



CRP Update

- Agricultural Act of 2014 reduces CRP acres from 32 million to 24 million by 2018.
 - Current Enrollment – 23,856,997 acres (up over 500,000) since December 2015
 - 2 Million Acres – Grasslands
 - Nebraska Enrollment
 - 2007 – 1,341,250 acres
 - Today – 782,171 acres
 - Reduced CRP – 559,079 acres
 - 2016 Expirations – 62,949 acres

2014 Farm Bill

- Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill)
- Enacted February 7, 2014
- Reauthorized the CRP through FY2018



2014 Farm Bill

Repealed Grasslands Reserve Program

Added CRP Grasslands eligibility into
CRP

Updated Cropping History 2008-2013



Nebraska CRP Signup Results

Signup	Number Offers	Number Accepted	Acres Offered	Acres Accepted
General CRP Signup 49	1599	288	88,381	25,224
CRP Grasslands Signup 200	750	121	150,140	31,089
Continuous CRP Signup 48				20,262
Total				76,575

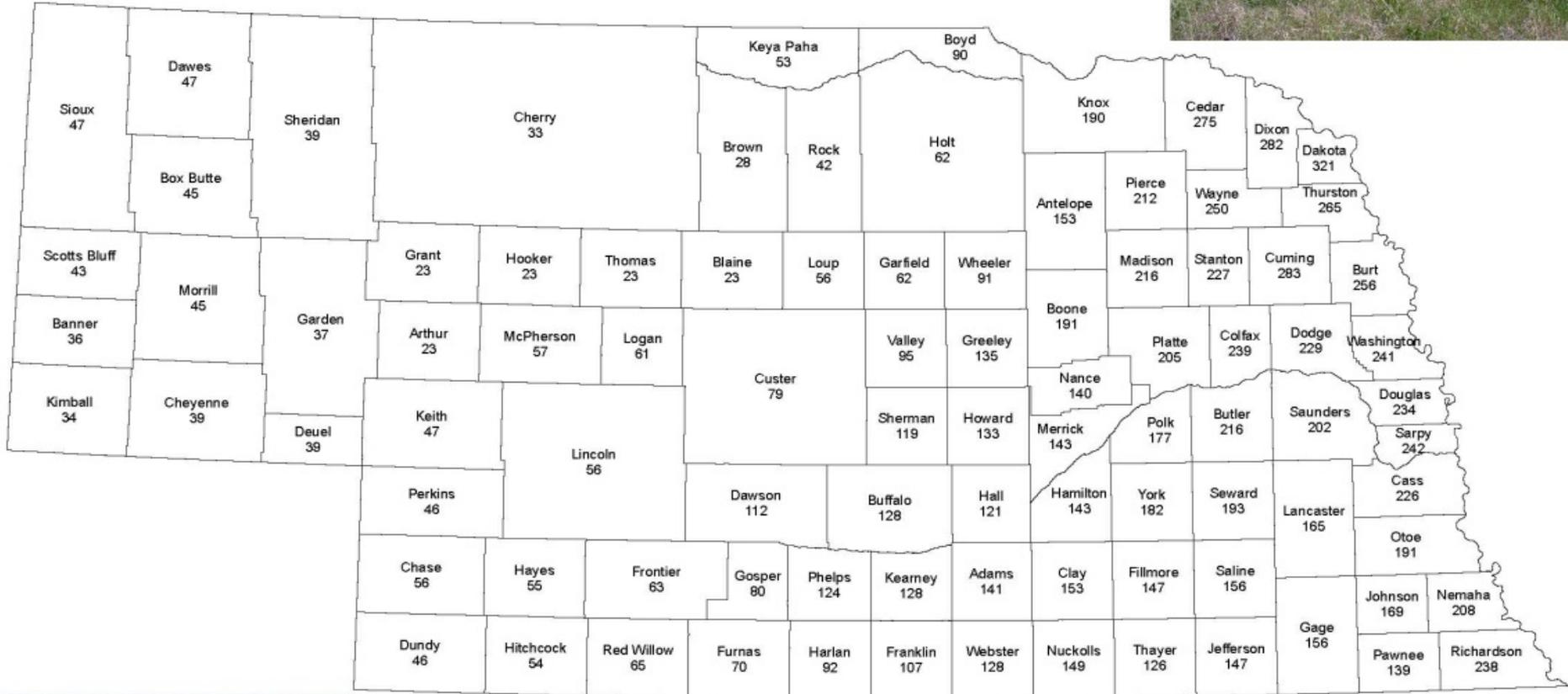


CRP Signups

- General CRP Signup 49 – December 1, 2015 through February 26, 2016
- CRP Grassland Signup 200 – September 1, 2015 – Ranking Cutoff November 20, 2015
- CRP Continuous Signup 48 – October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

CRP Average Soil Rental Rates

Nebraska FSA



United States Department of Agriculture - Farm Service Agency



CRP Grassland Provisions



CRP Grasslands – Notice CRP-792

Created by 2014 Farm Bill

Limit – up to 2 Million Acres

Replaces Rental Portion of GRP
(Easements – ACEP – NRCS)

Continuous Signup with Batching
periods

Differences from the General CRP

No cropping history requirements

Haying and/or grazing or harvesting
for seed production is allowed
subject to the CPO.

