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NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number	2. Amendment Number	3. Award /Project Period	4. Type of award instrument:
NR233A750004G033		Date of final signature - 04/14/2028	Grant Agreement

5. Agency (Name and Address)	6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address)
USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities c/o FPAC-BC Grants and Agreements Division 1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 3236 Washington, DC 20250 Direct all correspondence to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov	COOPERATIVE REGIONS OF ORGANIC PRODUCER POOLS ONE ORGANIC WAY LA FARGE WI 54639-6604 UEI Number / DUNS Number: PMHXBEVVXD55 / 859481152 EIN:

7. NRCS Program Contact	8. NRCS Administrative Contact	9. Recipient Program Contact	10. Recipient Administrative Contact
Name: ECHO DOMINGUES Pho Em gov	Name: ADAM CARL	Name: Jessica Luhning	Name: Jessica Luhning

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11. CFDA	12. Authority	13. Type of Action	14. Program Director
10.937	15 USC 714 et seq	New Agreement	Name: Jessica Luhning Phone: (608) 625-3577 Email: Jessica.luhning@orgnicvalley.coop

15. Project Title/ Description: Expands climate-smart dairy and egg markets in CA, CO, ID, NM, OR, UT, WA, IA, IL, MN, MO, SD, WI, IN, KY, MI, OH, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NY, PA, TN, VA, VT, WV and supports climate-smart practices

16. Entity Type: Q = For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business)

17. Select Funding Type

Select funding type:	☒ Federal	☒ Non-Federal
Original funds total	24,999,735.000	12319222.00
Additional funds total	$0.00	$0.00
Grand total	24,999,735.000	12319222.00

18. Approved Budget

Personnel	$1,757,024.00	Fringe Benefits	$264,000.00
Travel	$277,222.00	Equipment	$0.00
Supplies	$0.00	Contractual	$6,710,058.00
Construction	$0.00	Other	15,991,431.000
Total Direct Cost	24,790,804.000	Total Indirect Cost	$208,931.00
		Total Non-Federal Funds	12319222.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	24,999,735.000
		Total Approved Budget	37,318,957.000

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA NRCS statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any, found by NRCS to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to NRCS.

Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative KATINA HANSON Acting Senior Advisor for Climate-Smart Commodities	Signature KATINA HANSON Digitally signed by KATINA HANSON Date: 2023.04.28 09:34:54 -05'00'	Date
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative JEFF FRANK CEO	Signature	Date 4-27-2023

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The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 522a).

Statement of Work

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Cooperative Regions of Organic Producer Pools (Recipient), is to build markets for climate-smart commodities and invest in America's climate-smart producers to strengthen U.S. rural and agricultural communities.

Objectives

The objectives of this project are to support the production and marketing of climate-smart commodities by providing voluntary incentives to producers and landowners, including early adopters, to implement climate-smart agricultural production practices, activities, and systems on working lands; measure/quantify, monitor and verify the carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits associated with those practices; and develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.

Budget Narrative

The official budget summarized below and described in the attached Budget Narrative will be considered the total budget as last approved by the Federal awarding agency for this award.

Amounts included in this budget narrative are estimates. Reimbursement or advance liquidations will be based on actual expenditures, not to exceed the amount obligated.

TOTAL BUDGET $ 37,318,957.00

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS $24,999,735.00
PERSONNEL $1,597,295.00
FRINGE BENEFITS $240,000.00
TRAVEL $252,020.00
EQUIPMENT $0
SUPPLIES $0
CONTRACTUAL $6,710,058.00
CONSTRUCTION $0
OTHER $15,991,431.00 (includes PRODUCER INCENTIVES $8,984,600.00)
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS $24,790,804.00
INDIRECT COSTS $208,931.00

TOTAL NON-FEDERAL FUNDS $12,319,222.00
PERSONNEL $1,845,259.00
FRINGE BENEFITS $237,000.00
TRAVEL $200,684.00
EQUIPMENT $0
SUPPLIES $5,300.00
CONTRACTUAL $656,601.00
CONSTRUCTION $0
OTHER $ 8,454,220.00 (includes PRODUCER INCENTIVES $4,224,220.00)
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS $11,399,064.00
INDIRECT COSTS $920,158.00
PROGRAM INCOME: $2,157,765.00

Recipient has elected to use the de minimis indirect cost rate.

Recipient has elected to use unrecovered indirect costs as match in the amount of $691,333.00

Responsibilities of the Parties:

If inconsistencies arise between the language in this Statement of Work (SOW) and the General Terms and Conditions attached to the agreement, the language in this SOW takes precedence.

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Perform the work and produce the deliverables as outlined in this Statement of Work and attachments.

Ensure Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance is obtained prior to conducting data collection from producers or other project participants, including data collection performed by subrecipients.

Comply with the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions.

Submit reports and payment requests to the ezFedGrants system as outlined in the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions. Reporting frequency is as follows:

Performance Reports: Quarterly

SF425 Financial Reports: Quarterly

Detailed Progress Report: Quarterly
(The detailed progress report is in addition to the performance and financial reports referenced above and described in the general terms and conditions)

Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

Resources Required

See the Responsibilities of the Parties section for required resources, if applicable.

Milestones

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please reference the below link(s) for the General Terms and Conditions pertaining to this award;
https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-terms-and-conditions/index.html

Attachments:
Budget Narrative
Project Narrative
Benchmarks Table
Climate-Smart Practices List and Limitations
Data Dictionary
Climate-Smart Specific Terms and Conditions

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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B. PROJECT PARTNERS

Grant Administrator: Good Company; ***Quantification, Validation & Verification:*** Good Company, SustainCERT, Working Trees, Yardstick, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Planet Labs. ***Data Analytics and Communication:*** American Farmland Trust, Lasso Solutions Inc, Organic Trade Association, The Organic Center ***Technical Service Providers:*** Agrilab Technologies, Inc., Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Amicus Solar Cooperative, Carissa Stein Consulting, GDS Associates Inc, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Interlace Commons, Sarah Flack Consulting, Savanna Institute, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Trees for Graziers ***Market Development Partners:*** Stonyfield Organic, Nancy's Organic/Springfield Creamery, General Mills/Annie's

C. UNDERSERVED/MINORITY FOCUSED PARTNERS

Of Organic Valley's project-eligible *dairy and egg* member-farms (1,530): Ninety-six percent (1,469) qualify as Small Family Farms with an annual gross cash farm income (GCFI) less than $350,000. Ninety-one percent (1,392) have an annual GCFI less than $300,000. Sixty-six percent (1,010) qualify under the gross income test as Limited Resource Farmers with gross farm sales ≤ $189,200. Thirteen percent (200) qualify as Beginning Farmers who have not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 consecutive years.

D. NEED FOR THE PROJECT

Organic Valley is the nation's largest certified organic farmer-owned marketing cooperative with more than 1,700 member-farms in 34 U.S. states. We are the nation's leading organic brand supplying the marketplace with organic dairy, eggs, meat and produce. Our family-farms steward more than 450,000 combined organic acres and practice pasture-based livestock management.

Climate change is material to Organic Valley, our member-farms and supply chain partners. The effects of climate change are impacting agricultural production systems – how crops are grown, and livestock raised. Climate change is disrupting food availability and access and affecting food quality. To mitigate these effects, the agriculture sector can play a pivotal role in reducing and sequestering atmospheric greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously enhancing ecosystem health and agricultural resilience through improved water quality, soil health and biodiversity. Agriculture accounts for 10% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.[1] As a major player in organic agriculture, Organic Valley conducted a comprehensive GHG inventory from farm to retail dock in 2019. It revealed that nearly 90% of the co-op's total GHG emissions (scopes 1, 2 and 3) result from on-farm production, milk accounting for (84%) and eggs (4%), while meat, grain and produce account for the remaining (2%). Organic Valley has a corporate sustainability goal to become carbon neutral from farm to retail dock, without a reliance on carbon offsets, by 2050. Our path to reach this goal includes two interim targets: a 15% reduction by 2030 and 30% by 2035. **Towards these commitments, Organic Valley is submitting a proposal to the USDA's Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities Program to finance partnerships and incentivize farmers to advance our newly launched, industry-leading Organic Valley Carbon Insetting Program (OV-CIP). Organic Valley will use two strategies to reduce supply chain emissions: mitigate GHG emissions and maximize opportunities for carbon sequestration. This application focuses specifically on dairy and eggs as the climate-smart commodities.**

Organic Valley's climate strategy uniquely focuses on carbon insetting[2]. Through supply chain interventions, the cooperative drives carbon reductions and removals *within* our supply chain – not *outside*, as with carbon offsetting. Carbon insetting results in carbon benefits directly tied to the production and sourcing of the climate-smart commodity, which consumers and buyers can reward at the point of purchase. Unlike offsetting, insetting creates a pathway for companies to invest in the ecosystems their suppliers/farmers depend on to increase resiliency and provide significant, measurable benefits to the communities surrounding the value chain. **The supply chain interventions within OV-CIP are proven Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry (CSAF) practices that align with existing NRCS conservation and climate mitigation practice standards.**

E. MINIMIZING TRANSACTION COSTS

OV-CIP will leverage the co-op's network of member-farms to quickly identify farm participants. Outreach and engagement will be delivered through the co-op's existing farmer communication

[1] 10% of US GHG emissions by sector according to EPA's annual 2020 *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks.* https://cfpub.epa.gov/ghgdata/inventoryexplorer/

[2] In this context, carbon insets are not synonymous with carbon credits or offsets but rather defined as "supply chain interventions" where a company mitigates its emissions within its value chain by supporting its suppliers to implement emission reductions and removals which can be reported according to best practice.

channels. Leveraging existing CSAF technical service provider partners and delivery models will allow the project team to efficiently scale practice adoption. All CSAF practices align with existing NRCS practice standards to minimize the complexity of compliance and reporting.

