

Farm Service Agency, USDA

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upon such appropriation as the Congress may provide for such purpose; and the amounts of such cost-shares will be within the limits finally determined by such appropriation.

(b) Funds available for the Agricultural Conservation Program may be made available as needed for practices to be performed under the Naval Stores Conservation Program, in accordance with instructions issued by the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations.

§ 701.7 Eligible person.

An eligible person is a farmer or rancher who as an individual, partnership, association, corporation, estate, trust, or other business enterprise, or other legal entity (excluding districts which have taxing authority, Federal agencies, States and State agencies, but not excluding political subdivisions of a State) and, as an owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, participates in the operation of a farm or ranch.

§ 701.8 Eligible land.

(a) The program is applicable to:

- (1) Privately-owned lands;
- (2) Land owned by a State or political subdivision of a State;
- (3) Lands owned by corporations which are partly owned by the United States;
- (4) Lands temporarily owned by the United States or a corporation wholly owned by it, which were not acquired or reserved for conservation purposes, including lands administered by the Farmers Home Administration, the U.S. Department of Defense, or by any other government agency designated by the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations;
- (5) Any cropland farmed by private persons which is owned by the United States or a corporation wholly owned by it;
- (6) Indian lands, except that where grazing operations are carried out on Indian lands administered by the Department of the Interior, such lands are within the scope of the program only if covered by a written agreement approved by the Department of the Interior giving the operator an interest in the grazing and forage growing on the land and a right to occupy the land

in order to carry out the grazing operations; and

(7) Noncropland owned by the United States on which practices are performed by private persons where such practices directly conserve or benefit nearby or adjoining privately-owned lands of the persons performing the practices and such persons maintain and use such federally-owned noncropland under agreement with the Federal agency having jurisdiction thereof.

(b) The program is not applicable to:

(1) Noncropland owned by the United States which was acquired or reserved for conservation purposes, or which is to be retained permanently under Government ownership, including, but not limited to, grazing lands administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or by the Bureau of Land Management (including lands administered under the Taylor Grazing Act), or the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior, except as indicated in paragraph (a)(7) of this section.

(2) Nonprivate persons for performance of practices on any land owned by the United States or a corporation wholly owned by it.

§ 701.9 Conservation practices.

Conservation practices as specified by the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, FSA, are made available nationally under the Agricultural Conservation Program and may be included in the State and county programs. Practices shall not be primarily production oriented or have little or no conservation or pollution abatement benefits. The practices are designed to be consistent with the agricultural conservation policy stated in section 7 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, and national program policy, and are developed primarily to meet a definite need to accomplish one or more of the following:

- (a) Establish long-lasting protective cover.
- (b) Improve or sustain existing protective cover.
- (c) Conserve or safely dispose of water.
- (d) Benefit wildlife.