

## **CRP NOTE #93**

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This note transmits a worksheet to be used when a wetland restoration component of practice CP-23 has been completed on a CRP contract under conditions of the January 27, 1999 Memorandum of Understanding among NRCS, USFWS, and MWA (Minnesota Waterfowl Association). The MOU pertains to certain CP-23s completed for the 18<sup>th</sup> CRP sign-up only. More specifically, the MOU provides for a financial contribution from MWA, intended to offset or completely cover landowner wetland restoration costs associated with eligible CP-23s, that is in addition to the cost-share and incentive payment already available from USDA for this practice.

For each project, the District Conservationist will certify work completed to NRCS standards. In those instances where FWS technical assistance extends to contractor selection and construction oversight, FWS representatives will also certify work performance as specified by the MOU.

NRCS representatives should continue to utilize established procedures for processing the USDA cost share and incentive payment portions of affected CP-23s. The MWA requires the described documentation in order to expend its funds for identified projects. For accounting purposes, the FWS will compile information from completed worksheets and forward appropriate documentation to the MWA. The MWA will then make payment of its funding portion directly to the contractor.

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