State Technical Committee
September Activities & Updates
Grassland Priority Zones

Notice CRP-980, provided States the opportunity to establish new or modify existing Grassland Priority Zones for FY2023 Grassland CRP Signup

Grassland CRP zones in addition to the State CRP Wildlife Zones are used in the Grassland CRP ranking factors.

Grassland Priority Zones are limited to 25% of the total acres of hay, pasture, and rangeland in the State as follows:

Total acres = 27,369,921
25 percent = 6,842,480

Deadline = October 21, 2022
Grassland Priority Zones

Some of the factors that will be identified when set up Grassland CRP State Priority Zones are as follows:

- Grazing lands subject to woody encroachment
- Grazing lands of special significance
- Tribal lands
- Historically underserved communities
- Acres where wildlife can be protected or enhanced
- Proximity to protect public grassland or native prairie preserves
2022 Proposed CRP Grassland Priority Areas

Total Grassland in Nebraska - 27,369,921 Acres
25% Limitation - 6,842,480 Acres
Grassland Priority Acres - 6,841,711 Acres
Grasslands CRP – Interim Plans

Interim Conservation Plan & Conservation Plan Addendums are allowed ONLY for Grassland Signup 204 (April 4th, 2022 – May 13th, 2022)

• NRCS Deadline to provide Complete & Return Interim Conservation Plan & Conservation Plan Addendum to FSA by September 9, 2022

• Final Conservation Plan must be completed by NRCS no later than December 16, 2022
If participant does not agree with final conservation plan:

- CRP-1 will be terminated
- No liquidated damages will apply
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
    • 87\% acceptance rate

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

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

Reenrollments effective date will be 10/1/2022

Offers with new land can be submitted anytime, effective date is the month following approval, unless deferred.

• Crop must be harvested by effective start date
Grassland CRP Signup 204

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

NE Acres Offered: 633,169
Number of Offers: 1,728

Total Acres Accepted: 417,236.5
Total Number Offers Accepted: 1201
  • 66% acceptance,

Contracts effective date = 10/1/2022
# Nebraska Current CRP Numbers

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Current Counties Approved for ECP

- Gosper: Wildfire on April 7, 2022
- Furnas: Wildfire on April 7, 2022 & April 22, 2022
- Frontier: Wildfire on April 22, 2022
- Red Willow: Wildfire on April 22, 2022
- Perkins: Wildfire on April 22, 2022
- Brown: Wildfire on April 22, 2022
- Blaine: Wildfire on April 22, 2022
- Rock: Wildfire on April 22, 2022
- Thurston: March 30, 2022, through April 23, 2022
- Scottsbluff: July 30, 2022
Emergency Conservation Program Update

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.
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