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Conservation Reserve sign-up July 17 through Aug. 4

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the ninth sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program to be during the period of July 17, through August 4, 1989. Authorization for CRP sign-ups expires in December of 1990. Only one more sign-up is authorized after this ninth sign-up. "If you have land that may be eligible but have not had a determination completed, you are urged to do so before time runs out," says Wendell B. Jones of the Soil Conservation Service.

The Conservation Reserve Program pays landowners rent every year for ten years to idle highly erodible cropland, filters strips along streams, flood plain areas subject to scour erosion and certain wetland and farmed wetlands that meet cropland criteria as identified by ASCS. Scour erosion and wetland areas were new with the

eight sign-up. Intent of the scour erosion provisions to protect land along a stream that is scoured by floodwaters on a regular basis. Wetland areas were included to protect certain farmed wetlands that are useful to wildlife and important for water quality. These areas would be seeded with perennial legumes, grass, trees, shrubs, or existing natural vegetation.

For further information on the Conservation Reserve Program, contact the Louisa County Soil Conservation office in Wapello.

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