

For: State and County Offices

2013 GRP Allocations

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1 Overview

A Background

NRCS has received the 2013 GRP apportionment. Preliminary allocations are jointly being distributed to NRCS and FSA State Offices. FSA offices will continue accepting GRP applications and loading applications into the GRP software.

The primary focus is funding initiatives, easements, and all rental contracts. The 2008 Farm Bill requires 40 percent of GRP funds be used to acquire rental contracts and 60 percent be used to acquire easements on a national basis. Funding will be provided by the National Office. Application ranking should be completed no later than **June 14, 2013**.

NRCS National Headquarters will hold \$4 million of GRP easement funds to be used by NRCS to contract directly with vendors for services supporting GRP easements. These due diligence funds will be released to States through the NRCS allowance change process, can be used to complete environmental database searches, and preliminary title work.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- preliminary 2013 State GRP allocations

Note: These allocations are not final and **cannot** be used until the funds are received in the Conservation Funds Ledger System and eFunds.

- additional GRP information.

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| Disposal Date | Distribution |
| August 1, 2013 | State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices |

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2 2013 GRP Preliminary Allocations and Rental Rates

A State Allocations

GRP preliminary allocations were distributed to NRCS in their 2013 State Conservationist allocation letter. The funds have been provided for rental agreements and easements. Exhibit 1 provides the State allocations by type of agreement. **Do not obligate any of these funds until CCC-357 is received.**

Note: It is expected that funds may be reallocated based on State needs and national program objectives later in FY 2013.

B GRP Rental Rates

GRP rental rates are based on the marginal pastureland rates used for CRP. GRP has continued to receive a large amount of applications and will continue to use the current applicable rental rates in effect. Offices can access a copy of the GRP rental rates at <http://fsaintranet.dev.sc.egov.usda.gov/ffas/dafp/cepd/grp/FIGURE4GRPRentalRates.pdf>.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall use the preliminary allocation in Exhibit 1 for planning purposes and ensure that County Office's continue to use the current applicable rental rates.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall continue to use the current GRP rental rates for all GRP applications. FSA is reimbursed for time spent completing GRP activities. FSA employees shall load new GRP applications into the software up to the point where the application is ready for ranking. These applications will be used for future allocation/workload information.

Note: County Offices only need to load the producer name, acreage amount, and location for an application to be ready for ranking.

FY 2013 GRP Preliminary Allocations

| State | Rental | Easement | Total |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alabama | \$625,000 | \$0 | \$625,000 |
| Alaska | \$526,000 | \$0 | \$526,000 |
| Arizona | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Arkansas | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| California | \$0 | \$650,000 | \$650,000 |
| Colorado | \$878,451 | \$3,370,080 | \$4,248,531 |
| Connecticut | \$900 | \$0 | \$900 |
| Delaware | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Florida | \$262,500 | \$960,000 | \$1,222,500 |
| Georgia | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Hawaii-PIA | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Idaho | \$0 | \$3,285,000 | \$3,285,000 |
| Illinois | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$30,000 |
| Indiana | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Iowa | \$225,000 | \$0 | \$225,000 |
| Kansas | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Kentucky | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Louisiana | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Maryland | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Massachusetts | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Michigan | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Minnesota | \$216,000 | \$0 | \$216,000 |
| Mississippi | \$150,000 | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| Missouri | \$50,000 | \$0 | \$50,000 |
| Montana | \$0 | \$2,938,560 | \$2,938,560 |
| Nebraska | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Nevada | \$0 | \$8,174,575 | \$8,174,575 |
| New Hampshire | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| New Jersey | \$50,000 | \$0 | \$50,000 |
| New Mexico | \$1,200,000 | \$0 | \$1,200,000 |
| New York | \$350,000 | \$0 | \$350,000 |
| North Carolina | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| North Dakota | \$462,000 | \$0 | \$462,000 |
| Ohio | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | \$1,000,000 |
| Oklahoma | \$1,500,000 | \$0 | \$1,500,000 |
| Oregon | \$430,000 | \$0 | \$430,000 |
| Pennsylvania | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Rhode Island | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| South Carolina | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| South Dakota | \$2,757,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$4,257,000 |
| Tennessee | \$500,000 | \$0 | \$500,000 |
| Texas | \$2,400,000 | \$0 | \$2,400,000 |
| Utah | \$280,000 | \$5,100,000 | \$5,380,000 |
| Vermont | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Virginia | \$8,000 | \$0 | \$8,000 |
| Washington | \$1,560,000 | \$0 | \$1,560,000 |
| West Virginia | \$300,000 | \$0 | \$300,000 |
| Wisconsin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Wyoming | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total | \$15,760,851 | \$25,978,215 | \$41,739,066 |