Partnership with SustainCERT's Value Change Initiative (VCI) will lead to reduced transaction costs for OV-CIP monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) activities. To minimize transaction costs, this project includes the five specific interrelated approaches below:

1. **Efficiencies in the verification process.** This project will explore digital verification for CSAF practices utilizing satellite imagery, e.g., agroforestry and grazing practices. Soil carbon MRV partner, Yard Stick, will deploy a soil carbon measurement tool leading to the eventual elimination of lab analysis for soil samples. Efficiencies gained will reduce the data collection burden for farmers and project partners and help to automate the third-party verification process.
2. **Validation of project design and quantification approach for reduced annual transaction costs.** SustainCERT's approval of the intervention design on the front-end, streamlines the third-party verification process moving forward, resulting in reduced verification costs on a per unit basis.
3. **Use of the Scope 3 Emissions Impact Factor Software to scale corporate participation and co-claiming of associated GHG reductions and removals.** Contractual partner SustainCERT's Scope 3 Software will enable both suppliers and downstream markets to financially support and credibly claim the GHG reductions and removals from climate-smart activities that occur on-farm, while also safeguarding against double counting across the commodity's supply chain. These are supported by VCI's Supply Shed concept and tracking of the climate-smart commodity's GHG benefits through a Mass Balance approach.
4. **Multiple CSAF practices implemented on the same farm.** To gain program and administration efficiencies and minimize MRV cost per farm, we aim to enroll an average of 2.4 practices per farm into OV-CIP. The additional benefit is that we will have more practices to showcase on any given farm, thus multiplying the education value, both farmer-to-farmer and farmer-to-customer.
5. **Localized Technical Service Providers.** Organic Valley has developed an extensive network of local TSPs to work one-on-one with the participating farmers. Additionally, some TSP activities will be conducted by Organic Valley staff such as advising on feed supplements, solar energy, and grazing. This approach minimizes travel time and costs.

F. REDUCING PRODUCER BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTING CSAF PRACTICES

Farmer-owned and governed for more than 34 years, Organic Valley is uniquely positioned to reduce barriers and accelerate adoption of CSAF practices. OV-CIP's farmer engagement strategy consists of five components: **1)** Organic Valley and its network of Technical Service Providers (TSPs) as the trusted delivery partners; **2)** A chartered Farmer Carbon Committee will inform and help guide OV-CIP framework and standards, allowing us to address cultural and behavioral change barriers to adoption; **3)** Individualized farm-level CSAF technical assistance will be provided to every farm participant; **4)** Financial incentives in the form of carbon payments (per ton of estimated carbon reduced/removed/sequestered) from Organic Valley and participating

supply chain partners will be paid directly to the farmer to reduce upfront costs and minimize perceived and actual transition risk; and **5)** Farmer access to the co-op's 15-year grant services team for agency coordination and application assistance to secure additional cost-share funds.

Organic Valley's team of more than 50 organic agriculture professionals and national field staff will work in partnership with a network of CSAF technical service providers (TSPs). Network TSPs will be convened through Organic Valley to deliver consistent, on-the-ground assistance to individual farmers who are ready to adopt CSAF practices. TSPs will have advanced expertise in CSAF practices, including training to implement farm level CSAF practice monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) plans. Farms will regularly engage with TSPs though farm visits, field days, phone or virtual training and project planning sessions.

G. GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

The project's geographic focus for CSAF *practice deployment* includes the full extent of **Organic Valley's U.S. organic dairy and egg supply sheds, which covers 28 states in four OV regions**:

- West (CA, CO, ID, NM, OR, UT, WA)
- Midwest (IA, IL, MN, MO, SD, WI)
- Mideast (IN, KY, MI, OH)
- Northeast/East (MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NY, PA, TN, VA, VT, WV)

The geography for the *market development* of climate-smart commodities is nationwide and diverse in scale. Organic Valley distributes and markets certified organic dairy and egg products to all 50 states under the Organic Valley brand at national, regional, and local retailers. We also have a multitude of ingredient customers who market dairy products under their own brand, e.g., Nancy's Organic and Stonyfield Organic.

H. PROJECT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY OF PARTNERS

Since 1988, Organic Valley has been a leader in the development of markets for certified organic commodities. The co-op is well equipped to leverage this expertise to develop markets for climate-smart commodities. **Our reach/impact was recently confirmed at the March 2022 Natural Products Expo West tradeshow where Organic Valley led a workshop panel on carbon insetting attended by nearly 200 industry stakeholders.**

Organic Valley's farm resources and sustainability teams have managed or been a key partner in more than a dozen Federal, State and university-led research and demonstration projects involving member-farms. Since 2008, the co-op has offered member-farms a Climate-Smart Farming Program. Lead Project Manager, Jessica Luhning, has secured nearly $10 million in farm financial assistance for CSAF practice implementation on more than 350 farms, and an additional $5 million in grant funding for the co-op's GHG emission reduction efforts, e.g., solar, wind, and geothermal installations. Prior to her work at Organic Valley, Jessica Luhning managed more than $13 million in Federal, State and Foundation funding for a variety of corporations, institutions, and not-for-profit organizations. She will leverage her more than 15 years' experience in project management, strategic partnerships, and resource development to lead project activities.

Organic Valley will contract with Good Company to support grant administration and partner coordination tasks. **Good Company is not a co-applicant or co-awardee.** Organic Valley is proposing a sole-source justification for contracting with Good Company. Good Company maintains an existing contractor engagement with Organic Valley/CROPP to provide annual greenhouse gas inventory, technical GHG Protocol land sector guidance and climate risk assessments for disclosure to CDP. Since 2019, Good Company has conducted Organic Valley's GHG operational and supply chain baseline as a technical service provider. The Good Company developed GHG calculator platform is the basis for OV-CROPP's annual inventory and will reporting performance data points to the Climate-Smart Commodities grant. Good Company's depth of knowledge in organic practices via their advisory council participation in Organic Trade Association and specifically related to reduction and removal protocols for animal management, make them a key partner contractor to bring this PCSC effort to fruition. Good Company is also working as a contractor to assist in the development of the intervention design document per Value Chain Initiative that outlines the structure for calculating reduction and removal intervention practices that ties to monitoring, reporting and verification integrated into the PCSC project.

Good Company will leverage their experience in managing more than $80 million in Federal funding contracts with ~$7.5 million in progress. In collaboration with Organic Valley's Lead Project Manager, Good Company will coordinate timelines, schedules and meetings between all partners and Organic Valley farmer participants. They will manage content and quality control for all project deliverables connecting public and private sector stakeholders and specialists (technical, legal, regulatory and advocacy). Good Company will also ensure that reporting and accounting meets all the requirements of the USDA award.

II. PLAN TO PILOT CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ON A LARGE SCALE

A. DESCRIPTION OF CSAF PRACTICES TO BE DEPLOYED

All CSAF practices included in this project will meet NRCS practice standards and will be third-party verified by VCI to advance the Climate-Smart Commodity Program's priority of developing markets for "companies or processors sourcing climate-smart commodities to meet internal targets or other supply chain goals."

Practices align with NRCS practice standards and the 2022 CSAF Mitigation Practice List.

- **Cropland practices:** Cover Crop (CPS 340; E340B-C), Reduced Till (CPS 345; E345A-E), No-Till (CPS 329; E329A-E)), Soil Carbon Amendment (CPS 336)
- **Grazing enhancements:** Prescribed Grazing (CPS 528; E528A, G, R & S), Pasture and Hay Planting (CPS 512; E512A-D & L), Reduced Till (CPS 345; E345A-E), No-Till (CPS 329; E329A-E), Range Planting (CPS 550; E550A), Soil Carbon Amendment (CPS 808)
- **Agroforestry:** Windbreaks/Shelterbelt Establishment (CPS 380), Silvopasture (CPS 381), Riparian Forest Buffer (CPS 391), Hedgerow Planting (CPS 422), Tree and Shrub Establishment (CPS 612; E612B), Forest Stand Improvement (CPS 666)

- **Manure management:** Solid liquid separation (may include CPS 313,533, 632 and 634), Flush to scrape collection (may include CPS 313, 533, 632 and 634), Compost bedded pack barn (may include CPS 317, 376, and 561), Composting of manure (CPS 317), Lagoon cover (CPS 367) **anaerobic digesters are not included in this grant scope of work*
- **Energy:** Solar electric energy (PV) installation (grid-connected or off-grid) and electrification of farm equipment, both under Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation (CPS 374)
- **Feed management** (CPS 592)

II. A. i. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on NRCS Practice Standards

The process to ensure that implementation of CSAF practices meet NRCS standards is as follows:

- Project staff and partner TSPs will follow NRCS Field Office Technical Guides (FOTGs) as a road map for practice planning and implementation. FOTGs are localized and apply specifically to the geographic area where the practice(s) is to be implemented. NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and support documents will be used to inform practice design, implementation, and maintenance.

