State Technical Committee
June Updates
General CRP Signup 58

Signup period: January 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2022 – March 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2022

NE Acres Offered: 67,209
Number of Offers: 989

Total Acres Accepted: 58,936
Total Number Offers Accepted: 857
  \begin{itemize}
    \item 87\% acceptance rate
  \end{itemize}

Contracts will be effective 10/1/2022
Grassland CRP Signup 204

Signup period: April 4th, 2022 – May 13th, 2022

NE Acres Offered: 633,169
Number of Offers: 1,658

Total Acres Accepted: to be announced
Total Number Offers Accepted: to be announced

Contracts will be effective 10/1/2022
Continuous CRP Signup 57

Signup period: ongoing. Re-enrollment offers must be submitted by August 5th

Effective date: month following approval, unless deferred. Re-enrollments effective date will be 10/1/2022

• Crop must be harvested by effective start date
### Nebraska Current Continuous Numbers

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Voluntary Termination of CRP Contracts

Announced on May 26th, that due to crisis in Ukraine, USDA will send letters to participants with CRP contracts expiring 9/30/2022 that will offer voluntary termination of the contract

- Full or partial terminations allowed
- Full annual rental payment will still be issued in the fall
Voluntary Termination of CRP Contracts

Land Prep cannot begin until after the Primary Nesting Season (May 1- July 15)

Early termination – refunds waived, and no liquidated damages would apply

- Letters will not go to those participants with:
  - Accepted General SU58 offers
  - A grassland offer
  - An approved continuous CRP offer
SAFE Partners

Eric Zach with Nebraska Games and Parks will provide you changes/recommendations on:
  • Upland Wildlife SAFE

Andy Bishop with Rainwater Basin Joint Venture will provide you changes/recommendations on:
  • Migratory Bird SAFE
What is ECP?

ECP is a cost share program that provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters.

ECP does not compensate participants for damage to non-farmland or buildings, but does assist with restoring the productive agricultural capacity to damaged land.
Emergency Conservation Program Updates

• 1-ECP (Rev.7) was published September 16, 2021

• Updated guidance and procedure for implementing ECP payment scenarios

• Policy recommends reviewing ECP payment scenarios and descriptions of ECP practices with State Technical Committee
  • Any suggested changes may be submitted to the national program manager for review and consideration
ECP Practices

EC1 – Removing Debris From Farmland

EC2 – Grading, Shaping, Releveling, or Similar Measures

EC3 – Replacing or Repairing Permanent Fences

EC4 – Restoring Conservation Structures and Other Installations

EC6 – Drought Emergency Measures

EC7 – Other Emergency Conservation Measures

EC8 – Field Windbreaks and Farmstead Shelterbelts Emergency Measures
Why Payment Scenarios?

• Streamlined and straight-forward program implementation

• Reduced opportunity for improper payments

• **SIGNIFICANT** reduction in COF workload

• Improved timeliness of payment processing

• Consistency in payment rates across agencies, states, counties
What’s My Region?
Review of Payment Scenarios and Descriptions
EC1 Debris Removal – Technical Code 500

Available scenarios include:

• Removal of Trees less than 6 Inches in Diameter
• Removal of Trees greater than 6 Inches in Diameter
• Removal and Disposal of Fence
• Removal and Disposal of Rock or Boulders Heavy Concentrated Debris – Requires Heavy Equipment to Move
• Light Scattered Debris – Can Be Picked Up By Hand or With Small Equipment
• Sand Debris Removed Off Site 12-30 Inches
• Sand Debris Removed Off Site greater than 30 Inches
EC3 Replacing or Repairing Permanent Fences – NRCS Technical Code 382

Repairs or replaces damage to fences caused by natural damage. Fencing must meet NRCS standards and specifications to be approved for cost share.

Available scenarios include:
• Multi Strand Barbed/ Smooth Wire
• Multi Strand Barbed or Smooth Wire Difficult Terrain
• Woven Wire
• Electric
Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario: #1 - Removal and Disposal of Brush and Trees < 6 inch Diameter

Scenario Description:
Remove and disposal of brush and trees < 6 inches in diameter by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all brush and trees so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all brush and trees by removal to an approved landfill, wood chipping and or land distribution, or recycling center, burial at an approved location or burning. If burning is used, implement appropriate smoke management to protect public health and safety. Remove and dispose of brush and trees in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Brush and tree removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:
On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:
The typical area will be a 2.0 acre impaired area. The removal of brush and trees < 6 inch diameter will be performed with the use of equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all brush and trees from the obstruction removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape.

Feature Measure: Land Area

Scenario Unit: Acres

Scenario Typical Size: 2.0

Scenario Total Cost: $2,205.54

Scenario Cost/Unit: $1,102.77

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<td>&lt;12&quot;, Ag Equipment &lt;150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers</td>
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Scenario: #1 - Multi Strand Barbed/Smooth Wire

Scenario Description:
Multi-strand, Barbed or Smooth Wire - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Constructed using fencing materials rather than a pre-manufactured gate.

Before Situation:
On grazing lands health and vigor are negatively impacted by poor grazing distribution, timing of grazing and inadequate rest and recovery periods. Water quality is impacted by increased erosion and runoff, cattle access to water bodies is uncontrolled. Reduced vegetative cover increases the opportunity for encroachment of noxious and invasive weeds.

After Situation:
Installation of fence will allow for implementation of grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Fence includes posts, wire, fasteners, gates, etc... Four strand wire is commonly installed. Fence will be installed with wildlife friendly considerations.

Feature Measure:   Length of Fence

Scenario Unit:: Feet

Scenario Typical Size: 1320

Total Scenario Cost:    $2,885.76

Cost Per Unit:    $2.19
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Current Counties Approved for ECP

Gosper – 4/7/22 Wildfire
Furnas – 4/7/22 and 4/22/22 Wildfires
Frontier – 4/22/22 Wildfire
Red Willow – 4/22/22 Wildfire
Perkins – 4/22/22 Wildfire
Thurston – 3/30/22 and 4/23/22 Wildfires