

Farm Service Agency, USDA

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The plan will be developed in consultation with the landowner, approved by the service forester, and will contain information for accurate evaluation of practice effectiveness. The participant will be required to perform those measures in the plan which are essential to the effectiveness of the practice for which costs are shared. In the development of the plan, consideration will be given to wildlife, watershed protection, recreation, erosion control, aesthetics, and other associated forest resources values as well as cost-effective timber production.

§ 701.33 The National program.

The National program is based on recommendations developed by the Director, Conservation and Environmental Protection Division, FSA, in consultation with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service and the committee of State foresters provided for in § 701.31.

§ 701.34 Development of State programs.

(a) A State program shall be developed in each State in accordance with the provisions contained in this part and in the National program and such modifications thereof as may thereafter be made. The program shall be developed by the State forestry committee as provided in § 701.2.

(b) The program for the State shall be that recommended by the State committee and State forester and approved by the Director, Conservation and Environmental Protection Division, FSA, after consulting the U.S. Forest Service.

§ 701.35 Development of county programs.

(a) A county program shall be developed in each designated county in accordance with the provisions of the State program and such modifications thereof as may be made. The county program shall be developed by the county conservation review group. The county conservation review group, working with the governing body of the conservation district, the State forestry agency representatives, the county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, and others with con-

servation and environmental interest, shall develop recommendations for the county program.

(b) The program for the county shall be that recommended by the county committee and service forester and approved by the State committee and State forester.

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§ 701.36 Adaptation of practices.

(a) The practices included in the State program meet the conditions and requirements of the National program. National program provisions may be modified or deleted to make practices more restrictive where such changes meet the objectives of the program.

(b) The practices included in the county program must meet the conditions and requirements of the State program. State program provisions may be modified or deleted to make practices more restrictive where such changes will still result in the practices effectively meeting the objectives of the program.

§ 701.37 Levels and rates of cost-sharing.

(a) The maximum cost-share for each practice shall be the percentage of the actual cost of performing the practice considered necessary to obtain the needed performance of the practice, but which will be such that the participant will make a significant contribution to the cost of performing the practice.

(b) Levels of cost-sharing shall be approved by the State ASC committee and shall not be in excess of 65 percent of actual costs incurred by the landowners.

(c) For the purpose of establishing rates of cost-sharing, the average cost of performing a practice may be the average cost for a State, a county or a part of a county, as determined by the State committee.

(d) The rates of cost-sharing for practices included in the county program may be lower than the rates approved for general use in the State.

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