

**Certification of
Practices, Status
Reviews and Spot
Checks**

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- County offices shall determine the total number of practices that must be certified by NRCS based on the total number of practices on CRP-1's approved in the previous FY. Up to 10% of the technical agency's certification is required.

NRCS

Required Practice Certification

- CP2
- CP4D
- CP8A
- CP9
- CP21
- CP23
- CP23A
- CP29
- CP30

- CP38E

Note: If certifying these practices does not constitute at least 10 percent of the practices on approved CRP-1's for previous year, additional CRP practices will be selected to ensure NRCS meets the 10% requirement.

NCFS

Required Practice Certification

- CP3
- CP3A
- CP31

NRCS and NCFS Required Joint Certification

- CP22
- CP36

Producer Certification

- FSA shall accept producer certification for practices not listed as required for NRCS and NCFS.

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- NRCS and/or NCFS must certify performance of required practices on FSA-848B.

Annual Status Review

- NRCS will complete a status review with the participant and a COC representative, if available, on up to 10 percent of all CRP-1's before the end of each FY until all practices in the plan are applied and the approved cover is established.

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- Progress of the practice establishment shall be documented, including:
 - Implementation of the approved conservation plan
 - Condition of installed practices
 - Need for revisions

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- NRCS will provide COC signed copies of the annual status reviews and the following information:
 - The reason why the practices have not been established
 - Why the practice does not meet the design standards and specifications
 - What action must be taken for the practice to meet the standards and specifications
 - The estimated time it will take to meet the standards and specifications

FSA County Office Action on Status Reviews

- File the annual status review copies in CRP folders
- **Follow up on noncompliance cases**

FSA Spot Checks

- Conduct annual spot checks according to 2-CP **after** NRCS certifies a final annual status review that the practice is established

Exception: annual spot checks will be conducted on at least 10% of CRP-1's, including CREP, for:

- Spot treatment during the primary nesting season
- Early land preparation

NRCS

Certification of CREP Establishment

- **NRCS** certifies establishment of all:
 - ✓ Filter Strips (CP21)
 - ✓ Wetland Restoration (CP23 and CP23A)
- **NCFS** certifies establishment of all:
 - ✓ Tree Planting (CP3), Shortleaf
 - ✓ Hardwood Tree Planting (CP3A), including Longleaf and Atlantic White Cedar
 - ✓ Bottomland Hardwood Establishment (CP31)
- **NRCS** and **NCFS** *jointly* certify establishment of all Riparian Forest Buffers (CP22)
- **Participants** self-certify mid-contract management practices.

NCFS

NCFS Certification and QC

- The following year, complete a plantation stocking count.
- Provide NRCS with a list of projects that are adequate stocking and those that are not adequately stocked. (Consider adequate stocking of longleaf to be an average of 200-300/ac, other pines to be no less than 250/ac, and hardwoods to be 75% survival.)
- Provide technical assistance if a practice failure occurs.