MN CREP Wetland Restoration Training
March 2019
CREP Enrollment/Restoration Status
Recap

• Funded 12,000+ CREP acres
• Farm Bill Signed Dec. 20th
• Federal Shutdown came & went
• CRP Timeline
### CREP CP23/23A Enrollment/Project Status

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*Low Range – Could be Higher

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When will the signup start back up again?

“With 1,500 on hand Saturday night at the [Pheasants Forever] organization’s national banquet, Secretary Perdue stated farmers, ranchers and wildlife conservationists can expect general and continuous CRP signups by summer’s end.”
Next Batching Periods

• 1. FSA allows CRP-1’s to be generated for CREP
• 2. Batching periods determined and announced

• Batching period outlook
  • Here’s data from the latest batching period:

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Rates

• Rates updated in June of 2018
• We’ll analyze 2019 information
Addressing the Buffer Law & CREP

USDA Notice CRP-416

• Land Not Enrolled in CRP
  • Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP, and which is subject to Minnesota Statute 103F.48 is ineligible for enrollment in CRP beginning:
    November 1, 2018, for land adjacent to public drainage systems
    November 1, 2017, for land adjacent to public waters.

Areas subject to Buffer Law can’t be enrolled in CRP, UNLESS a reenroll into CRP or CREP.
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16.5’ buffer area?

• Exclude in 95%+ of cases.
• In some instances, we may want it included in the easement (e.g. ditch abandonment), but would need to be donated
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50’ buffer area?

• If cropped 2 out of 5 most recent years: paid for at RIM-Only Non-crop Rate (limited to adjacent area, no other caps)

• If no crop history, subject to the 20% limit
  • Any excess excluded as a first choice, or donated as a second alternative
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Restoration

• As with any area included in our easement, we want as full restoration as possible.
• BWSR can pay up to 100% of cost (subject to practice limits) for wetland restoration, veg restoration or enhancement
Public Water Scenario

Public Water (50ft)

Buffer Area (All Cropland)
Public Water Scenario

Public Water (50ft)

Eligible for RIM-Only Non-Crop

MN CREP Eligible Buffer Area
Public Water Scenario

Public Water (50ft) Eligible for RIM-Only Non-Crop

MN CREP Eligible Buffer Area

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Public Ditch Scenario

16.5' area should be excluded (even if it meets RIM Crop History)

Public Ditch (16.5ft)

MN CREP Eligible Buffer Area
General Program Topics

Questions?