized to enter upon and inspect the farm indicated above for the purpose of confirming this certification.</p> <p>Contact this office immediately if any information shown is incorrect or if farming interests identified on the farm operating plan referred to above have changed.</p>		
<p>5. Signature of Producer</p>		<p>Date</p>
<p><small>NOTE: The authority for collecting the following information is Pub. L. 107-171. This authority allows for the collection of information without prior OMB approval mandated by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</small></p> <p><small>The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is the Food Security Act of 1985, (Pub. L. 99-198), as amended and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) and regulations promulgated at 7 CFR Part 1410 and the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 6109). The information requested is necessary for CCC to consider and process the offer to enter into a Conservation Reserve Program Contract, to assist in determining eligibility, and to determine the correct parties to the contract. Furnishing the requested information is voluntary. Failure to furnish the requested information will result in determination of ineligibility for certain program benefits and other financial assistance administered by USDA agency. This information may be provided to other agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State and Federal Law enforcement agencies; and in response to a court/magistrate or administrative tribunal. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 USC 238, 297, 371, 641, 651, 1001, 15 USC 744m, and 31 USC 3729, may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</small></p>		
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405 Noncompliance**A Noncompliance Cases**

Notify participant in writing of noncompliance issue according to 4-CP.

Noncompliance cases shall be handled promptly before CRP payments are made for the year.

COC shall determine whether a participant who is in violation of CRP-1 terms and conditions:

- made a good faith effort to comply
- did **not** make a good faith effort to comply.

B Examples of Noncompliance

COC shall consider a producer to be out of compliance if:

- the approved cover has been harvested or grazed or other commercial use has been made of the forage

Exception: Managed or emergency haying or grazing, as authorized.

- an unauthorized crop, such as an agricultural commodity, has been planted on acreage under CRP-1
- trees have been harvested or sold, or other commercial use has been made of trees, including the shearing or shaping of trees for Christmas trees or removal of pine straw
- producer conducted an activity on CRP acres without authorization, including unauthorized treatment, such as mowing, spraying, and burning of CRP during the primary nesting or brood rearing season
- the State or local noxious weed commission determines that the participant is violating noxious weed provisions and notifies COC that the noxious weeds are not controlled on the designated acres
- the approved cover has not been maintained according to the conservation plan

510 CREP Proposal Overview (Continued)

A New CREP Project Development Stages (Continued)

Stage	Development
3	<p>State CREP partners will develop a Draft CREP Agreement outlining the legal provisions of the proposed State CREP Program and submit to the Program Manager. The Program Manager, National CREP Review Team, and USDA-OGC will review the draft agreement and provide all necessary agreement wording changes back to the State CREP partners.</p> <p>Note: In most cases, CREP agreement drafts are updated through cycles of review and refinement between State CREP partners and National CREP Review Team/OGC negotiations.</p>
4	<p>After full agreement and consensus is achieved among State CREP partners and between State CREP partners and the Program Manager, a Final CREP Agreement is prepared by State CREP partners and submitted to the Program Manager for USDA-OGC approval.</p>
5	<p>After the final agreement is signed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Governor, the FSA State Office drafts and submits a State supplement to 2-CRP to the Program Manager for approval.</p>
6	<p>The State and County FSA Offices, FSA-PAS, and State CREP partners conduct outreach/promotional activities, issue local press releases and fact sheets, conduct training, and announce CREP program signup.</p>

CREP proposals **must**:

- address a recognized resource conservation concern of State and national significance, and demonstrate the ability to achieve substantial environmental benefits in a cost-effective manner
- present clear program goals with measurable natural resource/environmental protection targets reflecting the anticipated level of benefits the program will achieve when fully enrolled

Example: The project may include a reduction in nitrogen loading to rivers and streams by 2,000,000 pounds from the current level when enrollment goals are reached.

- provide for a substantial financial commitment by State CREP partners

Notes: This commitment shall be not less than 20 percent of the total project cost. In addition, not less than 10 percent of the total project cost (1/2 of this 20 percent) **must** be provided by State CREP partners in the form of either of the following:

- direct new payments to program participants
- new funding for a CREP project.