- Project staff and partner TSPs will use NRCS Conservation Practice Standards in combination with practice greenhouse gas emission reduction and removal methodologies and the practice eligibility requirements therein. The latter is required for the quantification of the baseline and practice activity as well as ongoing monitoring of the practice over the practice life.

The use of these guidance materials will ensure practices meet NRCS standards while also meeting the requirements of CROPP's third-party carbon validation and verification partner, SustainCERT. Further, project verification staff will use FOTG materials as an additional evaluation check when conducting practice implementation verification.

II. A. ii. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on Energy Practices

According to the 2019 Organic Valley Dairy Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), conducted by the University of Wisconsin – Madison, approximately 11-13% of the emissions generated within the boundary of an Organic Valley dairy farm result from energy consumption (electricity and diesel). Opportunities exist to reduce fossil fuel consumption at the farm level through the installation of solar PV on grid-connected and off-grid farms. Approximately 40% of Organic Valley's dairy farms are owned and operated by Amish farmers. These farms are typically not connected to an electric grid and instead are powered by diesel-generators and to a lesser extent natural gas.

Results from the Organic Valley Dairy LCA show a possible 7% reduction in GHG emissions on a 150-head Holstein dairy in the Upper Midwest and a possible 15% reduction on a 50-head Holstein Amish dairy in the same region, when a solar electric system is installed

Organic Valley's Carbon Insetting Program will offer participating farmers the opportunity to install solar PV and/or the electrification of farm equipment that results in measurable GHG

emission reductions within the boundary of the farm. Pre-implementation technical assistance in the form of a Renewable Energy Solar Site Assessment (for solar PV) or an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) (for energy efficiency measures that involve the electrification of farm equipment) will be provided to participating farmers by partnering TSPs, including contractor GDS Associates Inc.

Solar electric systems are installed in either a roof-mounted configuration (no ground disturbance) or a ground mounted configuration, where there are multiple support poles installed at the frost depth. There is also potential ground disturbance from an electrical trench that may or may not be need, this is typically installed at a depth of 18 inches following National Electric Code.

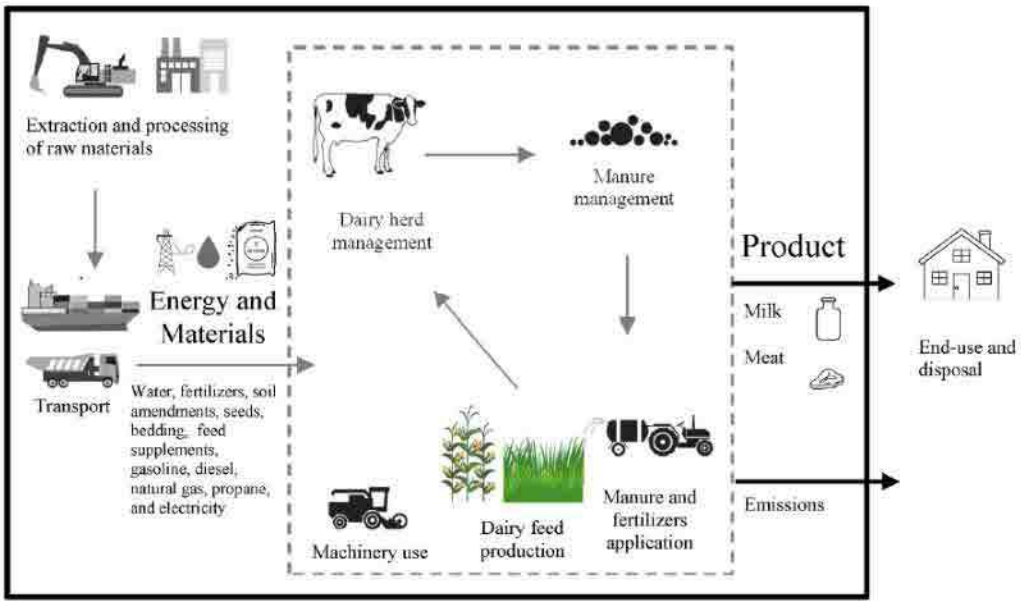
Eligible energy practices include the following, both of which fall under CPS 374:

- Solar PV
- Solar irrigation and water pumps
- Electrification of farm equipment

II. A. iii. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on Practice Implementation on Agricultural Land

All practices implemented in this project will be located on land that is currently used for agricultural production, with the exception of Forest Stand Improvement (CPS 666). Further, all practices implemented will occur within the farm boundary of Organic Valley member dairy or egg farms, and within the project boundary as defined by the carbon quantification methods utilized in the Organic Valley Carbon Insetting Program. CPS 666 will apply to forest or woodlots that are part of the agricultural operation and under the farm management, but these woodlots may or may not be utilized for agricultural production purposes.

For example, farm system boundary for a dairy farm is shown in Figure 1 below. All CSAF practices implemented in this project will be located on agricultural land within the farm system boundary of a participating farm.



In Figure 1 above the dairy farm system boundaries are within the dashed lines.

II. A. iv. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on Practices Involving Ground Disturbance

Some practices will involve ground disturbance below the plow zone, including fencing to support prescribed grazing, ground preparation associated with tree plantings, site preparation for the construction of concrete pads for bedded-pack barns or composting slabs, and site preparation for the installation of racking systems for ground-mounted solar PV systems.

II. A. v. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on Potential Project Activities Involving Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

This project may involve dairy and egg farms that have been designated as a CAFO by Federal EPA definition and/or by the farm's state permitting authority. Potential project activities that may be implemented on participating CAFOs include any of the practices listed in Section II. A. Description of CSAF Practices to be Deployed.

In the case of a manure management practice that is implemented on a participating CAFO, the farm's existing Certified Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be consulted, and if expired, may be updated.

Organic Valley's average dairy herd size is 72 cows. The majority of our dairy farms are considered small to medium in size. We anticipate that participating dairy farms will average 80 milking cows and participating egg farms will average 6,500 laying hens.

B. PLAN TO RECRUIT FARMERS

A minimum of 500 Organic Valley dairy and egg member-farmers will participate in the project over the five-year grant term, approximately 33 percent of our total dairy and egg farm membership. See Table 1 for a breakdown of farms by region and commodity type. Participating farms will meet USDA program eligibility requirements, including HEL and WC compliance.

Table 1. Organic Valley TOTAL Farms by Region and Commodity Type

Region	Dairy	Egg
West (CA, CO, ID, NM, OR, UT, WA)	92	6
Midwest (IA, IL, MN, MO, SD, WI)	357	64
Mideast (IN, KY, MI, OH)	429	4
Northeast/East (MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NY, PA, TN, VA, VT, WV)	564	14
TOTAL FARMS	1442	88
ESTIMATED # FARMS PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT	**480***	**20***

**Of the 500 participating farms (dairy and egg combined), an estimated 480 farms (96%) meet the USDA definition of Small Family Farm or Historically Underserved.*

Participating dairy farms will *average*: 80 milk cows @ 14,600 lbs./cow/yr. (146 cwt/yr./cow); 270 acres per farm (65% pasture/hay, 20% crops, 15% woods) = 129,600 total dairy acres

Participating egg farms will *average*: 6,500 laying hens @ 168,052 dozens of eggs/yr.; 50 acres per farm (85% crops, 15% woods) = 1,000 egg farm acres

Farms will voluntarily enroll in OV-CIP. Organic Valley and its partners will lead farmer recruitment activities including the dissemination of program promotion and enrollment materials, program webinars and in-person events throughout the grant period. Organic Valley will leverage existing, proven farmer communication platforms and activities (in-person and virtual) to recruit farm participants, e.g., Organic Valley Annual Membership Meeting, twice per year Regional Meetings, bi-monthly virtual Pasture Walks, etc. Members of the co-op's Farmer Carbon Committee will engage in farmer-to-farmer recruitment activities as advocates of the program.

Co-op staff began recruiting farmers in early 2022 through a pilot OV-CIP farmer engagement campaign. As of May 2022, more than 100 farmers had engaged in program webinars, and virtual and in-person farmer Q&A sessions, resulting in an initial queue of 50 CSAF practices. Towards project deliverables, the project team will begin deploying agroforestry, manure management and energy practices in Summer 2023, expanding to grazing, cropland and feed management practices in 2024. We do not anticipate any barriers to scaling farm participants each year.

With funding provided by the USDA Climate-Smart Commodities Program we will scale farmer participation to an average of 100 farmers/year and an average of 234 CSAF practices/year during the five-year grant term. The total number of forecasted CSAF practices to be implemented during the five-year grant term is 1,170.

Table 2: Forecast of CSAF Practice Types to be Implemented Each Year

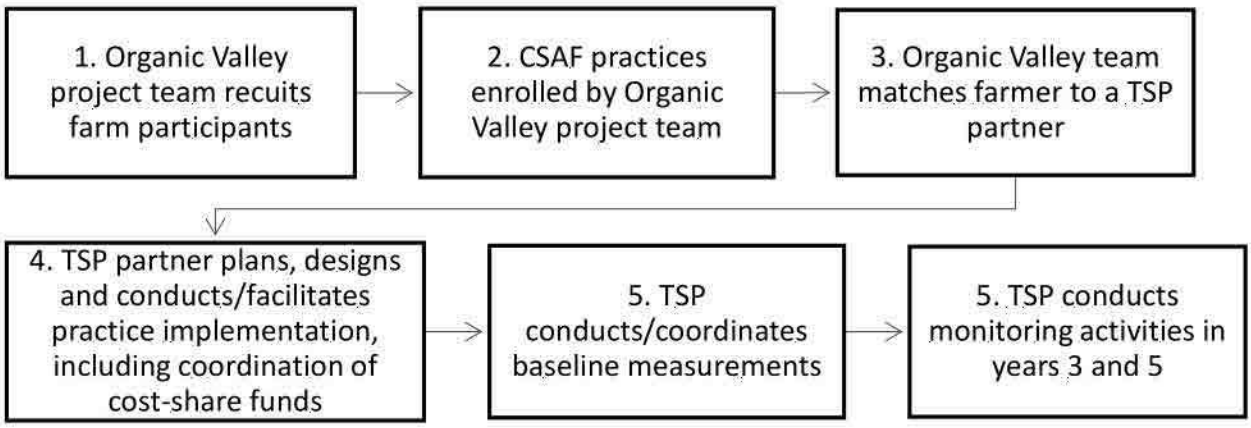
Project Year	Energy	Manure Mgmt.	Feed Supple.	Agroforestry	Compost Applic.	Grazing	Cropland	Total Practices/Yr.
Year 1	30	8	30	35	3			106
Year 2	25	17	101	42	19	25	15	244
Year 3	27	17	108	49	25	25	20	271
Year 4	27	20	108	49	25	25	20	274
Year 5	27	20	108	50	25	25	20	275

C. PLAN TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING

Technical assistance will be coordinated by the Organic Valley project team. One-on-one farmer technical assistance will be provided by partner TSPs, as listed in Table 3 below. Project TSP partners are leading experts in proven and emerging agricultural and forestry GHG protocols, validation and verification of carbon reductions and removals, baseline and continuous above and below-ground biomass measurements and monitoring, evaluation and use of industry carbon quantification tools and science, GHG lifecycle analysis, supply chain mapping and carbon claims, climate reporting and disclosure, CSAF practice design, implementation and maintenance expertise, and stakeholder communication.

A nationwide network of CSAF TSPs will deliver one-on-one farmer technical assistance to plan, design, budget, baseline, implement and monitor farm practices. Organic Valley will serve as a hub to align network partners in the delivery of technical assistance. The co-op will hire three new Full Time Employees (FTEs) at 100% time to enroll farm projects, manage the delivery of farmer technical assistance including farm data and mapping procedures. A sub-set of proven TSP partners will serve as network coordinators providing annual train-the-trainer activities to expand the capacity of existing and new TSP partners.

Chart 1: OV-CIP CSAF Technical Service Provider (TSP) Farm Engagement Process



The TSP network provides national coverage to all participating farmers in the four regions included in this proposal. Partners listed with an asterisk (*) will lead annual TSP trainings to ensure quality and consistency in the delivery of technical assistance across the network and to increase the capacity of existing and new TSP providers that will be added throughout the project term to accommodate demand in target geographies. Trainings will be virtual and in-person.

Table 3: Farmer CSAF Technical Assistance Partners

CSAF Partner	Manure Mgmt.	Agroforestry	Grazing & Cropland	Energy
Agrilab Technologies, Inc.*	X			
Alliance for Chesapeake Bay*	X	X	X	
Amicus Solar Cooperative				X
Carissa Stein Consulting			X	
GDS Associates Inc				X
Interlace Commons		X		
Gold Ridge Resource Cons. District (CA)	X	X	X	
Sarah Flack Consulting*	X		X	
Savanna Institute*		X		
Sonoma Resource Cons. District (CA)	X	X	X	
Trees for Graziers		X		

II. C. i. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on Technical Assistance Providers

All farm participants will receive direct, one-on-one technical assistance to plan, design, budget, baseline, implement and monitor farm practices over the grant period. Technical assistance will be coordinated by the Organic Valley project team and delivered by a nationwide network of CSAF Technical Service Providers (TSPs). This network of TSPs has been identified and secured by Organic Valley and comprises pre-existing relationships, including those partners listed in Table 2 above. TSP partners will serve as project sub-awardees or contract, as appropriate..

As outlined above, the Organic Valley project team, supported by two grant-funded FTEs, will recruit and enroll farm participants. When farm participant has been enrolled, the Organic Valley project staff will "connect" the farm with a TSP who has expertise in the practice the farm is pursuing, and in the same region as the farm. When a TSP cannot be located within the same region as a participating farm, Organic Valley will utilize a TSP from its national network.

Beginning in project year one, the Organic Valley project team will begin expanding the national TSP network to secure providers in geographies currently not covered by existing partnerships.

D. PLAN TO PROVIDE FARMER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The co-op's approach to providing farmer financial assistance is three-fold: **1)** OV-CIP Farmer Carbon Payment provided by Organic Valley; **2)** Historically Underserved Carbon Outcome Payment provided by the USDA Climate-Smart Commodities Grant; and **3)** Program assistance coordinating and securing additional practice cost-share.

All federal funds and matching funds will be disbursed during the five years of the grant period.

1. **OV-CIP Farmer Carbon Payments: For the five-year grant period, Organic Valley is committed to deploying an average of 234 practices per year in project years 1-5. The estimated total carbon abatement over the 5-year project is 64,950 metric tonnes. This will result in farmer payments totaling an estimated $4,224,220 over the grant period.**

Table 4: Predicted OV-CIP Farmer Carbon Payments by Project Year

Year	Estimated Cumulative metric tonnes/year	Estimated Annual OV-CIP Payments	Estimated base price per ton
1	5,984	$119,680	$20
2	19,062	$381,240	$20
3	34,348	$858,700	$25
4	49,634	$1,240,850	$25
5	64,950	$1,623,750	$25
		$4,224,220	

Participating farmers will be paid an estimated $20 per validated metric tonne of carbon reduced or sequestered annually due to the CSAF. The price will be reviewed annually by Organic Valley, with input from project partners, to reflect actual market prices, not to subceed an estimated $20/MTonne for the term of the grant. Private funds for these farmer payments will come from Organic Valley. **All of the predicted Carbon Payments listed in Table 4 above will occur within the 5-year grant project period.**

To reduce financial barriers to adoption, OV-CIP will pay farmers for the anticipated year-1 carbon reductions or removals upfront when the practice implementation is verified by program staff (i.e. after the practice has been installed) Farmers will then receive annual payments for the duration of the practice term and upon receipt of annual practice management reports. For example, a participating farmer enrolls a manure management project with validated and verified annual carbon abatement potential of 100 MTonne of CO_2e per year. Practice installation will be verified in-person by project personnel and via Organic Valley's Farm Satellite Imagery Program via Planet Labs. Once the practice is verified as installed, the co-op project team will pay the farmer an estimated $2,000 (100MTonne X $20/MTonne)

Organic Valley anticipates that it will continue to provide annual carbon payments to farmers for the full practice lifetime or practice term. These carbon payments are not listed as matching funds, are considered beyond this grant period and are further described as follows.

For the remaining years of the practice term, 15 years for manure management, the participating farmer will receive an estimated annual payment of at least $2,000, totaling $30,000 over the practice life. The exact value of the annual payments will be dependent upon actual reductions as directly measured following approved monitoring protocols validated and verified by SustainCERT. If the actual practice emissions reduction is higher than the original estimate, the farmer will receive the balance. Some payments made to "true-up" the balance may extend beyond the scope of this project, and outside of the grant period. This might be the case for a practice that is installed in project year 5 but does not undergo a measurement period until practice year 3, which would be outside of the grant period. These funds would be additional to the project budget commitments and paid by CROPP outside of the grant period. If the actual reduction is lower than the original estimate, and the farmer has maintained the practice according to the original agreement, the farmer will not be responsible for returning the difference. This financial risk is borne by Organic Valley.

