

Farm Service Agency, USDA

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(b) A low-income farmer or rancher is one who, as determined by the county committee, is a small producer whose livelihood is largely dependent on the farm or ranch and whose prospective income and financial resources for the current year are such that the farmer or rancher could not reasonably be expected to perform needed conservation practices at levels of cost-sharing applicable to other persons in the county.

(c) In approving requests for cost-sharing the county committee shall give special consideration to requests filed by low-income farmers and ranchers.

[45 FR 49522, July 25, 1980, as amended at 47 FR 939, Jan. 8, 1982]

§ 701.20 Encumbering land.

In order to receive cost-share assistance for a conservation practice in a Salinity Control Project area, a person participating in the program shall agree, as a condition of eligibility to receive such assistance, that a recordable encumbrance may be filed by FSA with respect to the land on which the conservation practice is installed. Such encumbrance shall reflect the amount of the cost-share assistance which is received by the program participant for the practice and shall continue until such time as the established lifespan for the practice has expired. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this requirement may be waived by the county committee if such committee determines, with the concurrence of the State committee and after consultation with appropriate Federal, State and local authorities, that the land will not likely be converted to a non-agricultural use within the next five years.

[48 FR 33847, July 26, 1983]

§§ 701.21–701.22 [Reserved]

§ 701.23 Maximum cost-share limitation.

For each program year the total amount which may be received by any person under this subpart for approved practices shall not exceed \$3,500 except that (a) the total amount received for approved practices, including those

carried out under pooling agreements, shall not exceed \$10,000 and (b) the total amount received under an ACP long-term agreement (LTA) shall not exceed the annual payment limitation (\$3,500) multiplied by the number of years of the LTA.

[52 FR 19716, May 27, 1987]

§ 701.24 Completion of practices.

Cost-sharing for the practices contained in this part is conditioned upon the performance of the practice in accordance with all applicable specifications and program provisions.

§ 701.25 Time of filing payment application.

Payment of cost-shares will be made only upon application submitted on the prescribed form to the county office by a date established by the county committee. Any application for payment may be rejected if any form or information required of the applicant is not submitted to county office within the applicable time limit.

§ 701.26 Other program provisions.

Other provisions as contained in §§ 701.1 and 701.2 and in the subpart, General Provisions, apply to the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Subpart—Forestry Incentives Program

§ 701.27 Program objective.

The objective of the Forestry Incentives Program (hereinafter referred to in this subpart as the “program”) is to help assure a future supply of timber. This will be accomplished by encouraging landowners to apply forestry practices for the following:

- (a) Production of softwood and hardwood timber and other forest-resources associated therewith to increase afforestation of suitable open lands.
- (b) Reforestation of cutover and understocked forest lands.
- (c) Timber stand improvement.
- (d) Intensive multipurpose management.
- (e) Protection of forest resources.