Exception CP42 portion of offer

Is a production based program.

Will pay for fencing and livestock
water development.

Changes from GRP

Only land with existing grass cover is eligible.

CRP will not pay for grassland planting/improvements.

CRP will not pay as much for livestock watering developments, pipelines, and water facilities.

Eligible Land

Eligible land means land on a tract or a portion of a tract that contains forbs or shrub land, including improved rangeland and pastureland for which grazing is the predominant use, **which can include land that:**

- is located in an area historically dominated by grasslands
- could provide habitat for animal and plant populations of significant ecological value if the land is retained in its current use or restored to a natural condition
- is expiring CRP without tree practices; **or**
- is expiring GRP.

Eligible land must have a grass cover.

Ineligible Land

- Forestland
- Woodland
 - Exception: if forested pasture has less than 5% tree canopy interspersed
- Land under a EQIP or CSP Lifespan
- Land under easement that protects the land from conversion.

Grassland Practices

CP87 Permanent Introduced
Grasses and Legumes

CP88 Permanent Native Grasses
and Legumes

CP42 Pollinator Habitat
associated with CP87 and/or
CP88

CRP Grasslands Practices CP87 & CP88

Grassland practices will allow for common grazing practices including maintenance and necessary cultural practices, on the land in a manner that is consistent with maintaining the viability of grassland, forb, and shrub species appropriate to that locality (Except CP42 acreage)

Grassland practices CP87 & CP88 (Continued)

Haying, mowing, or harvesting for seed production, subject to appropriate restrictions during the nesting season (Except CP42 acreage)

Maintaining existing vegetative cover of introduced grasses or legumes on eligible grassland

Suitable to be hayed or grazed

Grassland practices CP87 & CP88 (Continued)

- Fire pre-suppression, fire-related rehabilitation, and construction of fire breaks.

- Grazing-related activities, such as fencing and livestock watering (Except CP42 acreage)

Grassland practices CP87 & CP88 (Continued)

Cost-share eligibility

Promote common grazing activities.

Prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring.

Be included and required in conservation plan.

Maintained for life of CRP-1 (14 -15 years).

Prevent breaking of native sod.

CP42 – Pollinator Habitat

CP42 – Pollinator Habitat :

Is NOT a stand alone practice in most cases.

Will be combined with CP87 or CP88.

Refer to 2-CRP Exhibit 11 - CP42 practice specifications.

Mid-contract management will be required for CP42 portion of contract acreage.

CP42 – Pollinator Habitat

This practice will be used by producers that agree to plant/maintain approved covers to receive F6 points.

Will not allow haying, grazing, or seed harvest

Must be fenced if CP-87 or CP88 practice is grazed in same field
– fence is cost-shareable

Contract Duration and Program Year

The CRP-1 Period is 14 to 15 years
Effective date will be the start of the
month after COC approval or
deferred up to 6 months.

Program Year - Fiscal Year in which
first payment is earned.

Signup Number 200

Cost-share Policy - authorized

Seed bed prep/Seed/herbicide/
insecticide/minerals and
pesticides –CP42 only.

Permanent fence (internal and
boundary).

Ponds/wells/spring developments/
pipelines and water facilities.