The upfront, year-1 OV-CIP payment is not conditioned on performance measurement and/or certification of actual reductions or removals. The year -1 payment is based on a validated CSAF practice design that complies with SustainCERT and GHG Protocol rules. To receive OV-CIP carbon payments, farmers will be required to sign a contract stipulating terms and conditions, i.e., carbon agreement including practice permanence for a period no less than five years, with the option to re-enroll when the contract term is up. Agreement terms will vary based on practice requirements for implementation, estimated carbon life and MRV requirements.

2. Historically Underserved Carbon Outcome Payment

Organic Valley is requesting $8,984,600 from the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant Program for historically underserved and small farmer practice payments. The practice payments will be based on carbon reduction or removal outcomes resulting from new or enhancement CSAF practices. Eligible farmers are limited to historically underserved and small family farms with priority given to Limited Resource and/or Beginning Farmers. Following the Federal working lands conservation program payment model, **the outcomes-based payment will be delivered to the farmer *after* the CSAF practice has been verified as installed/implemented according to the intervention design. Outcome payments will be provided to an estimated 269 CSAF practices. The average outcome payment is estimated to be $33,400.** The estimates are based on the average carbon outcomes for CSAF manure management, agroforestry, off-grid solar PV, grazing, and cropland practices. All Federal Carbon Outcome Payments will be dispersed within he 5 year grant project period.

The outcome payment will be additional to Organic Valley's OV-CIP farmer carbon payment. For example, using the same CSAF manure management practice example as above, a participating farmer enrolls a manure management project with an annual carbon abatement potential of 100 MTonne of GHGs/CO_2e per year. The farmer submits documentation of project readiness (e.g., purchase order for solid-liquid separation equipment), and Organic Valley enrolls the farm in OV-CIP and pays the farmer $2,000 (100MTonne X $20/MTonne) when practice implementation is verified. In addition, the underserved farmer will receive a carbon outcome payment of $50,000

(100MTonne X $100/MTonne[3] X 5 years). In total, the underserved farmer will receive $2,000 ($2,000 + $50,000) upfront at the time of verified practice implementation. In total, over the 15-year life of the practice the farmer will receive an additional, estimated $28,000 to be paid by Organic Valley in annual installments of $2,000.

The project team will ensure that carbon outcome payments are not provided to a farmer for the same production practice or system implementation on the same land for which the farmer has already received, or is contracted to receive, funding through another USDA program. Farmers who receive a carbon performance payment will not be eligible to receive funding through another USDA program, including NRCS EQIP, CSP, and USDA REAP, for the same practices. Outcome payments will only be dispersed after the CSAF is installed and verified.

II. D. i. Per USDA Guidance, Supplemental Information on Carbon Outcome Payments

Eligible CSAF Practices

Practices eligible for the USDA carbon outcome payment include off-grid solar PV, manure management improvements, agroforestry, grazing and cropland improvements. These practices are prioritized due to high capital implementation costs, low accessibility to state or federal cost-share and currently low farmer interest. We anticipate the USDA outcome payment will stimulate farmer interest and adoption in these CSAF practices.

Price

The USDA carbon outcome payment is based on an annual carbon price of $100 per metric tonne of carbon reduced or removed by an eligible CSAF practice paid upfront for the first 5 years of anticipated carbon outcomes, equaling a price of $500 per metric tonne.

Payment Term

USDA carbon outcome payments are based on a given CSAF practice's anticipated carbon reduction or removal over a 5-year period. The length of a farmer carbon contract typically aligns with the practice lifetime. The contracting period is then divided into 5-year terms. The 5-year terms are a VCI requirement and align with SustainCERT's 5-year validation cycles. For example, the practice lifetime and carbon crediting period for a manure management practice is 15-years. The farmer carbon contract will 15 years in length but divided into three 5-year terms. The USDA carbon outcome payment provides an additional farmer payment at practice verification further reducing the financial hurdles associated with the implementation of CSAF practices.

Estimated Carbon Outcomes

The carbon reduction or removal estimates for eligible CSAF practices are based on COMET Farm and COMET-Farm Energy.

[3] Biden Administration's 2021 social price of carbon is estimated at $51 per ton of carbon dioxide. Estimates for methane emissions and nitrous oxide are much higher.

Table 5 below provides average carbon reduction and removal estimates for USDA outcome payment-eligible practices as well as average Carbon Outcome payment values. Actual payments may be based on the methodologies Organic Valley obtains third party validation for.

Table 5. Detail of USDA Carbon Outcome Payments

Practice Type	Average Mton by Practice Type	$500/ Mton USDA payment
Off-Grid Solar Energy	64	$32,000
Manure Mgmt.	200	$100,000
Agroforestry	25	$12,500
Grazing	25	$12,500
Cropland	20	$10,000
	Average Outcome Payment	**$33,400**

3. Additional *Traditional* Cost-Share Coordination Assistance

Organic Valley's farm resources staff have been providing farmer cost-share coordination assistance for more than 15 years. The co-op's efforts have secured nearly $10 million in direct farmer financial assistance from multiple Federal, State and Foundation funding sources. This type of assistance is held in high regard by the co-op's member farms as financial application hurdles and agency coordination challenges are continuously regarded as key barriers to practice adoption. All farmers who participate in this project will receive additional cost-share coordination assistance to maximize all legitimate forms of financial assistance.

E. ENROLLMENT PLAN FOR UNDERSERVED AND SMALL FARMERS

Of the 1,530 project eligible farmers included in the project outreach plan, 96% (1,469) meet the Small Family Farm USDA definition. Of these, 66% (1,010) qualify under the gross income test as Limited Resource Farmers. Approximately 13% (200) of eligible farmers meet the USDA definition of Beginning Farmers.

Given that an overwhelming majority of Organic Valley farms qualify as historically underserved and small farmers, our approach to enrollment of underserved and small farms will not differ from the overall program enrollment approach as described in Section II (b). **Of the 500 farmers participating in the OV-CIP, we anticipate serving 480 small and/or underserved farmers in the scope of this project.**

III. PLAN FOR MEASUREMENT, MONITORING, REPORTING, AND VERIFICATION

A. APPROACH TO GHG BENEFIT QUANTIFICATION AND METHODOLOGY

OV-CIP will follow an innovative, best practice approach to Scope 3 value-chain GHG intervention quantification. CSAF practices and farm level carbon accounting will be validated and verified according to standards established by the Global GHG Protocol. COMET-Farm and/or COMET-Planner will be used to quantify GHG benefits for all CSAF practices currently available in the COMET modules. COMET-Energy will be used for energy practices. The project team has

expertise with the suite of COMET tools. USDA's Entity Scale Methods will be used to quantify GHG benefits for practices not included in the COMET tools.

Organic Valley's prior LCA work provides the opportunity to test and evaluate the appropriateness of using the emission factors from those LCAs in the SustainCERT Scope 3 Software, as well as the Scope 3 GHG reporting of corporate partners. This will lay the foundation for the GHG benefits from early adopters to be recognized, and eligible for use in Scope 3 GHG Protocol reporting, in addition to the farmers who will be newly implementing climate-smart practices.

OV-CIP's design validation will include the assessment of other alternative quantification tools, including Organic Valley's Dairy and Egg Lifecycle Assessments, the Cool Farm Tool, FieldDoc, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) and Healthy Soils Initiative (HSI) Calculators. This project will formally compare and document the outcomes of all these quantification methodologies. This integration of all the GHG accounting tools and methods will be led by Good Company.

The quantification of CSAF practices will be incorporated in the validation process. Validation is a key step in the third-party assurance process and SustainCERT auditors will ensure the project's monitoring plan, quantification approach, and the resulting GHG reductions and removals of the climate-smart commodities conform with the Value Change Guidance (and are thereby eligible for use in corporate Scope 3 reporting). This validation review may include external subject matter experts, depending on the methodology and quantification approach used. A positive validation opinion means the project is ready for verification of the GHG reductions and removals and subsequent review cycles will be quicker and more cost effective.

B. APPROACH TO MONITORING OF PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION

In the scope of this project, we will deploy a total of 1,170 CSAF practices on 500 certified organic dairy and egg farms and impacting 130,600 acres. The total average number of practices to be deployed annually in years 1-5 is 234 on an estimated 100 farms per year. This number is based on Organic Valley's annual goal to achieve 13,000[4] MTonne of carbon reduced or removed. A buffer pool of reductions/removals is included in the annual carbon abatement forecast to account for any potential reversals.

See Table 2 for a schedule of practices to be deployed each year of the project.