*--Federal funds (including EPA 319 funds) **cannot** be considered towards meeting the 20 percent State commitment.--*

510 CREP Proposal Overview (Continued)

A New CREP Project Development Stages (Continued)

- provide detailed project cost analysis with proposed total Federal and State CREP partner outlays needed to support the request

***--Note:** State project cost analysis must include the cost of re-enrolling expiring CRP in the project.--*

- be consistent with the CRP statute and regulations
- provide for interagency cooperation and provide detailed evidence of State and local agency, producer group, general community, and NGO support for the project, including letters of support, etc.
- provide a detailed quantifiable monitoring and evaluation component to measure the success of the project
- provide appropriate surveys, maps (including GIS maps), tables, and reports supporting the proposal
- provide detailed quantifiable and statistical analysis justifying all incentives and payments

Example: Provide a spreadsheet and narrative summary providing a cost comparison of opportunity costs and indicating incentives needed to replace some of the opportunity costs forgone.

- provide detailed analysis of the technical and administrative assistance needs and evidence of sufficient staff resources to meet the needs.

Note: See CREP proposal outline requirements in paragraphs 512 through 514.

C New Proposal Development/Approval Process

State CREP partners (including Tribal governments):

- develop the detailed CREP proposal after on-going consultation with appropriate FSA and other Federal agencies and any non-Federal partners participating in the proposal
- submit the proposal to the Secretary with a formal cover letter from the Governor's or Tribal office, or the appropriate designee, summarizing the project and requesting approval and also a copy to CEPD, attention CREP Program Manager, for review and comment.

After receiving a proposal, the National CREP Review Team will review the proposal and provide written comments to the State agency or Tribal representative. The State or Tribal representative should respond, in writing, addressing questions or issues raised.

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

This table lists approved abbreviations not listed in 1-CM.

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
ADC	Application Development Center	159
BI	benefits index	150.3, Ex. 18.5
CAB	crop acreage base	145
CD	conservation district	69
COLS	Conservation Online System	152, 195
CP	conservation practice	242
CPO	Conservation Plan of Operation	267, 293.5
CPA	conservation priority area	97, 236, 242, Ex. 13, 19
C/S	cost share	Text, Ex. 9
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	Text
CRP-SIP	CRP-Signing Incentive Payment	112, 125, 150.10, 355, 371, 372, 375, Ex. 9
CSP	Conservation Security Program	97
EA	environmental assessment	242, 282, 510, 513
EBI	environmental benefits index	Text, Ex. 12, 19
EI	erodibility index	69, 97, 358, Ex. 2, 9, 19
EFCRP	Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program	Text, Ex. 9, 17, 18, 18.5
ESA	Endangered Species Act	236, 242
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	97, 112, 510.5, 514
EWP	Emergency Watershed Protection Program	273, 355, 392
EWRP	Emergency Wetlands Reserve Program	69, 273, 355, 392
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	510
FOTG	Field Office Technical Guide	Text, Ex. 9, 19
FWP	Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program	Text, Ex. 9, 19

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM (Continued)

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
GIS	Geographic Information System	Text
GPCP	Great Plains Conservation Program	97
HUC	hydrologic unit code	Ex. 19
LTA	long-term agreement	97
MPL	marginal pastureland	69, 182
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	236, 242, 510
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	236, 242
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	242
NGO	Non-Government Organization	509, 510
P&CP	planted and considered planted	145
PAS	Public Affairs Staff	510
PIP	practice incentive payment	Text, Ex. 9
PLS	pure live seed	237, 441
PNIF	private nonindustrial forestland	150, 150.1, 150.3, 150.6, Ex. 9
PV	present value	150.5
RA	regional attorney	86, 198, 213, 335, 343, 359, 360
REX	re-enrollments and extensions	69, 335
RKLS	Gross Potential Erosion or Potential Erosion	Ex. 19
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National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting

A Purpose

This practice is to establish a stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible cropland suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.

C/S is authorized to plant approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area within the 10 to 20 percent openings. Open areas **must** be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area.

--C/S is not authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to-- 20 percent open areas.

D C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

Important: C/S is not authorized for natural regeneration of native grass vegetation within the 10 to 20 percent open areas.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/ planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	authorized.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP3 Tree Planting (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications needed until approved plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the approved species has passed to establish a cover when a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	authorized *--using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 394, 550, 595, 612, 644, and 645.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	Note: Technical practice codes 327, 644, and 645 are for open areas only .--*
minerals, nutrients, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area in the 15 to 20 percent open areas of the tree planting. Important: Open areas must be planted to a 50-point cover of approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. Tree plantings within the open areas are not authorized. Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals, must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	
herbicides and insecticides	specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
fencing		
roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees, or enhance production	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces

A Purpose

This practice is to establish vegetative cover on terraces to enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion. This practice is only applicable on terraces that are no longer under practice lifespan to ensure that the long-term functions of the terrace are maintained.

Notes: This practice is **not** to develop or establish wildlife habitat. Wildlife concerns may be considered when making determinations about seed varieties.