Cost-share Policy - NOT Authorized

Corrals

Feedlots

Ornamental fences

Holding pens

Cattle guards

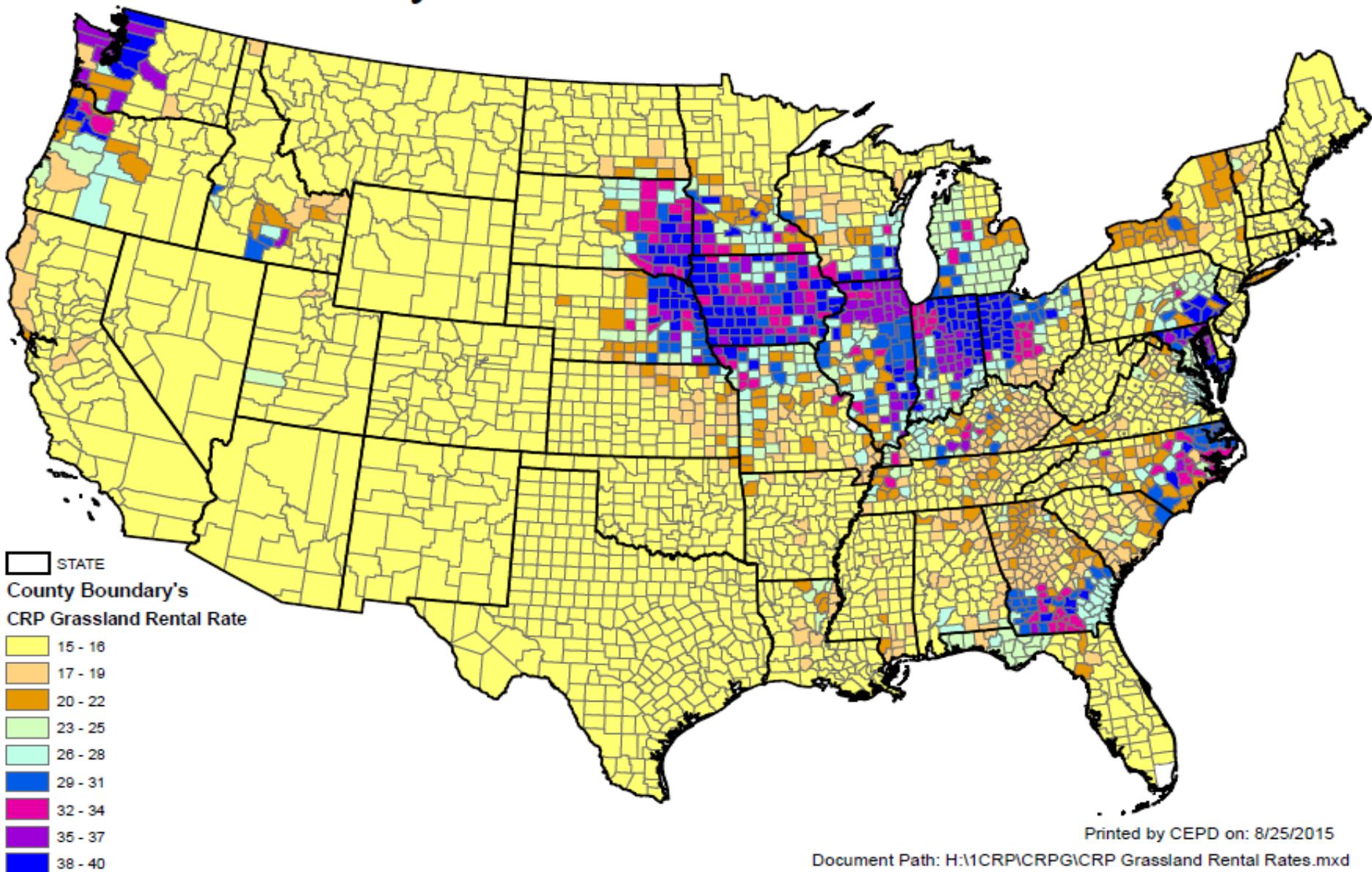
CRP Grasslands Rental Rates

Reflect the market rental value for land suitable for CRP grasslands.

Rates are 75% of NASS 2014 pasture cash rent estimate and bounded by a minimum of \$15.00 and maximum of \$40.00.

Soil Map Unit Symbol **CRPGRR**

County CRP Grassland Rental Rates



CRP Grasslands

Continuous Signup began on
September 1, 2015.

First Ranking Cutoff was
November 20, 2015.

Competitive Bid Process –
Ranking Factors.



Accepted CRP Grassland Offers

- All accepted offers had one or both of the following:
 - CP42, Pollinator Habitat
 - Wildlife Friendly Conservation Plan of Operations
- CPO's need to be developed by September 9, 2016



State Technical Committee Consultation

CRP Management Activities:

- Notice CRP-805 requires State Office Review of CRP Management for ALL CRP practices.
- Current Missing Practices:
 - CRP Tree Practices
 - CP 8A, Grass Waterways



CP8A Management Activities

Optional Treatments will become required:

- Prescribed Burning
- Incidental Grazing with Crop Residue subject to 25 percent payment reduction.
- No haying permitted
- Other options and ideas? Dormant Interseeding??



CRP Tree Practice Management Activities

Available CRP Tree Practices:

- CP3/3A Tree Planting/Hardwood Tree Planting
- CP5A Field Windbreak Establishment
- CP11 Trees Already Established
- CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment
- CP22 Riparian Buffer
- CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat (Woodlands)
- CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands



CRP Tree Practice Management Activities

Available Optional Management Activities that will become required:

- FOTG 666, Forest Stand Improvement
- FOTG 660, Tree and Shrub Pruning
- FOTG 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment (Understory Planting)
- FOTG 647, Early Successional Habitat Development/Management
- FOTG 338, Prescribed Burning
- Other Options? Treatment of the Grass Strip between tree rows with spraying, interseeding or tillage etc.?



30 Year Anniversary of CRP

- December 23, 1985 with signing of Food Security Act of 1985
- Birthday Party??