

## **530.520A Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Rental Activity Worksheet**

RCPP (Project Number and Name):

### **Introduction:**

RCPP projects may offer RCPP rental activity payments consistent with an approved programmatic partnership agreement (PPA).

This document contains three parts:

**Part 1 - Background:** Summarizes RCPP rental activities for which rental payments can be made.

**Part 2 - RCPP Project Level Requirements:** Documents negotiated requirements related to rental activity in each project to establish availability and requirements of rental payments under a producer contract with rental activity in that project.

**Note:** Every project requires Part 2 to be completed.

**Part 3 - Contract Specific Requirements:** Documents implementation requirements for each producer contract with a rental payment. This section is used by NRCS to certify rental activities prior to approving payments.

### **Part 1- Background:**

Rental activity payments can be made available for one of two rental activities:

1. RCPP Financial Assistance based on NRCS Defined Model (RFRN): NRCS generates RFRN rental payment amounts, informed by available National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS)-published rental rates and based on estimates of forgone income on enrolled acres in three scenarios: irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and pastureland.
2. RCPP Financial Assistance based on Project Specific Model (RFRP): RFRP payments are available only if NRCS-approved project-specific rental rate(s) have been established for the RCPP project; payment is based on project rates and acres planned.

Both rental activities have a 1-year life span and may be planned for up to 5 years on the same land in a RCPP land management/rental producer contract. Rental payments are not available under RCPP supplemental agreements.

Rental activities must—

- 1) Address a project resource concern;
- 2) Meet all applicable program and project requirements, as outlined below; and
- 3) NOT result in a duplicative payment (i.e., if a producer is earning a Conservation Reserve Program rental payment, or forgone income under another USDA-funded practice, a rental payment cannot be earned).

NRCS will certify annual rental activities upon completion of conservation activities and certification that the conservation practices or activities meet applicable NRCS standards and requirements.

## **Part 2- RCPP Project Level Requirements:**

### **Resource Concerns (RCs):**

(List negotiated project RCs to be addressed by rental activity; for a critical conservation area (CCA) project, must also be a CCA RC)

## **Rental Activity Description**

**RCPP Rental Activities Available in Project** (check all that apply):

- ☐ RFRN Financial Assistance based on NRCS Defined Model
- ☐ RFRP Financial Assistance based on Project Specific

### **Rental Scenarios Available in the Project, and Implementation Requirements:**

Implementation requirements for each rental activity/scenario and rate to be offered.

Mark as “not applicable” (NA) any RFRN and/or RFRN scenarios not to be available in this project.

<b>RFRN</b>	<b>Per Acre Rate</b>	<b>Land Use(s)</b>	<b>Project-Level Requirements including:</b> 1) how deferral will address listed resource concern 2) access control & other prerequisite nonrental activity conditions, 3) rental activity completion criteria, and 4) any participant documentation
Irrigated	1		
Dry Land	1		
Pasture	1		
<b>RFRP</b>			
	2		
	2		

1. List NASS rate from State cost list; in FY 2021 all RFRN scenarios will be available (only) at 100% of the NASS rate.
2. Each RFRP scenario requires documentation of payment rate calculation methods documented using the RCPP Rental Activity Payment Scenario Worksheet.

**Conservation Benefits/Outcomes**

Conservation benefits/outcomes of (each) rental activity/scenario/rate in table above:

**Additional Considerations/Notes (e.g., delegations for contract level approvals, other):**

**Project Level Approvals**

State Technical Concurrence:

**State Conservationist Approval:**

Date:

Form to be completed annually by NRCS for every year a rental practice is contracted and completed by a producer to document payment eligibility. Completed form must be included in producer case file for each payment.

### **Part 3- Contract Specific Requirements:**

Participant Name:

RCPP Contract #:

#### **Certification:**

Upon completion, participant shall provide required documentation and request payment for rental activity contract items.

<b>RFRN</b>	<b>Extent Completed</b>	<b>Contract Item Numbers (CINs) (list each)</b>	<b>NRCS Required Documentation</b>
Irrigated			
Dry Land			
Pasture			
RFRP			

### **Documentation and Implementation Requirements**

#### **Participant will:**

- Prior to implementation, obtain written NRCS approved activity guidelines and/or designs.
- During implementation, notify NRCS of conditions that may impact activity implementation.
- After implementation, notify NRCS of activity completion, schedule onsite certification and provide required activity implementation documentation.

#### **NRCS, or authorized technical assistance partner, will:**

- Prior to implementation, provide and explain NRCS-approved activity guidelines and designs.
- Prior to implementation, verify with participant that access control and other prerequisite nonrental activity requirements meet program criteria.
- During implementation, provide technical assistance to the participant to address conditions that may impact activity implementation.
- After implementation, verify implementation of the approved activity by reviewing the required documentation, and onsite evaluation.

### **NRCS Documentation Review:**

I have reviewed all required participant documentation and have determined the participant has completed the RCPP activity according to program criteria and requirements.

NRCS Technical Adequacy Signature:

Date: