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SUBJECT: LTP - NRCS Assistance on Re-enrollment of Continuous CRP Filter Strips

Purpose. Distribute guidance on assistance needed for Re-enrollment of expiring Continuous CRP contracts that include filter strips.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2007

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has informed NRCS that expiring contracts for Filter Strips (CP-21) under the Continuous CRP will be eligible for re-enrollment. Washington NRCS field office staff will provide assistance to the local FSA offices and CCRP participants for stand evaluation and conservation plan development for these contracts.

Stand evaluation will follow our existing procedures and use of the 1 plant/sq. ft. plant density requirement. A new conservation plan will also be developed following existing NRCS policy for CRP plans. Conservation plans for contracts that expire this year must be in place by 9/30/07. The plan may include cover establishment if the existing stand is determined to be not adequate. FSA policy on filter strip width has changed since these older contracts were enrolled. FSA has determined that they will allow producers to re-enroll the same original acres if they choose, even if this is a wider strip than would be allowed under current policy.

Below are estimates of the number of contracts expiring 9/30/07, by county:

County	Contracts	County	Contracts
Adams	62	Benton	2
Franklin	42	Garfield	9
Grant	4	Lincoln	2
Walla Walla	0	Whitman	18

If you have any questions, please contact your Area Program Liaison.

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