

Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA

§ 1439.332

CCC throughout the PRP contract period as needed to insure that the purposes of the contract are met;

(d) Comply with noxious weed laws of the applicable State or local jurisdiction on such land;

(e) Control, subject to the contract, all weeds, insects, pests and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure that the establishment and maintenance of the approved forage crop is adequately protected, as determined by CCC;

(f) Not harvest the re-seeded cover crop at any time during the contract period; and,

(g) Be jointly and severally responsible with other persons qualifying for payments under this program on the same land for compliance with such contract and the provisions of this part and for any refunds, payment adjustments, or liquidated damages that may be required for violations of any of the terms and conditions of the PRP contract.

§ 1439.321 Obligations of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Subject to the availability of funds, CCC shall:

(a) Upon establishment of the required forage crop, and provided all other eligibility criteria have been met, make PRP payments to participants in accordance with the provisions of this part; and

(b) Provide such technical assistance as it determines necessary to assist the participant in carrying out the PRP contract.

§ 1439.322 Eligible practices.

Eligible practices are those practices specified in the contract that meet all quantity and quality standards needed to cost-effectively:

(a) Reestablish the approved forage crop, as determined by the Deputy Administrator, on acreage subject to the contract, including reseeded;

(b) Meet environmental laws and regulations, as applicable, for the contract period; and

(c) Accomplish other purposes of the program as determined by the Deputy Administrator.

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§ 1439.330 Signup.

Only applications for contracts submitted during designated signup periods as announced by CCC will be approved.

§ 1439.331 Applications for PRP contracts.

Applicants may submit applications to participate in the PRP subject to § 1439.330 of this part. Applications may be automatically accepted upon certification by the applicant that:

(a) The land meets the eligibility requirements of § 1439.305; and

(b) The applicant meets the eligibility requirements of § 1439.304; and

(c) The applicant certifies that the pasture land to be enrolled in the PRP was damaged or destroyed by drought or related conditions in calendar year 1999 so that seeding is required to reestablish the qualifying forage crop.

§ 1439.332 PRP contract.

(a) In order to enroll land in the PRP, the participant must enter into a contract with CCC.

(b) The PRP contract will be comprised of:

(1) The terms and conditions for participation in the PRP; and

(2) Any other materials or agreements determined necessary by CCC.

(c) In order to enter into a PRP contract, the applicant must submit an application to participate at the local FSA office in the USDA service center.

(d) The PRP contract must, within the dates established by CCC, be signed by the applicant.

(e) The Deputy Administrator is authorized to approve PRP contracts on behalf of CCC.

(f) As determined by CCC, PRP contracts may be terminated before the expiration date when:

(1) The owner loses control of, or transfers, all or part of the acreage under contract and the new owner does not wish to continue the contract;

(2) The participant(s) voluntarily request in writing to terminate the contract and obtains the approval of CCC subject to such conditions on approval as may be imposed by CCC;