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SUBJECT: LTP—Grassland Reserve Program—Schedule of Deadlines

Action required by field offices: January 25, 2012

Purpose: To announce the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) schedule of event deadlines

Expiration Date: September 30, 2013

The GRP notice of fund availability allows program applications to be accepted continuously throughout the year. Application evaluation periods will be used to accumulate applications for subsequent ranking.

One application evaluation period is currently planned for FY 2012.

FY 2012 GRP APPLICATION EVALUATION PERIOD

January 25	All GRP easement applications are to be entered in the Conservation Programs Geographic Information System Interface (CPGI) tool
January 30	Microsoft Office Access county GRP databases (generated by CPGI) pulled electronically by state office (SO)—no action required by field offices (FO)
February 3	Tentative funding decisions concurred upon by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist and reported to service centers
February 10	Application packets for all new easement and tentatively approved applications due to the SO (see attached application checklist)
February/March	SO Easement Programs Team conducts field checks to ground truth tentatively approved applications

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- March 2 GRP Management Plans for tentatively approved applications due
- March 12 FSA State Executive Director and NRCS State Conservationist make final funding decisions
- March 14 SO sends approved applicants a financial offer
- March 31 FSA and NRCS obligate GRP funds

If action has not already been taken, FSA county offices and NRCS FOs need to announce the FY 2012 GRP application period. Outreach efforts need to ensure that all potential program participants, including underserved, are made aware of the program.

FOs will forward application packets on tentatively approved applications through appropriate channels to Steven M. Ramsey, Economist, 760 South Broadway, Salina, Kansas 67401, no later than February 10, 2012.

Please share this information with your FSA counterpart.

Contact: Please forward feedback and questions to Jeffrey L. Gross, Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources, at 785-823-4550, or Steve M. Ramsey, Economist, at 785-823-4517.

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Attachment