

Part 502 – Terms and Abbreviations Common to All Programs**Subpart B – Common Abbreviations****502.10 Acronyms**

Acronym	Description
AAL	associated agricultural land
AC	average cost or area conservationist
ACEP - ALE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agriculture Land Easement
ACEP - WRE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Wetland Reserve Easement
ADR	alternative dispute resolution
AFA	alternative funding arrangement
AFO	animal feeding operation
AGI	adjusted gross income
AgEMP	agricultural energy management plan
AGM	advanced grazing management
AM	actual not to exceed maximum
AMA	Agricultural Management Assistance Program
AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service
APF	availability of program funding
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
AQ	air quality
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
AWEP	Agricultural Water Enhancement Program
BCA	benefit-cost analysis
BFR	beginning farmer or rancher

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
CAFO	confined animal feeding operation
CAP	conservation activity plan
CART	Conservation Assessment and Ranking Tool
CBWI	Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative
CCAs	critical conservation areas
CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation
CCPI	Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative
CCR	central contractor registration
CD	conservation district
CDSI	Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative
CEA	cost effectiveness analysis
CEAP	Conservation Effects Assessment Project
CED	County Executive Director (FSA)
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHIMP	changes in mandatory programs
CIG	Conservation Innovation Grants
CIN	contract item number
CLU	common land unit
CMT	Conservation Measurement Tool
CNMP	comprehensive nutrient management plan
COC	county committee (FSA)
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
CPA	conservation planning assistance
CPC	conservation program contract
CPDES	Conservation Practice Data Entry System
CPM	Conservation Programs Manual
CPPE	conservation practice physical effects
CPS	conservation practice standard
CRBSCP	Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
C/S	cost-share
CSG	Conservation System Guide
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program
CSP 2002	Conservation Security Program
CSREES	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
CST	Customer Service Toolkit
CTU	conservation treatment unit
CW	converted wetland
CWA	Clean Water Act
CY	calendar year
DC	district conservationist or designated conservationist
DCIA	Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996
DCP	Deputy Chief for Programs
DUNS	Data Universal Numbering System
EA	environmental assessment
EE	environmental evaluation

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
EFT	electronic fund transfer
EI	erodibility index
EIN	employer identification number
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPD	Easement Programs Division
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ERS	Economic Research Service
ESD	Ecological Sciences Division
EWP	Emergency Watershed Program
EWRP	Emergency Wetland Reserve Program
FA	financial assistance
FACTA	Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990
FAPD	Financial Assistance Programs Division
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FBC	FPAC Business Center
FCEA	Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008
FCIC	Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
FFIS	Foundation Financial Information System
FI	foregone income
FMMI	Financial Management Modernization Initiative
FMP	forest management plan
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOTG	Field Office Technical Guide
FPAC	Farm Production and Conservation
FPE	Floodplain Easement

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
FPP	Farmland Protection Program
FR	flat rate
FRPP	Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program
FS	U.S. Forest Service
FSA	Farm Service Agency
FSN	farm serial number
FSP	forest stewardship plan
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
FY	fiscal year
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GIS	Geographical Information System
GM	General Manual
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRP	Grassland Reserve Program
GSS	Grassland of Special Environmental Significance (ALE only)
GSWCP	Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program
HB	honey bee pollinator
HEL	highly erodible land
HELCS	Highly Erodible Land Conservation Provision of the Food Security Act of 1985
HFRP	Healthy Forests Reserve Program
HU	historically underserved
IDEA	integrated data for enterprise analysis
IPM	integrated pest management
IRS	Internal Revenue Service

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
ISA	interconnectivity security agreement
ITC	information technology center
IWM	irrigation water management
KB	Klamath Basin
LLC	limited liability corporation
LLPI	Long Leaf Pine Initiative
LRA	local registration authority
LRF	limited resource farmer or rancher
LTA	long-term agreement
LTC	long-term contract
MFR	memorandum for the record
MMP	manure management planner
NAD	National Appeals Division
NAQI	National Air Quality Initiative
N/C	non-cost-shared
NCP	National Conservation Planning Database
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1970
NEST	National Easement Staging Tool
NFC	National Finance Center
NFSAM	National Food Security Act Manual
NHQ	NRCS National Headquarters
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture
NIPF	nonindustrial private forest land
NOFEI	National On-Farm Energy Initiative

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
NOP	National Organic Program
NPPH	National Planning Procedures Handbook
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWQI	National Water Quality Initiative
OBPA	Office of Budget and Program Analysis
OGC	Office of the General Counsel
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OIP	office information profile
O&M	operation and maintenance
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSP	organic system plan
OTR	Office of Tribal Relations
PHE	potentially highly erodible
PII	personally identifiable information
POA	power of attorney
PR	payment rate
ProTracts	Program Contracts System
PRS	Performance Results System
PS	payment schedule
QAR	quality assurance reviews
RC	Regional Conservationist
RCCR	Resource-Conserving Crop Rotation
RC&D	Resource Conservation and Development
RCPP	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
RD	Rural Development

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
RMS	resource management system
ROOT	Review of Open Obligations Tool
RUSLE2	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation
SAFE	State Acres for Wildlife
SCIMS	Service Center Information Management System
SDFR	Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher
SED	State Executive Director
SF	special forestry practice
SFR	State forestry representative
SSN	social security number
STC	State Conservationist or State Technical Committee, depending on context
SWP	Source Water Protection
T	tolerable soil loss in tons per acre per year
TA	technical assistance
T&E	threatened and endangered
TMDL	total maximum daily load
TOP	Treasury Offset Payment
TSP	technical service provider
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
VFR	veteran farmer or rancher
WBP	Water Bank Program
WCC	wetland conservation compliance provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985
WED	Warranty Easement Deed
WEPS	wind erosion prediction system

Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Acronym	Description
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
WINPST	Windows Pesticide Screening Tool
WLFW	Working Lands for Wildlife
WME	water management entity
WQIP	Water Quality Incentives Program
WREP	Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
WRPO	Wetland Reserve Plan of Operations
WSS	Web Soil Survey