

For: State and County Offices

**CRP Pollinator Habitat (CP42) Maximum Size Limit**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

More than 30 percent of our nation’s agricultural production, including over 130 fruits and vegetables and accounting for more than \$18 billion in farm revenue, depends on insect pollination and the health and well-being of honey bees and other pollinators.

USDA conservation programs provide an opportunity to improve pollinator nutrition while restoring or enhancing habitat.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides guidance about the maximum size limit for enrollment in CP42.

**2 Policy**

**A Enrollment Limit**

Enrollment in CP42 is limited to a maximum of 100 acres per farm, effective for contracts that have not been approved by December 1, 2016.

**Notes:** Farm reconstitutions for the purpose of increasing CP42 acres are not authorized.

CP42 acres established under CREP are not subject to the 100 acre maximum.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2017 12-1-16	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Policy (Continued)

#### B Habitat Establishment Planning

Pollinators and wildlife, especially grassland dependent birds, benefit from the establishment of habitat acreage in blocks.

When established on large fields, CP42 should be used with other CRP conservation practices. In these situations, CP42 block plantings are preferred over strips. Block plantings must be at least 0.5 acre in size with at least 1 block of pollinator habitat per CRP field established.

When established on smaller acreage, strip plantings must be a minimum of 20 feet wide and the strips collectively must account for 0.5 acre or more of pollinator habitat per CRP field enrolled.

### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- provide a copy of this notice to the NRCS State Office
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- provide a copy of this notice to NRCS
- ensure that policy in this notice is followed.

#### C Contact Information

For questions about CP42, contact David Hoge by either of the following:

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