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WRP-Easements Programs Division  
Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Wetlands Reserve Program Comments  
P.O. Box 2890, Room 6819-S  
Washington, DC 20013

To Whom It May Concern:

The current proposed changes to the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) would include eliminating the riparian component of this program. The protection of riparian corridors is one of the most effective ways to buffer watersheds against land use changes. Current WRP requirements for eligibility include a clause that requires a seven-year ownership.

These two changes to the WRP requirements place hundreds of acres of critical land (projects that are currently in the pipeline for protection) in jeopardy in northern Ohio. The conservation of riparian corridors is one of the true success stories in our country. Western Reserve Land Conservancy currently has hundreds of acres of riparian corridors in need of protection and they would be eligible for a WRP riparian easement if these two stipulations remain as they have been for years.

There is an added risk that NRCS grants will be viewed as ever changing and inconsistent. These WRP grants often take a year or longer to organize and over the last two years the rules have changed. When this occurs, field personnel from NRCS and nonprofits need to explain to the landowners why they were eligible, but now due to changes are not. The decision to permanently protect property is serious and should not be taken lightly. These rule changes during an application process cause the landowners to lose confidence when their property that would have otherwise been permanently protected is not.

I urge you to consider keeping the riparian component of the WRP easement intact and eliminating the requirement for a seven-year ownership by the owner that is applying.

Very truly yours,



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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

#### 7 CFR Part 457

RIN 0563-AB99

#### Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Cabbage Crop Insurance Provisions; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the final regulation which was published February 26, 2009. The regulation pertains to the insurance of cabbage.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* June 2, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Albright, Risk Management Specialist, Product Management, Product Administration and Standards Division, Risk Management Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Beacon Facility, Stop 0812, Room 421, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64141-6205, telephone (816) 926-7730.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The final regulation that is the subject of this correction converted the cabbage pilot crop insurance program to a permanent crop insurance regulation to be used in conjunction with the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions for ease of use and consistency of terms. It was published February, 26, 2009 (74 FR 8705-8713).

##### Need for Correction

As published, the final regulation contained an error which may prove to be misleading and needs to be clarified. Section 12(c) of the Cabbage Crop Insurance Provisions mistakenly included a reference to section 14(a)(3)

(Your Duties) of the Basic Provisions. This specific reference to section 14(a)(3) (Your Duties) of the Basic Provisions should have been referenced in section 12(e) of the Cabbage Crop Insurance Provisions. The correct reference in section 12(c) of the Cabbage Crop Insurance Provisions should be to the provisions contained in section 14 of the Basic Provisions.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 457

Crop insurance, Cabbage, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### Correction of Publication

■ Accordingly, 7 CFR part 457 is corrected as follows:

#### PART 457—COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 457 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1506(l) and 1506(p).

#### § 457.171 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 457.171 as follows:

- a. In section 12(c) by removing the phrase "(a)(3) (Your Duties)"; and
- b. In section 12(e) by removing the phrase "section 14" and adding the phrase "section 14(a)(3)(Your Duties)" in its place.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 21, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### 7 CFR Part 1467

RIN 0578-AA47

#### Wetlands Reserve Program

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service and Commodity Credit Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Interim final rule; amendment with reopening of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) published in the Federal Register of January 15,

2009, an interim final rule with request for comment amending the program regulations for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) to incorporate programmatic changes authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act). The January 15, 2009 interim final rule changed the nature and scope of the agreement NRCS enters into with the landowner under a WRP easement in a manner which could interfere with the restoration efforts of some lands enrolled in the program. Since the change to the program was not necessitated by the 2008 Act, this amendment to the January 15, 2009 interim final rule revises these provisions to further the practical administration of the program consistent with the WRP statute. This amendment re-opens the public comment period for the interim final rule, as amended, for an additional 30 days.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The rule is effective June 2, 2009.

*Comment Date:* Submit comments on or before July 2, 2009. In addition, the comment period for the WRP Interim Final Rule published on January 15, 2009 (74 FR 2317) is hereby re-opened and comments must be received on or before July 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments (identified by Docket Number NRCS-IFR-08013) using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Easements Programs Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wetlands Reserve Program Comments, Room 6819 South Building, Washington, DC 20013.

- *Fax:* (202) 720-9689
- *Hand Delivery:* USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6819, Washington, DC 20250 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please ask the guard at the entrance to the South Building to call (202) 720-4527 in order to be escorted into the building.

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