Important: NRCS or TSP **must** document that CP15B is needed and feasible on AD-862 and CRP-2. This practice is only available on existing terraces that are no longer under the practice lifespan or other agreement to maintain the terrace practice.

NRCS or TSP shall determine the documentation needed to support the need for CP15B consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be in the case file.

Example: A terrace was installed under ACP in 1985. The practice lifespan was 10 years. The terrace is not in a vegetative cover and is functional. NRCS or TSP determines grass seeding is needed and feasible to enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion. This terrace is eligible to be enrolled in CRP as CP15B.

*--This practice is **not** eligible for PIP or CRP-SIP.--*

B Program Policy

Apply this practice on eligible cropland on which a terrace, which is not planted to a vegetative cover, is no longer under the practice lifespan, but seeding is needed and feasible consistent with the purposes of the practice. The area to be included is the actual terrace itself and an adequate buffer. See subparagraph C for size requirements of the buffer area.

Contour grass strips on terraces shall be installed to the minimum design standard to ensure long-term viability of the terraces to reduce erosion and enhance water quality.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP15B Establishment of Permanent Vegetative Cover (Contour Grass Strips) on Terraces (Continued)

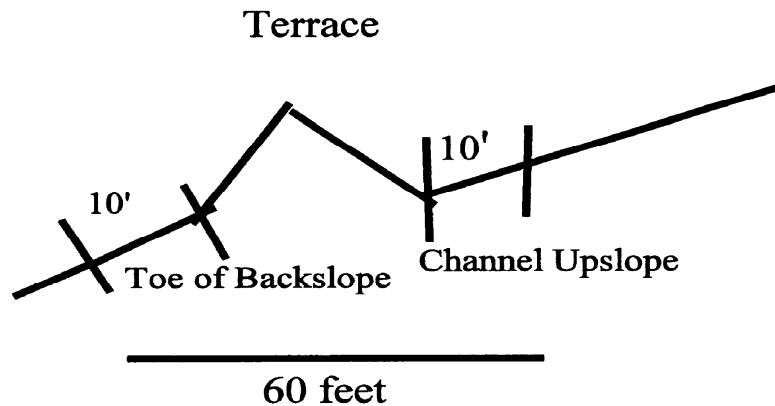
C Size Requirements

Minimum size standard for a contour buffer strip on terraces shall be the minimum size necessary to protect the terraces. It may require a buffer not to exceed 10 feet on the upslope and downslope portion of the terrace. The maximum width of CP15B **must** not exceed 60 feet, including the buffer areas.

The practice shall be designed to control soil erosion consistent with NRCS FOTG.

The following diagrams provide examples of the maximum width for CP15B.

Example 1 Grassed-Back Terrace



Note: The area of CP15B **must** not exceed 60 feet from the toe of the backslope side of the terrace to the channel upslope, including the 10-foot buffer area on either side of the terrace.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- sinkholes and karst areas
- wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants that meet 1 of the following:
 - Permanently Flooded - water covers the land surface throughout the year in all years
 - Intermittently Exposed - surface water is present throughout the year except in years of **extreme** drought
 - Semipermanently Flooded - surface water is present throughout the growing season in most years

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.

- Seasonally Flooded - surface water is present for extended periods of not less than 21 calendar days especially early in the growing season, but is absent by the end of the growing season in most years

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.

- *--other **permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds if **both** of the following are met:

- provides water cover **throughout the year in all years**
- flows from the water body off the farm.

Exception: A pond that is less than 5.0 acres and does **not** flow from the water body off the farm is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP21.--*

Note: Water bodies that do **not** provide permanent water cover throughout the year in all years are **not** eligible.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP21 Filter Strips (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- NRCS determines, based on a site visit, all of the following:
 - the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a filter strip
 - the filter strip is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - the cropland is capable, after the filter strip is established, of substantially reducing pollutants in the nearby eligible stream or other water body.

CP21's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- *--CP22, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22--*
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a filter strip is 20 feet. A filter strip may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Notes: The maximum average width of filter strips established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality, shall not exceed 120 feet.

Infeasible-to-farm provisions may apply to CP21.

When the minimum design specification for water quality exceeds 120 feet, the minimum design specification is the maximum average width that may be enrolled. NRCS **must** document the need for a minimum design specification in excess of 120 feet in writing.

