

FOR: County Offices

## Emergency Haying Due to Midwest Flooding

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### 1 Overview

#### A Background

Earlier, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced that he released CRP acres for livestock grazing in counties recently designated as Presidential Disaster Areas because of flooding. The addition of emergency haying in counties designated as a Presidential Disaster Area due to 2008 Midwest flooding has been added. The release permits **haying and grazing** in counties designated as primary and contiguous disaster areas.

#### B Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to provide procedure to FSA County Offices regarding implementation of emergency haying due to flooding in Indiana.

### 2 Procedure

#### A Counties Allowed to hay CRP Acres

The following Indiana counties that will permit emergency haying include: Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Benton, Blackford, Boone, Brown, Carroll, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Delaware, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Franklin, Gibson, Grant, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jay, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Martin, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Parke, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Union, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Wabash, Warren, Warrick, Washington, Wayne, Wells, White, and Whitley.

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## 2 Procedure (Continued)

### B Emergency Haying General Provisions

- Emergency Haying must be conducted according to the provisions of Handbook 2-CRP, Part 13, Section 2.
- Acreage eligible for emergency haying include acreage devoted to practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, and CP10.
- Emergency Haying is allowed through September 15, 2008 and all hay must be removed from the CRP acreage within 10 days of the haying end date.
- Participants shall leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields unhayed for wildlife.
- Counties are not authorized to conduct emergency haying during the primary nesting season.
- Emergency haying and any other approved type of CRP haying or grazing is not allowed on the same acreage.
- CRP participants in approved counties shall contact the local FSA County Office to file a request for emergency haying on an individual contract basis **prior** to haying.
- Participants will work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop a modified conservation plan to include haying requirements.

**NOTE:** NRCS will utilize the *IN CRP Haying Plan (July 07)* addendum to modify the participant's conservation plan for the emergency haying activity.

- Record intended use on a DF-21 form. See 2-CRP, Exhibit 32.
- The COC must deliver to each CRP Emergency Haying participant notification in writing of approval.
- CRP participants will report the number of acres hayed on a DF-25 form. See 2-CRP, Exhibit 34.
- If the CRP cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at their own expense to remain in compliance with the CRP contract.
- Participants must also accept a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually hayed.
- Haying is limited to **one** cutting.
- Participants that do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the haying privilege to an eligible livestock producer.
  - a. CRP participants who rent or lease the haying privilege to an eligible livestock producer must:
    - i. Identify the acreage to be hayed on an aerial photocopy.
    - ii. Inform FSA of the producer's name.
  - b. Eligible livestock producers who are renting or leasing eligible acreage from a CRP participant, before haying occurs, must:
    - i. Sign a statement that they will not sublease the CRP acreage.
    - ii. Receive notification of approval, in writing, from COC.