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SUBJECT: LTP – Conservation Stewardship Program
Establishing and Updating Farm Records

TO: State Conservationists
Directors, Caribbean and Pacific Islands Areas

File Code: 300

Recent discussions with Agency heads have confirmed that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will establish and maintain farm records when required for programs administered by NRCS, including the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). This has been communicated to FSA employees through FSA Notice CM-652 Farms Records and Conservation Stewardship Program issued August 10, 2009. A copy of this notice is attached for your information.

NRCS employees will notify CSP applicants of the need to establish or update their USDA farm records at the local FSA office. Completed forms must be provided to FSA in a timely manner so that the farm records and eligibility files may be entered into the FSA system between September 21, 2009 and November 1, 2009.

Additionally, all applicants must file form CCC-926, Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification after October 1, 2009, to establish their fiscal year (FY) 2010 eligibility. It is critical that our employees and CSP applicants understand that the FY 2009 AGI certification will not be rolled over.

Refer your questions to the Branch Chief, Stewardship Programs Branch, at (202) 720-3524.

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Attachment

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For: State and County Offices

Farm Records and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

1 Constituting Farms That Participate in CSP

A Background

A continuous signup for a new CSP, available through NRCS, begins August 10, 2009, with the first ranking cutoff date on September 30, 2009. To be eligible for CSP, the applicant must:

- be the operator of a 2010 farm according to FSA records
- have documented control of the land for the term of the proposed contract
- be in compliance with HEL and WC provisions by filing AD-1026 for 2010
- be in compliance with AGI provisions by filing CCC-926 for 2010.

Land eligible for CSP includes, but is not limited to cropland, pasture, rangeland, and nonindustrial private forest land. In some instances, the offered land may **not** be currently associated with a farm. Therefore, a farm must be established.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that upon completing farm records rollover on September 21, 2009, and before November 1, 2009, that 2010:

- farms enrolling in CSP are properly constituted according to 3-CM
- farms are established, if applicable
- farm maps are provided to operator
- subsidiary records are updated for AD-1026 and AGI.

C Contact

State Office specialists with questions about this notice shall contact Ginny Haynes, PECD, by either of the following:

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Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices