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CONTINUOUS CRP

Additional Eligibility Guidance for Re-enrolling CRP Acres into
Either Practice CP-23 or CP-23A

Distributed with this Note are two additional eligibility worksheets for use when landowners are offering to enroll expiring CRP land with existing vegetation into practices CP-23 and CP-23A.

FSA staff are responsible to identify that the expiring acres are eligible to be offered for the CP23/CP23A practices.

NRCS staff are responsible to:

- Determine the extent of eligible acres and associated buffer acres, if appropriate;
- Determine if the acres offered meet NRCS practice standard 657. There is no CRP programmatic minimum or maximum level of restoration required for these practices. If NRCS determines that: 1) the existing vegetation is acceptable, and; 2) the landowner desires no additional restoration, then no additional restoration or change in vegetation is required. When a site's hydrology can be restored to some additional level, field staff can present that alternative to the landowner.

For NRCS, these are site specific determinations. Landowners should be informed of their opportunities for re-enrolling expiring CRP into these practices. Landowners should not be informed that expiring CRP contracts with hydric soil acres can automatically be re-enrolled into these practices without restoring hydrology or seeding hydrophytes, unless an on-site investigation by NRCS determines that the requirements of practice standard 657 are met.

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