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SUBJECT: SPA–Food Security Act Compliance Reviews

Action required by field offices (FOs): November 1, 2013
November 15, 2013

Purpose. To inform FOs of fiscal year (FY) 2013 Food Security Act (FSA) compliance reviews to be completed

Expiration Date. September 30, 2014

Compliance reviews are conducted to ensure that farms receiving commodity payments are implementing and/or maintaining conservation practices. Status reviews are conducted on highly erodible (HEL) and wetlands (WET) designated farm tracts.

The status reviews require an inspection of the tracts to identify if conservation systems have been implemented, and if they are being maintained, currently being implemented, no longer needed due to a change in the land use, or not participating in those U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefit programs that fall under the provisions of 16 U.S. Code Section 3801 et seq.

Compliance reviews must be completed by November 1, 2013, and data must be entered in the database by November 15, 2013.

The FSA Compliance Review database is accessible from the Web site <https://csr.sc.egov.usda.gov/Default.aspx> and will be used to track and record compliance reviews.

NOTE: Ensure that “replacement” tracts are done correctly. The replacement tract number must be entered into the correct box of the tract it is replacing. A user manual is available under the “Help” tab of the database.

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A spreadsheet containing the five percent farm loan recipients has not been received yet from national headquarters but will be emailed to the assistant state conservationists for field operations (ASTCs-FO) by the state office Programs Staff once it is received. Enter only one tract for a loan recipient **IF** the tract has either HEL or WET conditions on cropland, otherwise; all tracts will be entered. Do not add tracts for a different loan recipient if the original loan recipient tracts are invalid.

ASTCs-FO will also be receiving a list of USDA employees to be reviewed. Enter five percent of the employee's tracts (for those that have few tracts, at least one will be reviewed). Reviews are only to be completed on employees who receive government payments and have land subject to HEL or WET compliance. Do NOT add tracts for an employee if a review does not need to be completed.

Contact: Please forward feedback and questions, through the established channels, to Gaye L. Benfer, ASTC for Programs, at 785-823-4569 or gaye.benfer@ks.usda.gov.

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