The project team will follow current best practices for farm-level carbon accounting. Monitoring approaches will vary depending on whether the project is a carbon reduction practice (e.g., manure management or farm energy improvement) or carbon removal practice (e.g., agroforestry, grazing or cropland practice). Project partner, Yardstick, will lead below-ground carbon measurement and monitoring activities. Emission reduction practice verification and

[4] To achieve Organic Valley's milestone target 15% reduction by 2030 from a 2019 baseline, the cooperative must achieve an annual Scope 3 farm reduction of 13,000 MT CO_2e.

monitoring and above-ground biomass measurements and monitoring will be led by network TSPs who are trained in best practice protocols (by PUR Projet for carbon removals and Good Company for carbon reductions). Beyond GHG benefits, we will also monitor and measure biodiversity, soil health, and water quality benefits of relevant practices.

While the approach will vary by practice type, every on-farm project will adhere to the following: 1) A consistent geographical **boundary** to inform carbon measurements over the length of the carbon reporting period; 2) A **baseline** to measure and report on carbon impacts of insetting; and 3) A **monitoring plan** to establish monitoring methodologies and frequency.

A monitoring plan will be created at the start of each project. The plan will outline the timing and frequency of monitoring and the methods both in-field and lab analysis to be used. In early 2022, project partner, PUR Projet, developed Biomass and Soil Carbon Inventory Protocols, which are field guides for the measurement of carbon stocks, with which they will train relevant TSPs. Field guides for grazing and cropland carbon removal practices will be developed in 2023. Methods to address permanence, additionality, and leakage for each CSAF practice will also be determined by PUR Projet, Good Company and SustainCERT in the program validation process and incorporated into the monitoring approach.

C. APPROACH TO REPORTING AND TRACKING GHG BENEFITS

All CSAF practices deployed in this project will be directly linked to the co-op's supply chain occurring on land owned by member-farms that produce certified organic milk and eggs marketed exclusively to Organic Valley. Direct supply chain proximity with high-level traceability is unique to OV-CIP. Organic Valley will obtain the legal right to claim all reductions and removals brought about by its investments for the duration of their impact on the supply chain, creating legally defensible marketing claims.

In contract with our member-farms, both the farm and Organic Valley will maintain ownership of emission reduction and carbon removal claims for all projects included in this scope of work, ensuring the resulting carbon benefits are embodied in the climate-smart commodities. In the case of farmers (suppliers) leaving the cooperative, Organic Valley will take measures to maintain ownership of the reduction claims through the project life.

GHG benefits per project, per farm will be tracked in two ways: 1) OV-CIP data management platform operated and maintained by Organic Valley's data analytics team; and 2) SustainCERT Scope 3 Emissions Impact Factor Software. SustainCERT's Scope 3 Emissions Impact Software will manage GHG benefits by supply chain impact layer, per commodity produced and dollar expended. A report of GHG benefits resulting from CSAF practices deployed on member-farms will be prepared and shared with all project partners and Organic Valley stakeholders on an annual basis during the project grant period.

D. APPROACH TO VERIFICATION OF GHG BENEFITS

Verification of GHG benefits will be led by project partner VCI. VCI is driven by SustainCERT and backed by carbon certification leader Gold Standard. VCI is the only GHG program that was co-developed in consultation with Science Based Target initiative (SBTi), Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, and relevant private sector and civil society partners. The forthcoming GHG Protocol Land Sector Guidance will include key components and concepts from VCI, further demonstrating the alignment of the VCI and climate-smart commodity reporting standards.

There will be two levels of verification: 1) Annual intervention program verification led by SustainCERT, including all aggregated carbon reductions and removals; and 2) Individual farm practice verification. Verification of all practices and the resulting climate-smart commodities is an annual process and provides third-party assurance to the GHG reductions and removals associated with those commodities. Following validation, SustainCERT auditors review project elements to verify that the monitoring plan and quantification approach previously validated were implemented as designed. For Individual farm practice verification, a positive verification opinion provides third-party assurance in the resulting GHG reductions and removals of the climate-smart commodities, aligning with the Value Change Guidance as well as SBTi and GHG Protocol requirements and therefore supporting market development of these climate-smart commodities. Individual farm practice verification, led by TSPs and Organic Valley field staff, will be completed post-implementation and verified in the field by partnering TSPs and Organic Valley's national farm field staff.

E. AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARTNERSHIPS NETWORK

The Lead Project Manager, Jessica Luhning, and, as appropriate, project partners will participate in the USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Learning Network.

IV. PLAN TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND MARKETS FOR CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES

Organic Valley will execute market and sales strategies of climate-smart dairy and egg products in two general formats: 1) branded products under the brand Organic Valley; and 2) ingredients and bulk products. Co-op marketing efforts will target two general audiences: 1) Consumers: (individuals purchasing and consuming Organic Valley branded products); and 2) Food Processors and Brand Customers (supply chain partners/businesses and retailers purchasing organic food or commodities for additional processing or merchandizing before sales to the consumer).

As a closed membership co-op with a carbon insetting model, we can assign farm-derived, verified internal carbon reductions to the organic food products we offer consumers and customers. **With an already understood dairy life-cycle analysis, which accounts for 84% of our total GHG emissions, and an in-process egg life-cycle analysis, we will be able to continuously improve the carbon footprint of our products. This is the path to truly climate smart commodities.**

Integrated marketing and sales will help us quantify the market strength of carbon reductions and removals from our climate smart commodities/food products. Through OV-CIP's MRV functions (Section III), we will offer customers validated commodities that they can apply with

integrity toward their own carbon goals. This carbon reduction premium will be represented in sell sheets and product specification sheets for customers seeking to meet ESG objectives and the many stakeholders (customers, investors, advocates) that they serve.

With integrated marketing of branded products, Organic Valley will educate and promote consumers on authentic low-carbon, organic food products and Organic Valley's efforts to further reduce carbon. Market development efforts will include:

- Creation and promotion of climate-smart farming videos to educate consumers on carbon cycles, carbon insetting/practices, and highlight Organic Valley's dairy and egg carbon footprint reductions in the US.
- Paid content partnerships and social media influencer activations to educate consumers about the positive impact of Organic Valley's climate commitments and progress toward carbon neutrality with branded products.
- Public relations outreach focused on Organic Valley's climate-smart commodities.
- Retail partnership development to create joint campaigns, in-store and online, that elevate the climate-friendly attributes of Organic Valley dairy and eggs.

Organic Valley will provide a five-year analysis at the conclusion of the grant quantifying factors such as market access gained, associated premiums obtained, supply chain promotional partnerships achieved as a result of the insetting program offerings of climate-smart products.

A. PARTNERSHIPS DESIGNED TO MARKET RESULTING CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES

In partnership with VCI, OV-CIP will accelerate progress towards a low-carbon food system by channeling private industry investment and public grant funds towards the implementation of CSAF practices on a large-scale. The scaling of CSAF practices will yield opportunities to market the resulting climate-smart commodities. Organic Valley has secured supply chain partnership commitments from Stonyfield Organic, Nancy's Organic/Springfield Creamery, and General Mills/Annie's Organic, as documented in the enclosed Letters of Support.

Financial commitments totaling $2,157,675 from Stonyfield Organic and Nancy's Organic/Springfield Creamery, both ingredient purchasers who source from Organic Valley's originating supply shed, prove a high level of interest in exploring opportunities to co-invest in shared supply chain emissions reductions. Financial commitments will help fund carbon OV-CIP during the five-year grant period. SustainCERT's VCI guidance (and the supply shed concept therein) both allow for this kind of co-investment and co-claiming (particularly across impact layers, or stages of the commodity's supply chain) while also safeguarding against double counting (e.g., claiming of GHG impacts beyond the volume of goods in any one impact layer).

Supply chain partners for this project will promote and quantify the benefits of climate-smart commodities through brand marketing efforts. Partners will participate in supply chain mapping exercises led by VCI and will report on shared emissions reductions, providing a pathway for shared reduction claims and a chain of custody/proof of purchasing to ensure the impact on the

shared commodity. Results of marketing partnerships will be provided in interim and final project reports as well as disseminated to industry stakeholders as is described in Section IV (d).

B. PLAN TO TRACK CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES THROUGH THE SUPPLY CHAIN

A key component of OV-CIP, under VCI guidance, is the Supply Shed concept, which enables a downstream company within a climate-smart commodity's supply chain to credibly claim and purchase the rights to the GHG reduction or removal realized by a producer within the farmgate. This is particularly important for compliance with SBTi and GHG Protocol reporting requirements. **Accordingly, verification of a climate-smart commodity project to the VCI Guidance ensures that the Supply Shed principle is upheld and that the GHG benefits of these commodities may be credibly claimed by corporate partners along the commodity's supply chains while safeguarding against double counting.**

In addition to verifying the GHG reductions and removals associated with a climate-smart commodity, SustainCERT's Scope 3 Emissions Impact Factor Software tracks GHG benefits throughout the commodity's supply chain. This platform traces the verified GHG reductions and removals from the farmgate as the commodity moves further downstream in its supply chain. It also calculates the commodity's carbon intensity at each stage of the supply chain during this journey, enabling multiple corporate partners to claim these benefits at their respective stages of the supply chain. This chain of custody helps to prevent undue double counting of the climate-smart commodity. It also enables multiple companies who share a common supply chain to jointly incentivize CSAF practices implemented on-farm, thereby facilitating the shared claims of these benefits and the collective action necessary to reduce Scope 3 GHG emissions.

