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SUBJECT: LTP–Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program–Eligible Practices List

Purpose: To distribute Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Kansas Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) eligible practices list and other pertinent information

Expiration Date: September 30, 2013

Eligible Practices

The attached list is to be referenced when scheduling conservation practices for WHIP FY 2012.

New eligible practice

- Conservation Practice 315, Herbaceous Weed Control
 - This replaces Conservation Practice 595, Pest Management

Changed eligible practice

- Conservation Practice 512, Pasture and Hay Planting has been renamed Forage and Biomass Planting

Deleted eligible practices

- Conservation Practice 322, Channel Bank Vegetation
- Conservation Practice 595, Pest Management
- Conservation Practice 580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection

Payment Schedule

A new Kansas payment schedule will be utilized for administering FY 2012 WHIP. The state office (SO) will be responsible for posting the payment schedule on the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) under Section I—Cost Data. Area offices will be notified when the WHIP payment schedule data has been entered into the Programs Contracting System (ProTracts) and Customer Service Toolkit (CST). This new schedule will include the regionalized conservation practices that are relevant to the program.

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DIST: A, F, S, Tonya Jenkins (Acting Budget Officer), Franklin, Burr, Newton

Ranking Categories:

The ranking categories for FY 2012 for each administrative area are:

- Upland Game Birds
- Upland Game Birds—Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BF/R)
- Upland Game Birds—Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher (LRF/R)
- Upland Game Birds—Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (SDF/R)

NOTE: BF/R, LRF/R, or SDF/R may apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern or the ranking category specifically for their historically underserved group but not both.

Payment Limitations

A \$3,500 payment limitation has been set for Conservation Practice 378, Pond, and all supporting Conservation Practices (521B, Pond Sealing and Lining, Soil Dispersant; 521C, Pond Sealing and Lining Bentonite Sealant; and 521D, Pond Sealing and Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment). Any combination of the aforementioned conservation practices will be limited to \$3,500 per contract. Supervisory district conservationists are responsible for ensuring that this limitation is correctly entered in the ProTracts contract item number.

Program Practice Narratives

Field offices should continue to use the program specific narratives in the CST. If an application is not selected for funding, the CST conservation plan will need to be updated with non-program type narratives.

Contact. Please forward questions and concerns through established channels to Joni' Y. Franklin, Resource Conservationist, at (785) 823-4556 or ioni.franklin@ks.usda.gov.

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Attachment