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SUBJECT: LTP – CRP Environmental Evaluations

Purpose: To provide interim guidance for completing CRP environmental evaluations.

Expiration date: September 30, 2004

FSA has recently distributed Amendment 2 of the 2-CRP Manual (Revision 4). This amendment contains revised instructions making NRCS responsible for completion of the FSA-850, Environmental Evaluation Checklist, as part of the conservation planning process. This policy change was not agreed to by NRCS and will soon be revised by the national office.

Working with their local FSA CED, District Conservationists have the following options to complete the required environmental evaluation portions of CRP conservation plans.

1. Continue to provide FSA the completed MN-CPA-039 form documenting environmental compliance.
2. Hold all CRP plan requests until the revised environmental evaluation process is distributed by the national office. The national office is estimating that new guidance will be available in 2-3 weeks.
3. With assistance from your local CED, complete the FSA-850 form, located at <http://165.221.16.90/dam/ffasforms/currentforms.asp>. In the form number box type: “fsa850” and submit.

The state office will not be providing guidance on the completion of the FSA-850 form. Direct questions on the information in this bulletin to Paul Flynn, SRC.

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