Note: NRCS will determine the documentation needed to support an additional average width for water quality purposes consistent with FOTG standards. The documentation **must** be in the case file.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- the cropland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:
 - stream having perennial flow
 - seasonal stream

Important: USGS maps shall **not** be solely used to determine seasonal streams. A seasonal stream is a stream that contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after rainfall or snowmelt. Seasonal streams do **not** include:

- wetlands of any type
- land devoted to CP9
- terrace channels
- grass or sod waterways
- gullies
- narrow or wide wash
- roadside ditches
- well, spring, or seep
- marsh or swamp
- center pivot irrigation corners
- irrigation canals
- tail water recovery pit/system.

Note: See paragraph 112 for more information about seasonal and perennial streams.

- sinkholes and karst areas
- wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants that meet 1 of the following:
 - Permanently Flooded - water covers the land surface throughout the year in all years
 - Intermittently Exposed - surface water is present throughout the year except in years of **extreme** drought

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- Semipermanently Flooded - surface water is present throughout the growing season in most years

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.

- Seasonally Flooded - surface water is present for extended periods of not less than 21 calendar days especially early in the growing season, but is absent by the end of the growing season in most years

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.

- *--other **permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds if **both** of the following are met:

- provides water cover **throughout the year in all years**
- flows from the water body off the farm.

Exception: A pond that is less than 5.0 acres and does **not** flow from the water body off the farm is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP22.--*

Note: Water bodies that do **not** provide permanent water cover throughout the year in all years are **not** eligible.

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit, **all** of the following:
 - the cropland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer
 - the riparian buffer is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - the cropland is capable, after the riparian buffer is established, of meeting the purposes in subparagraph A
- * * * the riparian buffer is devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

For **marginal pastureland** to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP to be devoted to CP22, **all** of the following **must** be met:

- COC determines both of the following:
 - all marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraphs 112 C and D are met
 - the marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:
 - ***--permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds that provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm

Exception: A pond that is less than 5.0 acres and does **not** provide at least a seasonal flow of surface water from the water body off the farm is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP22.--*

Note: Water bodies that do **not** provide a permanent water cover throughout the year in all years are **not** eligible.

- stream having perennial flow
- seasonal stream
- sinkholes and karst area.

Important: USGS maps shall **not** be solely used to determine seasonal streams. A seasonal stream is a stream that contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after rainfall or snowmelt. Seasonal streams do **not** include:

- wetlands of any type
- land devoted to CP9
- terrace channels
- grass or sod waterways
- gullies
- narrow or wide wash
- roadside ditches
- well, spring, or seep
- marsh or swamp

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- center pivot irrigation corners
- irrigation canals
- tail water recovery pit/system.

Note: See paragraph 112 for more information about seasonal and perennial streams.

- NRCS TSP determines, based on a site visit, all of the following:
 - the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a riparian buffer devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees

Note: Marginal pastureland to be devoted to wildlife habitat buffers should be enrolled as CP29.

- the riparian buffer is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
- trees established on the land, if applicable, are not functioning as a riparian buffer
- the marginal pastureland is capable, after the riparian buffer is established, of meeting the purposes in subparagraph A

Important: Marginal pastureland **must** be devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees. If trees are already established on the land and functioning as a riparian buffer, the land is ineligible for CRP. See paragraph 112.

- the riparian buffer is devoted (planted or natural regeneration) to trees.

Note: Land that is not suitable for tree plantings, as determined by NRCS or TSP, is not eligible to be enrolled in CRP as a riparian buffer.

CP22's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP21, because, if needed, a grass buffer is included in CP22
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure that the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

This practice is not applicable to CRP offers accepted before signup 14.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
minerals, nutrients, seed, tree and shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	substantiated as needed by COC Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.	authorized *--using technical practice codes 327, 382, 390, 391, 410, 441, 516, 548, 550, 574, 578, 595, 612, 614, 642, 645, and 647.--*
herbicides and pesticides	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
temporary supplemental irrigation systems or plastic mulch, except when natural regeneration is selected by the producer	in arid areas where the average annual precipitation is 25 inches or less and determined needed by both COC and designated technician	
rock-filled infiltration trenches to induce subsurface flow	specified as necessary to establish the vegetation and included in the conservation plan Note: The potential for groundwater contamination must be considered during planting and design.	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation	
permanent fencing	fencing needed to exclude livestock from the riparian buffer Important: A single strand electric fence shall not be considered a permanent fence for CRP.	

