

CSP Subcommittee Update

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2007 CSP Payments

The initial 2007 CSP payments were made to producers between November 2006 and February 2007. These payments were limited to no more than the producer received in Fiscal Year 2006. They were capped due to a Continuing Resolution passed by Congress which limited CSP funds to the amount authorized in the 2006 Federal budget. The CRL impacted approximately 475 of the 710 current CSP contracts in Minnesota.

The Continuing Resolution Limit (CRL) impacted producers who transitioned to Tier II or Tier III or added new enhancements to their Tier III contracts during the modification period. This also impacted producers who had scheduled new enhancements in their contract during the initial signup.

The second CSP payment to CSP participants was made starting in April of 2007.

<i>TABLE 1</i>	Number of Contracts by Year of Signup	Obligations (\$) (2004-2007)
2004 CSP Contracts	133	\$4,685,355
2005 CSP Contracts	562	\$16,493,726
2006 CSP Contracts	15	\$334,092
Total CSP Contracts in Minnesota	710	\$21,513,173

NRCS is in the process of making a third and final CSP payment to participants. All CSP participants will receive 100 percent of their contracted amount in FY2007. The third payment is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

Minnesota has received a total obligation of approximately \$8.86 million dollars for Fiscal Year 2007 payments on contracts approved during FY 2004, 2005, and 2006. Of the \$8.86 million dollars, approximately \$1.56 million was allocated as a result of the supplemental appropriations bill.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced the additional funding at Farm Fest in Redwood County, Minnesota on August 7, 2007. Nationwide, 35 million dollars was obligated to complete FY2007 payments to producers. Additional funding is available to assist in the preparation for a future signup in the 51 watershed previously identified for FY2007.

A copy of the full story is available at <http://www.usda.gov/2007/08/0210.xml>. Additional information is also available at <http://www.nrcc.usda.gov>.

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Special points of interest:

- At this time, a 2007 signup has not been announced by the Secretary.
- NRCS is in the process of making a third CSP payment to CSP participants.

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USDA 2007 Farm Bill Proposal

On January 31, 2007, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns announced the release of the USDA's 2007 Farm Bill Proposal. The Farm Bill Proposals are located at the following website: <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>. From this site, you can link to the proposal for Title II: Conservation. The administration's proposal for the Conservation Security Program is found at:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7.0.A/7.0.1UH?navid=CONSERVATION_FB.

The summary of the comments from the Farm Bill Forums that were held across the United States is located at the following website: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdafarmbill?contentidonly=true&contentid=2006/03/0106.xml>.