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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 300-12-02

SUBJECT: LTP - 2012 GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (GRP) BATCHING DATE

TO: All Employees

Purpose. To advise all employees of the 2012 GRP Batching Date and ranking tool.

Expiration Date. 9/30/2012

The 2012 GRP batching date is February 3, 2012. Designated Conservationists must rank all applications using the attached ranking tool by February 10, 2012. **Ranking sheet includes information about GARCS and payments, and must be signed by applicants.** Electronic copies of the ranking tools should be forwarded to Seth Fiedler at the state office by February 10, 2012.

In order to be considered:

1. Applications **must** be submitted on the attached AD-1153, supported by
2. A complete, signed land owner ranking sheet
3. Up to date FSA land owner eligibility information (AGI and HEL),
4. be accompanied by copies of all deeds and
5. include a map and a legal description showing boundaries of **offered acres and the entire operation** (if the offered acres do not encompass the entire operation).

All materials must be included, or applications may be deferred until the next batching period.

Offered acres can not include state or federal lands, and may include all or some of the private or tribal lands in an operation. By USDA policy, applications can be accepted by either NRCS or FSA. Please work closely with your local FSA office to ensure that NRCS remains aware of FSA applications received.

State office will review field office scorings, and inform field offices of highest ranked applications. Responses will be verified to ensure fairness, and prior to ordering appraisals and hazardous materials records searches. Questions or comments may be directed to Seth Fiedler (505) 761-4416 or Norman Vigil (505) 761-4445.

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STEVE KADAS
Acting State Conservationist

Attachments:

AD-1153

GRP Ranking FY12