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
water gaps, bridges, or other livestock crossing facilities on small streams	specified as necessary to prevent sedimentation and pollution in the stream and included in the conservation plan Note: See subparagraph 483 I.	authorized.
pipelines and water facilities constructed outside of the riparian buffer strip	substantiated as needed by COC for the purpose of providing a water source for livestock Note: COC shall only approve the minimum number of water sources needed. See paragraph 483.	
*--plugging, removing, or replacing with perforated pipe	to filter pollutants from underground drains through the riparian forest areas	
a regulating valve or structure may be installed to control drainage outflow	to reduce nitrogen or other pollutant loading--*	

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)

H Natural Regeneration

Producers may elect to allow natural regeneration of the riparian buffer if **all** of the following are met:

- NRCS or TSP determines both of the following:
 - an adequate seed source of approved tree, shrub, and grass species is present in the soil at the site
- ***--Note:** Grass is an acceptable cover in the riparian buffer only if determined needed to control concentrated flow and an excessive sheet flow.--*
- under normal conditions, the **appropriate cover** will be established within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- erosion and runoff will be controlled during the establishment period
- weeds, including noxious weeds, and other non-approved plant species will be controlled during the establishment period
- the conservation plan signed by the producer requires **all** of the following:
 - **no** C/S shall be paid for the practice

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will plant the approved cover at no cost to FSA or CCC according to a revised conservation plan if the riparian buffer is not established through natural regeneration within 2 years of CRP-1 effective date
- conservation practice code 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, is used to identify natural regeneration
- NRCS or TSP shall spot check the site at the end of the second year to determine whether the riparian buffer is established and meets the standards **and** specifications for NRCS conservation practice code 391A, Riparian Forest Buffer

Note: FSA **must** immediately notify COC and the participant:

- of the result of the spot check
- that the participant **must** plant the approved cover with no C/S according to a revised conservation plan, if applicable.

National CRP Practices (Continued)**CP22 Riparian Buffer (Continued)****H Natural Regeneration (Continued)**

COC shall **not** approve CRP-1 until **all** of the preceding requirements are met. COC shall ensure the producer is fully informed that:

- no C/S will be paid for natural regeneration

Exceptions: See subparagraph E.

- the producer will be required to plant the approved cover with no C/S if the approved cover is not established within 2-years of CRP-1 effective date.

I Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the protective measure.

J Practice Maintenance

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of the practice according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

L Technical Responsibility

--Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to FS and NRCS, or TSP.--

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Continued)

J Practice Maintenance (Continued)

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

K Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

L Incentive to Restore Hydrology

A 1-time WRI payment equal to 25 percent of the cost of restoring the hydrology of the site is available to encourage the restoration of cropped wetlands. WRI payment shall be:

- a separate payment from any applicable C/S
- issued according to 1-FI using program code "XXCRPWRI"
- issued upon certification of completion of practice
- equal to 25 percent of the cost of restoring the hydrology of the site.

Exception: WRI is **not** authorized for re-enrolled practices under continuous or FWP.

Note: Do **not** include the cost associated with establishing any associated acreage when calculating the 1-time WRI payment.

Producers do **not** have to receive C/S to be eligible for the 1-time WRI payment.

***--Important:** PIP and CRP-SIP do **not** apply to practice CP23.--*

M Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to NRCS or TSP. For areas to be established to trees, FS or State Forestry Agency shall have technical responsibility.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)

D C/S Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- only be enrolled under FWP
- only be enrolled with an eligible associated buffer (CP28)
- meet the cropping history requirements
- be included in the approved conservation plan
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1
- restore the functional capability and values of the wetland.

E Payment Eligibility

*--Payments, including annual rental, CRP-SIP, PIP, and C/S for any one CP27 are limited to 5 acres.

Example: A producer enrolls an 8 acre wetland (CP27). An associated buffer (CP28) of 20 acres is also enrolled. The producer is eligible for payment on 5 acres of CP27 and 20 acres of CP28. Three acres of CP27 will remain unpaid. CRP-SIP, PIP,--* and C/S are **not** authorized for the 3 acres of CP27.

F C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized
eligible seed and seeding	for soils that are developed under a wetland ecosystem and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent introduced grasses, forbs, and legumes, trees, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to restore the functions and values of the wetland • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	using technical practice codes 327, 338, 340, 512, 550, 587, 612, 638, 644, 645, 657, 658, and 659.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP27 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland (Continued)

F C/S Policy (Continued)

If the component is...	And the justification is...	Then C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed • that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.</p>	*--authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, denitrification, and other processes, and thereby reduce pollution and protect surface water and subsurface water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body. By restoring native plant communities, characteristics for the site will assist in stabilizing stream banks, reducing flood damage impacts, and restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

For marginal pastureland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP to be devoted to CP29, both of the following **must** be met:

- COC determines all of the following:
 - *--all marginal pastureland eligibility requirements in subparagraph 112 C are met--*
 - the natural vegetation for the site is primarily a mix of grasses, shrubs, and forbs

Note: The practice will enhance the primarily grass, shrub, and forb community and provide water quality improvement and wildlife habitat benefits.