C. ESTIMATED ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Due to the status of emerging markets, the *economic benefits derived from marketing activities* are challenging to predict. As such, this project utilizes CSAF Cost-Benefit Case Studies led by Dr. Michelle Perez of the American Farmland Trust (AFT), leveraging their previous Soil Health Case Studies and active NRCS CIG Soil Health Demonstration Trial.

We can attempt to predict the *economic benefit of project-derived financial and technical assistance*. This benefit is estimated to be $23,208,820, with an average range of $28,448-$61,848 per farm. Benefits include forecasted farmer carbon payments and the avoided cost of grant-paid technical expertise.

- OV-CIP carbon payments to an anticipated 500 farmers, totaling an estimated $4,224,220 over the grant period. Each participating farmer will receive an estimated average one-time OV-CIP payment of $8,448.
- USDA carbon outcome payments for an estimated 269 CSAF practices on 269 historically underserved and/or small farms. Each qualifying farmer will receive an estimated average one-time additional payment of $33,400.
- No-cost to the farmer technical expertise is estimated at $20,000 per participating farm, totaling an avoided farmer cost of $10,000,000. Included in the $20,000 per farm is one-on-one TSP assistance for practice design, planning, agency coordination for additional cost-

share, baseline quantification, soil sampling, if required, practice implementation, maintenance, and monitoring.

D. POST-PROJECT POTENTIAL AND ABILITY TO SCALE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Organic Valley's efforts to become carbon neutral by 2050 will extend beyond this grant. The co-op will continue to advance the adoption of CSAF practices with an annual goal of 13,000 MTonne of carbon reduced or removed. The award of USDA Climate-Smart Commodity funding is critical to scale this work within the timeframe required to meet our goals.

Many supply chain partners have their own climate goals with targets in 2030 and beyond, and they will look to continue their investments in OV-CIP carbon insetting practices. To foster continued growth in climate-smart commodity markets and adoption of CSAF practices, **we will develop a digital how-to guidebook,** in partnership with Good Company. This guidebook will leverage Good Company's previous work in guidebook development with the National Academies of Sciences for carbon and water management. Organic Valley project staff will collect surveys from partner TSPs on barriers to practice adoption to include in the guidebook. A series of webinars will be developed and delivered in partnership with the AFT and Good Company to share project and case study learnings. Case studies will also be digitized and made available to all project stakeholders and the public via the Organic Valley and AFT websites. Learnings and insights will help shape future years of financial and technical assistance while also helping to inform USDA actions to encourage climate-smart commodities.

As a subcontractor for the project, the Organic Trade Association will disseminate project findings to the organic industry at large, including 9,500 organic businesses and farms across 50 states. To further strengthen industry reach, project subcontractor, The Organic Center, will develop a communications campaign aimed at nearly 50,000 individuals. This reach is beyond that of Organic Valley and our supply chain partners listed above.

Post-project, efforts to scale the Value Change approach across the industry will continue through three avenues:

1. VCI's multi-stakeholder forum, where project results, challenges, and solutions will be disseminated to other corporate leaders, universities, and agricultural professionals.
2. Verification of projects to the Value Change Guidance, which demonstrates the utility and ability of Value Change projects, their resulting climate-smart commodities, and their associated GHG reductions and removals to contribute to companies' GHG targets and Scope 3 supply chain goals. Demonstrating this alignment will provide assurance to other companies making SBTi commitments that they can use the GHG reductions and removals from verified climate-smart commodities in their Scope 3 GHG reporting, per GHG Protocol requirements.
3. Tracking of climate-smart commodities in SustainCERT's Scope 3 Software, which will enable the credible co-claiming of the farmgate GHG reductions and removals by multiple corporate partners, providing a greater financial incentive to farmers to adopt climate-smart practices and allowing multiple downstream companies to share the cost in reducing their shared Scope 3 supply chain emissions.

USDA-PCSC Benchmarks		Year 1			
(quantitative metrics are cumulative)	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-June 2023)	Q3 (July-Sept 2023)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2023)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2024)
Number of dairy producers involved (cumulative) i.e. enrolled in OV-CIP	0	10	20	35	45
Number of egg producers involved (cumulative)	0	0	0	0	0
Number of dairy acres involved	0	2,700	5,400	9,450	12,150
Number of egg farm acres involved	0	0	0	0	0
Number of milking cows involved	0	720	1,440	2,520	3,240
Number of laying hens involved	0	0	0	0	0
Organic Valley Carbon Insetting Payments provided to producers	0	0	11,290	94,836	$119,680
USDA Carbon Outcome Payments provided to producers (# of payments issued)	0	0	0	0	29
USDA Carbon Outcome Payments provided to producers (cumulative dollars)	0	0	0	0	$968,600
Number of CSAF practices (verified as installed)	0	0	10	84	106
Farmer technical assistance delivered (# of CSAF practice plans)	0	0	10	84	106
Number of new marketing channels* established	0	0	0	0	0
Number of marketing channels* expanded	0	0	0	0	1
Number of measurement tools utilized	0	4	4	6	6
Estimated GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e) from Installed Practices	0	556	1,668	3,614	5,984
Verified Impact Units/GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e)	0	0	0	0	0
Mtons of Shared Impact Units with Suppply Chain partners	0	0	0	0	0

Other Required Benchmarks that may be quantitative or qualitative:	
Outreach, training and other technical assistance	Row 13, Qualitative - reported quarterly
Other MMRV and supply chain traceability attributes	Rows 12, 13,17,18, 19
Other measurements of work related to marketing of commodities	Row 12, 19, 20
Demonstrated engagement of major partners	Row 19, Qualitative - reported quarterly
Climate smart technologies employed (if applicable)	Qualitative - reported quarterly

USDA-PCSC Benchmarks	Year 2				Year 3			
(quantitative metrics are cumulative)	Q2 (Apr-June 2024)	Q3 (July-Sept 2024)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2024)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2025)	Q2 (Apr-June 2025)	Q3 (July-Sept 2025)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2025)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2026)
Number of dairy producers involved (cumulative) i.e. enrolled in OV-CIP	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	260
Number of egg producers involved (cumulative)	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	10
Number of dairy acres involved	20,250	27,000	33,750	40,500	47,250	54,000	60,750	70,200
Number of egg farm acres involved	0	0	0	250	250	250	250	500
Number of milking cows involved	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	14,000	16,000	18,000	20,800
Number of laying hens involved	0	0	0	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	65,000
Organic Valley Carbon Insetting Payments provided to producers	$206,983	$294,286	$381,590	$500,920	$634,473	$768,027	$901,580	$1,359,620
USDA Carbon Outcome Payments provided to producers (# of payments issued)	45	60	75	89	105	115	135	149
USDA Carbon Outcome Payments provided to producers (cumulative dollars)	$1,503,000	$2,004,000	$2,505,000	$2,972,600	$3,507,000	$3,841,000	$4,509,000	$4,976,600
Number of CSAF practices (verified as installed)	167	228	289	350	419	487	556	621
Farmer technical assistance delivered (# of CSAF practice plans)	167	228	289	350	419	487	556	621
Number of new marketing channels* established	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of marketing channels* expanded	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3
Number of measurement tools utilized	6	6	7	8	8	8	10	10
Estimated GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e) from Installed Practices	9,376	12,767	16,159	19,062	22,871	26,679	30,488	34,348
Verified Impact Units/GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	5,984	5,984	5,984	5,984
Mtons of Shared Impact Units with Supply Chain partners	0	0	0	0	5,984	5,984	5,984	5,984

USDA-PCSC Benchmarks	**Year 4**				**Year 5**			
(quantitative metrics are cumulative)	**Q2 (Apr-June 2026)**	**Q3 (July-Sept 2026)**	**Q4 (Oct-Dec 2026)**	**Q1 (Jan-Mar 2027)**	**Q2 (Apr-June 2027)**	**Q3 (July-Sept 2027)**	**Q4 (Oct-Dec 2027)**	**Q1 (Jan-Mar 2028)**
Number of dairy producers involved (cumulative) i.e. enrolled in OV-CIP	300	325	350	375	400	425	450	480
Number of egg producers involved (cumulative)	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	20
Number of dairy acres involved	81,000	87,750	94,500	101,250	108,000	114,750	121,500	129600
Number of egg farm acres involved	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1000
Number of milking cows involved	24,000	26,000	28,000	30,000	32,000	34,000	36,000	38400
Number of laying hens involved	65,000	65,000	65,000	97,500	97,500	97,500	97,500	130000
Organic Valley Carbon Insetting Payments provided to producers	$1,560,106	$1,757,687	$1,958,174	$2,600,470	$2,849,588	$3,050,074	$3,250,560	$4,224,220
USDA Carbon Outcome Payments provided to producers (# of payments issued)	165	180	195	209	225	240	255	269
USDA Carbon Outcome Payments provided to producers (cumulative dollars)	$5,511,000	$6,012,000	$6,513,000	$6,980,600	$7,515,000	$8,016,000	$8,517,000	$8,984,600
Number of CSAF practices (verified as installed)	690	758	827	895	964	1,033	1,101	1,170
Farmer technical assistance delivered (# of CSAF practice plans)	690	758	827	895	964	1,033	1,101	1,170
Number of new marketing channels* established	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Number of marketing channels* expanded	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5
Number of measurement tools utilized	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e) from Installed Practices	38,157	41,965	45,774	49,634	53,457	57,279	61,102	64,950
Verified Impact Units/GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e)	19,062	19,062	19,062	16,062	34,348	34,348	34,348	49,634
Mtons of Shared Impact Units with Supply Chain partners	14,385	14,385	14,385	14,385	21,550	21,550	21,550	28,769

