



## Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Emergency Haying

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Emergency haying of CRP land has been authorized in twenty-five Oklahoma counties as of July 12, 2011 due to the extreme drought conditions across much of the state. The counties include:

- Alfalfa
- Beaver
- Beckham
- Blaine
- Caddo
- Comanche
- Cotton
- Custer
- Dewey
- Ellis
- Grady
- Grant
- Greer
- Harmon
- Harper
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Kiowa
- Major
- McCurtain
- Roger Mills
- Tillman
- Washita
- Woods
- Woodward

The haying authorization will end on August 31, 2011. Producers are limited to one hay cutting and hay sales are not allowed. In addition, 50% of each field or contiguous field must remain unhayed for wildlife. Producers who elect to participate will receive a 25% reduction in their annual rental payment on the acres hayed. Emergency grazing on CRP land is also available in these counties until September 30, 2011 (see the OSU Ag Policy newsletter on emergency grazing at: <http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/agpolicy/index.asp?type=newsletters>). Producers are not allowed to hay and graze the same CRP acreage at the same time. Producers have the option of haying the CRP acreage for their own livestock or allowing another producer to use the CRP acreage for haying.

To participate, producers must request approval from their county FSA office and receive a modified conservation plan prior to haying CRP land. Acreage is eligible for emergency haying and grazing regardless of whether or not the acreage was hayed or grazed during the managed haying and grazing period in the previous two years. Managed haying and grazing is allowed in one out of every three years following the establishment of the CRP cover. The managed grazing period for 2011 in Oklahoma counties is July 2, 2011 – September 30, 2011. The managed haying period for 2011 in Oklahoma counties is July 2, 2011 – August 10, 2011. It is important to note that acreage hayed or grazed during either the emergency or managed authorizations in the current year will not be eligible for managed haying or grazing for the next two years.

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