- the marginal pastureland offered is immediately adjacent and parallel to 1 of the following:
 - stream having perennial flow

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP29 Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- seasonal stream

Important: USGS maps shall **not** be solely used to determine seasonal streams. A seasonal stream is a stream that contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after rainfall or snowmelt. Seasonal streams do **not** include:

- wetlands of any type
- land devoted to CP9
- terrace channels
- grass or sod waterways
- gullies
- narrow or wide wash
- roadside ditches
- well, spring, or seep
- marsh or swamp
- center pivot irrigation corners
- irrigation canals
- tail water recovery pit/system.

Note: See paragraph 112 for more information about seasonal and perennial streams.

- sinkholes and karst areas
- ****--other permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds if **both** of the following are met:
 - provides water cover **throughout the year in all years**
 - flows from the water body off the farm.

Exception: A pond that is less than 5.0 acres and does **not** flow from the water body off the farm is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP29.--*

Note: Water bodies that do **not** provide **permanent water cover throughout the year in all years** are **not** eligible.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- well, spring, or seep
- marsh or swamp
- center pivot irrigation corners
- irrigation canals
- tail water recovery pit/system.

Note: See paragraph 112 for more information about seasonal and perennial streams.

- sinkholes and karst areas
- wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants that meet 1 of the following:
 - Permanently Flooded - water covers the land surface throughout the year in all years
 - Intermittently Exposed - surface water is present throughout the year except in years of **extreme** drought
 - Semipermanently Flooded - surface water is present throughout the growing season in most years

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.

- Seasonally Flooded - surface water is present for extended periods of not less than 21 calendar days especially early in the growing season, but is absent by the end of the growing season in most years

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

- *--other **permanent** water bodies, such as lakes and ponds if **both** of the following are met:

- provides water cover **throughout the year in all years**
- flows from the water body off the farm.

Exception: A pond that is less than 5.0 acres and does **not** flow from the water body off the farm is **not** eligible to be enrolled in CP30.--*

Note: Water bodies that do **not** provide **permanent water cover throughout the year in all years** are **not** eligible.

- NRCS or TSP determines, based on a site visit, all of the following:
 - the marginal pastureland is suitable to be devoted to a wetland buffer
 - the wetland buffer is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern
 - the marginal pastureland is capable, after the wetland buffer is established, of substantially reducing pollutants in the nearby eligible stream or other water body.

CP30's are not eligible to be used in conjunction with the following practices:

- CP22, because, if needed, CP22's include a grass buffer
- CP23, because acreage devoted to CP23 may include up to a 3 to 1 ratio of uplands to ensure the functions and values of the cropped wetland are restored
- CP9, because acreage devoted to CP9 **must** include an adequate buffer to protect the shallow water area.

C Size Requirements

The minimum acceptable width of a wetland buffer is 20 feet. A wetland buffer may be applied up to a maximum average width of 120 feet, if needed to accomplish the purpose of the practice.

Note: The maximum average width of wetland buffers established for any purpose other than protection and enhancement of water quality, shall not exceed 120 feet.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)

--H Practice Incentives for CRP-SIP--

Participants that enroll in this practice may receive a CRP-SIP according to subparagraph 125 A.

I Practice Incentives for PIP

Participants that enroll in this practice may receive a CRP-PIP according to subparagraph 125 B.

J Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1, including managed haying and grazing, unless grazing is incidental to the normal gleaning of the crop residue in the field according to subparagraph 322 C.
- Limit C/S to the minimum minerals and seed necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve wildlife habitat and environmental benefits.
- Trees and shrubs shall not exceed 10 percent coverage of the buffers. Shrubs and trees selected **must** provide optimal quail habitat and/or emergency benefits. Shrubs planted for wildlife berries/fruit and trees planted for wildlife fruit/nuts are acceptable if suited to the site.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice **must** be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land.
- The habitat buffer **must** be established and maintained according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.
- Buffers shall not be used as turn rows, roads, or for storage of crops or equipment.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

--CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)*J Practice Requirements (Continued)**

- **Seeding, if it occurs at all, should occur at much lighter rates than for CRP practices aimed at soil conservation and water quality enhancement.** CP33-enrolled acres should be lightly seeded and may even be allowed to regenerate by natural succession without additional seeding, provided that NRCS or a Technical Service Provider certifies adequate seed source for natural regeneration.
- If natural regeneration fails, the producer is responsible for seeding the buffers to meet the intent of the practice.
- Desirable vegetation may be propagated through light disking, and may be maintained through light disking every two to three years over the life of the contract.
- Spot application of herbicide may be needed to control undesirable plants.
- Notice CRP-479 requires native grass, but does not eliminate beneficial introduced legumes, although the inclusion of native forbs/legumes is encouraged. Alfalfa and clover may be part of the seeding mix.

K Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See 2-CRP, paragraph 237 for exceptions.

L Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of the upland habitat practice.

M Practice Maintenance

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the practice during the contract period
- the cover fails to provide adequate upland quail and upland bird habitat and environmental benefits during the practice lifespan, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

C State Acreage Allocation

State acreage allocations are as follows.

State	Acreage Allocation
Alabama	37,000
Florida	42,750
Georgia	44,750
Louisiana	36,250
Mississippi	21,500
North Carolina	32,250
South Carolina	21,000
Texas	10,750
Virginia	3,750

D Payment Eligibility

The payment rate shall be the weighted average SRR for the 3 predominant soils of the offered acreage and the appropriate maintenance rate.

--CRP-SIP's and PIP's are available for CP36. A one-time:--

- up-front CRP-SIP of \$100 per acre will be issued after CRP-1 is approved and eligibility criteria is met
- CRP-PIP, equal to 40 percent of the eligible installation costs for certain practices on continuous CRP land, will be issued after CP36 is installed, eligible costs are verified, and other payment eligibility criteria are met.

Note: CRP-PIP is in addition to the up to 50 percent C/S for eligible practice components.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP36 Longleaf Pine - Establishment (Continued)

E C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for CP36.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	authorized using technical practice codes 327, 340, 394, 548, 550, 595, 612, 645, and 647.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides and insecticides	specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and to control invasives (such as cogongrass) included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.	
fencing		not authorized.
temporary cover		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
minerals and nutrients	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees or enhance production	
clean-tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)**

K Environmental Concerns

Consideration of wildlife, water quality, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

L Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
- producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
- the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

M Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

CP37 Duck Nesting Habitat (Continued)

N Incentive to Restore Hydrology

A one-time WRI payment equal to 25 percent of the cost of restoring the hydrology of the site is available to encourage the restoration of cropped wetlands. WRI payment shall be:

- a separate payment from any applicable C/S
- issued according to 1-FI using program code “XXCRPWRI”
- issued upon certification of completion of practice
- equal to 25 percent of the cost of restoring the hydrology of the site.

Exception: WRI is **not** authorized for re-enrolled practices under continuous or FWP.

Note: Do **not** include the cost associated with establishing any associated acreage when calculating the one-time WRI payment.

Producers do **not** have to receive C/S to be eligible for the one-time WRI payment.

***--Important:** PIP and CRP-SIP do **not** apply to practice CP37.--*

O Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to NRCS or TSP. For areas to be established to trees, FS or State Forestry agency shall have technical responsibility.

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP38A Buffers**

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38A to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38B Wetlands

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38B to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38C Trees

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38C to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38D Longleaf Pine

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38D to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.

CP38E Grass

A Program Policy

Apply practices under CP38E to eligible lands where a specified habitat can be restored and maintained, as determined by the applicable State-developed practice standard.--*

CRP Signup Periods

This exhibit lists the number and dates of CRP signup periods by program year.

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
1	3-3-86 through 3-14-86	1986
2	5-5-86 through 5-16-86	1986 and 1987
3	8-4-86 through 8-15-86	1986 and 1987
4	2-9-87 through 2-27-87	1987 and 1988
5	7-20-87 through 7-31-87	1987 and 1988
6	2-1-88 through 2-19-88	1988 and 1989
7	7-18-88 through 8-31-88	1988 and 1989
8	2-6-89 through 2-24-89	1989 and 1990
9	7-17-89 through 8-4-89	1989 and 1990
10	3-4-91 through 3-15-91	1991
11	7-8-91 through 7-19-91	1992
12	6-15-92 through 6-26-92	1993
13	9-11-95 through 9-22-95	1996 and 1997
14 *	9-3-96 through 9-30-97	1997 and 1998
15	3-3-97 through 3-28-97	1998 and 1999 <u>1/</u>
16	10-14-97 through 11-14-97	1998 and 1999 <u>2/ 3/</u>
17 *	10-1-97 through 9-30-98	1998 and 1999
18	10-26-98 through 12-11-98	2000
19 *	10-1-98 through 9-30-99	1999 and 2000
20	1-18-2000 through 2-11-2000	2001

* denotes continuous signup numbers

- 1/ Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that expires September 30, 1997, is eligible to be offered for enrollment only with a program year of 1998. See paragraph 97.
- 2/ Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that expires September 30, 1998, is eligible to be offered for enrollment only with a program year of 1999. See paragraph 97.
- 3/ Acreage previously enrolled in CRP that expired September 30, 1997, is eligible to be offered for enrollment with a program year of 1998 or 1999. See paragraph 254.

CRP Signup Periods (Continued)

Signup Number	Date	Program Year
21 *	10-1-99 through 4-6-2000	2000 and 2001
22 *	4-6-2000 through 9-30-2000	2000 and 2001
23 *	10-1-2000 through 9-30-2001	2001 and 2002
24 *	10-1-2001 through 9-30-2002	2002 and 2003
25 *	10-1-2002 through 9-30-2003	2003 and 2004
26	5-5-2003 through 6-13-2003	2004 and 2005
27 *	5-5-2003 through 9-30-2003	2003 and 2004
28 *	10-1-2003 through 9-30-2004	2004 and 2005
29	8-30-2004 through 9-24-2004	2006 and 2007
30 *	10-1-2004 through 9-30-2005	2005 and 2006
31 *	10-1-2005 through 9-30-2006	2006 and 2007
32	2-1-2006 through 12-31-2006 **	2008 through 2011
33	3-27-2006 through 4-28-2006	2007
*-34 *	7-17-2006 through 10-20-2006	2007 and 2008
35 *	10-1-2006 through 9-30-2007	2007 and 2008
36 * --*	10-1-2007 through 9-30-2008	2008 and 2009

* denotes continuous signup numbers

** denotes REX.

Note: See paragraph 112 for continuous signup number, dates, and program year information.

Using CRP-37

This is an example of CRP-37. Use CRP-37 when requesting to graze certain practices as part of the gleaning of crop residue in a field or make commercial use of forest refuse. File a copy in the producer's CRP folder.

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This form is available electronically.			
CRP-37 (04-16-08)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency	
REQUEST FOR INCIDENTAL GRAZING OR USE OF FOREST REFUSE			
1. RETURN TO: <i>(County FSA Office Name and Address)</i> Lancaster County FSA 6030 Trade Center Capital City, NE 68516		2. CRP CONTRACT NO. 217	
		3. FARM NO. 1001	4. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 10-09-2007
5. For the <u>2007</u> crop year, I (we) request authority to:			
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conduct incidental grazing in Field Number(s) (1) <u>1, 4</u> in conjunction with the gleaning of crop residue or grazing a small grain before harvest beginning (2) <u>10-17-2007</u> <small>(MM-DD-YYYY)</small>			
I (we) understand and agree that:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only CP8A, Grass Waterways, CP13C (Filter Strips), CP15A, Contour Grass Strips, and CP21, Filter Strips, CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, may be grazed under this authority • all livestock shall be removed from CRP acreage no later than 2 months after the date provided above • there shall be a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the CRP acreage being grazed • I (we) shall re-establish, at my (our) own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participation under this authority, regardless of recommendations or determinations made by NRCS. 			
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Make commercial use of the forest refuse obtained from normal forestry practices, such as thinning, pruning, and timber improvement on (1) _____ acres in Field Number(s) (2) _____.			
I (we) understand and agree that:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I (we) shall re-establish, at my (our) own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participation in this authority, regardless of recommendations or determinations made by FS. • I (we) shall not receive an annual rental payment for the applicable acres for the year in which the forestry maintenance activity occurred. 			
CRP-1 is subject to termination or other penalties as may be authorized by COC in accordance with the CRP contract and regulations should there be any violation of this authority.			
6. Check the payment reduction option applicable to this request:			
A. <input type="checkbox"/> The payment reduction has been paid in advance.			
B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The annual rental payment, scheduled to be made after October 1, will be reduced.			
7. All signatories to CRP-1 are required to sign, unless the payment reduction is paid in advance. If the payment reduction is paid in advance, only the participant making the request is required to sign.			
A. OPERATOR SIGNATURE /s/ James Brown	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 10-09-2007	C. PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
B. OWNER SIGNATURE /s/ Betty Smith	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 10-10-2007	D. PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
E. COC SIGNATURE /s/ COC Representative	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) 10-12-2007		
NOTE: <small>The authority for collecting the following information is Pub. L. 107-171. This authority allows for the collection of information without prior OMB approval mandated by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</small>			
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