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SUBJECT: CPA – 2012 Toolkit Cost List and Guidance for Continuous Conservation Reserve Programs (CRP)

Purpose: To distribute the Toolkit Cost List and associated FOTG practices and planning guidance for Continuous Conservation Reserve Programs for 2012.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2012.

**Please share this updated information with all local partners involved in CRP.**

Attached are the following documents needed to complete the planning requirements for the Continuous Conservation Reserve Programs including the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) – including Renewals and Extensions; the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP); CRP State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE); and the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) in Indiana. These are also posted on the [IN NRCS Technology CRP SharePoint Site](#):

1. *FY12 CCRP\_CREP\_FWP\_SAFE\_FOTG\_practices.docx*
2. *CRP Maintenance Language.docx*
3. *CRP Mid-Contract Management Language.docx*
4. *CRP Joint Step By Step Process.pdf*
5. *2012\_CRP\_Cost\_List.xlsx*

Indiana NRCS and FSA have collaborated to update CRP costs for the 2012 year, **effective November 1, 2011** per *FSA Notice CRP-12-03* (attached). These rates are applicable to CCRP – including Renewals and Extensions; CREP; SAFE; FWP; and General Signup CRP.

Specific guidance for CRP re-enrollments will be issued soon in a separate bulletin. Specific guidance for General CRP will be issued at a later date if and when the need arises.

An updated NRCS Toolkit Cost List “*2012\_CRP\_Cost\_List.xlsx*” is located at F:\FOTG\Section\_I. It will need to be copied to C:\Field\_Office\_Tech\_Guide\Section\_I for use in Toolkit. The CRP Cost List is also available on the [IN NRCS Technology CRP SharePoint Site](#).

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For clarification, any CRP practice that has a payment type of 50% AM in the Toolkit Cost List will have the default (total) costs in the Cost List. These should be modified on an individual plan basis depending on the COC-approved costs.

For eligible Fence (practice code 382) expenses, or if the FSA County Committee exercises any of their authorities to modify local payments, the local NRCS Toolkit Cost List will need added to or modified to reflect the approved revised rates. For guidance, please contact the Area Resource Management Specialist (RMS) or the State Office.

**Please note the following planning changes in FY12:**

- Where 645 had been used for the establishment of wildlife habitat areas, 327 and/or 612 will be used in FY12.
  - The following CRP practices have been moved from 645 and included under 327:

| CP Practice | Practice Component  |
|-------------|---|
| CP4B        | Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors (grass component)        |
| CP4D, CP38E | Permanent Wildlife Habitat (grass component)                  |
| REX         | Vegetative Cover - Grass already established (non cost-share) |
| CP10        | Wellhead Protection Area (non cost-share)                     |

- The following CRP practices have been moved from 645 and included under 612:

| CP Practice | Practice Component  |
|-------------|---|
| CP4B        | Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors (tree component)                       |
| CP4D, CP38E | Permanent Wildlife Habitat (tree component)                                 |
| REX         | Vegetative Cover - Trees already established (non cost-share)               |
| CP32        | Expired CRP Hardwood Tree Planting on Marginal Pastureland (non cost-share) |

NOTE: For CP4B/4D practices that include a combination of grass and tree establishment, planners will schedule the grass component acres under 327 and the tree component acres under 612. This is a change from FY11 where the entire CP4B/CP4D was scheduled as 645.

- Nurse Crop/Temporary seeding moved from 412 to 340 to allow temporary seeding to be used with any CP practice where temporary cover may be necessary.
- Flat rate values have changed for 412 – Grassed Waterways. Scenarios have been expanded to reflect different costs based on top width:
  - < 35'
  - 35'-55'
  - >55'

A scenario is included for each width to select mulch; mulch + erosion control blanket (ECB); or mulch + Leno Weave ECB.

To ensure that the planning requirements for CRP plans are completed in a consistent and timely manner, follow the *CRP Joint Step By Step Process.pdf* (attached and available at the [IN NRCS Technology CRP SharePoint Site](#)) for all CCRP planning efforts with the following highlights:

NRCS must complete the following and deliver to the local FSA office for each CRP-1 received from FSA:

1. **NRCS-CPA-1155** (generated from Toolkit).
  - a. **Practices will be scheduled in Toolkit using the FOTG practice codes and narratives that correspond with the CP practices and acres that FSA provides on the CRP-2** (see the attached '*FY12 CCRP-CREP-SAFE FOTG Practices.docx*'). Toolkit users will need to reload domain data to access updated narratives.
  - b. Cost-share will be documented according to the "*2012\_CRP\_Cost\_List.xlsx*".
  - c. Mid Contract Management activities will be scheduled for non-forestry practices using the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) practice 647 (Early Successional Habitat Development/Management) according to "*FY12 CCRP-CREP-SAFE FOTG Practices.docx*"
    - i. Print and attach the '*CRP Mid Contract Management.docx*' language to the NRCS-CPA-1155 for all CRP plans requiring mid-contract management.
  - d. Print and attach the '*CRP Cover Maintenance.docx*' language to the NRCS-CPA-1155 (required for all CRP plans).
2. **CPA-52** with Sections A-P completed (Section P signed by NRCS)
3. **Practice Specifications** (*including engineering designs where applicable*) that provide the details needed to establish and maintain the practices according to the FOTG standards and CRP policy, and the options available for Mid Contract Management.
  - a. CRP and CREP-specific Program Job Sheets are available at <http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CRP/crphomepage.html>. Detailed seeding specifications will be developed using the Indiana NRCS Seeding Calculator available in the Indiana NRCS FOTG, Section IV (A).
4. **Plan Map** showing CRP practice locations.

**Signatures** of the CRP participants and Soil and Water Conservation District Board will be collected prior to delivering to FSA

Please direct all questions related to this bulletin to Shannon Zezula, State Resource Conservationist at 317-290-3200, ext. 388.

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