

For: State and County Offices

CRP State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Conservation Payments

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Following rollover for CRP SAFE in FY09, eligibility information was not available for CRP-1 approvals or cost-share, SIP, and PIP payments. Notice CRP-613 suspended cost-share payments, SIP, and PIP's until the subsidiary file was updated.

SIP and PIP payments may now be issued in FY09 based on FY08 eligibility. A reconciliation process will be completed after AGI, payment limitation, and direct attribution requirements are provided to determine any adjustments to payments as a result of using the FY08 eligibility determinations. Notice CRP-623 provided authority for approving CRP contracts in FY09. Notice CRP-624 provided guidance on other CRP payments.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- guidance on issuing annual SAFE payments through the online Conservation Payments software

Note: The payment user guide can be found on the CEPD State and County website at <http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepdsto.htm> number 28.

- authority to issue CRP SAFE cost-share, SIP and PIP payments for contracts approved before October 1, 2008, for producers who sign and agree to the provisions of CRP-1P Addendum (see Notice CRP-624)
- authority to provide CRP SAFE cost-share, SIP and PIP payments for CRP-1's approved on or after October 1, 2008, for producers who sign and agree to the provisions of CRP-1N Addendum and CRP-1P Addendum
- policy about CRP SAFE producer certification for reconciliation of CRP payments.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Policy

A SAFE Policy

For producers with signed CRP-1's that were approved **before** October 1, 2008, COC may approve CRP-1P Addendum and issue payment for CRP SAFE cost-share, SIP, and PIP provided that all:

- signatories on CRP-1 sign CRP-1P Addendum
- other payment and eligibility requirements are met.

For producers with signed CRP-1's that were approved **on or after** October 1, 2008, COC may approve CRP-1N Addendum and CRP-1P Addendum and issue CRP SAFE cost-share, SIP, and PIP payments provided that all:

- signatories on CRP-1 sign CRP-1N Addendum and CRP-1P Addendum
- other payment and eligibility requirements are met.

B Notifying Producers

All producers with approved CRP-1's must be notified that CRP-1P Addendum must be signed by each signatory on the CRP-1 before CRP cost-share, SIP, and PIP payments may be processed.

3 Making Payments

A Annual Payments

Annual SAFE rental payments for program year 2008 are not affected by this notice.

B Software Modification

The CRES software has been modified and broadcasted to read the FY08 eligibility flags for CRP SAFE cost-share.

County Offices shall make these cost-share payments according to 2-CONSV.

4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices understand the provisions of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- notify affected producers of the provisions of this notice
- issue CRP cost-share, SIP, and PIP payments according to the provisions of this notice.