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SUBJECT: LTP - Conservation Security Program

Purpose. To transmit extension of time to update FSA records, and provide the steps to access the Conservation Measurement Tool

Expiration Date. December 31, 2009

To be eligible to enroll a farm and tract in CSP, the applicant must be listed as the operator of record. Applicants who are listed in Farm Service Agency records as "Other Producers Associated with Farm" are not considered as the operator of record for that farm. The attached waiver by NRCS Chief White grants an extension of time for CSP applicants to update their farm records at the local FSA office, through October 30, 2009.

The September 30, 2009 signup cutoff date remains the same, and all applications received by close of business on September 30th must be entered in ProTracts by close of business on September 30th, to be considered for funding during this signup. However, any applicants that need farm records established or updated at the FSA have additional time to ensure that the updates are completed at the local FSA office by October 30, 2009.

The Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT) has been released for use in the ProTracts production site. See the two training documents posted to the ProTracts Training Materials on September 17, 2009. Before the CMT can be accessed for an application, the following must be entered for the application:

- Fund Code selected
- Legal Description entered: this includes the Land Use, Estimated Acres, Farm Numbers, and Tract Numbers
- Land Ownership and Control
- Application status set to "Eligible" by the District Conservationist

The Eligible status refers to program eligibility as per the definition in CPM 512.26. The Chief has given the go-ahead to set the status to Eligible so that we may proceed with ranking the CSP applications through the Conservation Measurement Tool. Once the above items are updated for an application, the CMT option in the application will be available to develop the Conservation Performance Ranking Score.

If you have any questions, contact Chad Dunnahoo, or your Area Program Liaison.

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Attachment