

For: State and County Offices

**CRP County Average Rental Rates for 2013**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

CRP SRR's for dryland cropland provide the basis for maximum payment rate calculations used to determine annual rental payments for CRP. SRR's must be established and maintained to conform to current dryland cropland rental payments.

SRR's must:

- be set at market levels to ensure that program operations do not distort local rental markets, to minimize program costs, and achieve program goals and objectives
- make CRP competitive with other programs and viable for producers.

SRR's are calculated by the National Office and consist of the following 2 components:

- county average rental rate for dryland cropland
- grouped soil productivity factor.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- announces that the National Office will provide county average cash rental rates based on NASS survey estimates
- provides policy for notifying the National Office if a County Office, with State Office concurrence, would like to propose an alternative rate.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2013	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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#### C Contact Information

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the State Office
- State Offices shall contact Jean Agapoff by either of the following:
  - e-mail at [jean.agapoff@ca.usda.gov](mailto:jean.agapoff@ca.usda.gov)
  - telephone at 530-792-5594.

### 2 Policy

#### A Average County Rental Rate for Dryland Cropland

State Offices must notify the National Office in writing according to paragraph 3 that the State Office intends to propose an alternative rental rate.

**Note:** If the State Office does not submit an intention to propose an alternative rate for a county, then SRR will be set at the NASS survey-based rental rate.

The National Office will post these rates for review by **COB Monday, February 4, 2013**, on CEPD's Sharepoint web site available at <https://fsa.sc.egov.usda.gov/states/cepd/crp/default.aspx>.

#### B Policy for Review

**Do not submit alternative rental rates or documentation at this time.** A separate notice will be issued that provides requirements and instructions for submitting alternative rental rates.

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### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice
- submit a signed memorandum by **Tuesday, February 19, 2013**, from SED to Matthew Ponish, Acting CEPD Director, which includes a list of all counties in the State that intend to submit an alternative rate for consideration
- update the spreadsheet posted on CEPD's Sharepoint web site described in subparagraph 2 A by **Tuesday, February 19, 2013**, with a "Y" in the last column for each County Office that intends to submit an alternative rate
- follow all other provisions of this notice

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- **by Tuesday, February 12, 2013**, submit a signed memorandum from CED to SED, indicating their intent to submit an alternative rental rate
- follow all other provisions of this notice