Federal Portion		**Year 1**				
Schedule of Estimated Expenses	**Q1 (Jan-Mar)**	**Q2 (Apr-June 2023)**	**Q3 (July-Sept 2023)**	**Q4 (Oct-Dec 2023)**	**Q1 (Jan-Mar 2024)**	**Total All Qtrs**
Personnel		$ 73,726.00	$ 73,726.00	$ 73,726.00	$ 73,726.00	**$ 294,904.00**
Fringe		$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	**$ 48,000.00**
Travel		$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	**$ 50,404.00**
Contractual		***$ 174,039.31***	***$ 174,039.31***	***$ 174,039.31***	***$ 174,039.31***	***$ 726,032.72***
Sarah Flack		$ 345.00	$ -	$ 1,150.00	$ 2,530.00	$ 4,025.00
Carissa Stein		$ 345.00	$ -	$ 1,150.00	$ 2,530.00	$ 4,025.00
Agrilab Tech		$ 5,456.38	$ 5,456.38	$ 5,456.38	$ 5,456.38	$ 21,825.50
GDS Engineering		$ 34,331.77	$ 34,331.77	$ 34,331.77	$ 34,331.77	$ 137,327.08
SustainCERT		$ 36,324.99	$ 36,324.99	$ 36,324.99	$ 36,324.99	$ 145,299.95
Yardstick		$ 37,757.55	$ 37,757.55	$ 37,757.55	$ 37,757.55	$ 151,030.19
Other TSPs, TBD		$ 65,625.00	$ 65,625.00	$ 65,625.00	$ 65,625.00	$ 262,500.00
Other		***$ 595,947.52***	***$ 595,947.52***	***$ 595,947.52***	***$ 595,947.52***	***$ 2,383,790.07***
Subawards sub-total		***$ 353,797.52***	***$ 353,797.52***	***$ 353,797.52***	***$ 353,797.52***	***$ 1,415,190.07***
Alliance for Chesapeake Bay		$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 461,601.76
American Farmland Trust		$ 16,883.56	$ 16,883.56	$ 16,883.56	$ 16,883.56	$ 67,534.25
Good Company		$ 53,652.88	$ 53,652.88	$ 53,652.88	$ 53,652.88	$ 214,611.50
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District		$ 8,876.95	$ 8,876.95	$ 8,876.95	$ 8,876.95	$ 35,507.80
Interlace Commons		$ 44,001.84	$ 44,001.84	$ 44,001.84	$ 44,001.84	$ 176,007.35
Savanna Institute		$ 50,327.08	$ 50,327.08	$ 50,327.08	$ 50,327.08	$ 201,308.30
Sonoma Resource Conservation District		$ 8,182.79	$ 8,182.79	$ 8,182.79	$ 8,182.79	$ 32,731.15
OTA/TOC		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Trees for Graziers		$ 56,453.99	$ 56,453.99	$ 56,453.99	$ 56,453.99	$ 225,815.96
USDA Outcome Payments		$ 242,150.00	$ 242,150.00	$ 242,150.00	$ 242,150.00	**$ 968,600.00**
Indirect		$ 9,832.70	$ 9,832.70	$ 9,832.70	$ 9,832.70	**$ 39,330.80**
Equipment - NONE						
Supplies - NONE						
Construction - NONE						
TOTAL		$ 885,615.40	$ 317,899.26	$ 317,899.26	$ 317,899.26	**$ 3,542,461.59**

Federal Portion	Year 2					Year 3				
Schedule of Estimated Expenses	Q2 (Apr-June 2024)	Q3 (July-Sept 2024)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2024)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2025)	Total All Qtrs	Q2 (Apr-June 2025)	Q3 (July-Sept 2025)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2025)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2026)	Total All Qtrs
Personnel	$ 76,675.04	$ 76,675.04	$ 76,675.04	$ 76,675.04	**$ 306,700.16**	$ 79,742.04	$ 79,742.04	$ 79,742.04	$ 79,742.04	**$ 318,968.17**
Fringe	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	**$ 48,000.00**	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	**$ 48,000.00**
Travel	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	**$ 50,404.00**	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	**$ 50,404.00**
Contractual	***$ 311,011.08***	***$ 311,011.08***	***$ 311,011.08***	***$ 311,011.08***	***$ 1,244,044.32***	***$ 390,973.88***	***$ 390,973.88***	***$ 390,973.88***	***$ 390,973.88***	***$ 1,563,895.51***
Sarah Flack	$ 16,349.35	$ 16,349.35	$ 16,349.35	$ 16,349.35	$ 65,397.40	$ 16,922.24	$ 16,922.24	$ 16,922.24	$ 16,922.24	$ 67,688.94
Carissa Stein	$ 16,349.35	$ 16,349.35	$ 16,349.35	$ 16,349.35	$ 65,397.40	$ 16,922.24	$ 16,922.24	$ 16,922.24	$ 16,922.24	$ 67,688.94
Agrilab Tech	$ 13,301.04	$ 13,301.04	$ 13,301.04	$ 13,301.04	$ 53,204.15	$ 13,771.87	$ 13,771.87	$ 13,771.87	$ 13,771.87	$ 55,087.47
GDS Engineering	$ 44,872.45	$ 44,872.45	$ 44,872.45	$ 44,872.45	$ 179,489.79	$ 45,283.91	$ 45,283.91	$ 45,283.91	$ 45,283.91	$ 181,135.62
SustainCERT	$ 25,463.72	$ 25,463.72	$ 25,463.72	$ 25,463.72	$ 101,854.87	$ 31,775.95	$ 31,775.95	$ 31,775.95	$ 31,775.95	$ 127,103.81
Yardstick	$ 63,425.18	$ 63,425.18	$ 63,425.18	$ 63,425.18	$ 253,700.71	$ 69,422.68	$ 69,422.68	$ 69,422.68	$ 69,422.68	$ 277,690.73
Other TSPs, TBD	$ 131,250.00	$ 131,250.00	$ 131,250.00	$ 131,250.00	$ 525,000.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 787,500.00
Other	***$ 849,182.32***	***$ 849,182.32***	***$ 849,182.32***	***$ 849,182.32***	***$ 3,396,729.26***	***$ 845,240.96***	***$ 845,240.96***	***$ 845,240.96***	***$ 845,240.96***	***$ 3,380,963.84***
Subawards sub-total	***$ 348,182.32***	***$ 348,182.32***	***$ 348,182.32***	***$ 348,182.32***	***$ 1,392,729.26***	***$ 344,240.96***	***$ 344,240.96***	***$ 344,240.96***	***$ 344,240.96***	***$ 1,376,963.84***
Alliance for Chesapeake Bay	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 461,601.76	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 115,400.44	$ 461,601.76
American Farmland Trust	$ 8,187.02	$ 8,187.02	$ 8,187.02	$ 8,187.02	$ 32,748.09	$ 8,843.64	$ 8,843.64	$ 8,843.64	$ 8,843.64	$ 35,374.57
Good Company	$ 53,853.83	$ 53,853.83	$ 53,853.83	$ 53,853.83	$ 215,415.32	$ 56,558.51	$ 56,558.51	$ 56,558.51	$ 56,558.51	$ 226,234.05
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District	$ 8,876.95	$ 8,876.95	$ 8,876.95	$ 8,876.95	$ 35,507.80	$ 8,856.03	$ 8,856.03	$ 8,856.03	$ 8,856.03	$ 35,424.13
Interlace Commons	$ 41,624.46	$ 41,624.46	$ 41,624.46	$ 41,624.46	$ 166,497.85	$ 41,968.98	$ 41,968.98	$ 41,968.98	$ 41,968.98	$ 167,875.93
Savanna Institute	$ 51,200.66	$ 51,200.66	$ 51,200.66	$ 51,200.66	$ 204,802.62	$ 52,620.08	$ 52,620.08	$ 52,620.08	$ 52,620.08	$ 210,480.31
Sonoma Resource Conservation District	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 32,698.20	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 32,698.20
OTA/TOC	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Trees for Graziers	$ 60,864.41	$ 60,864.41	$ 60,864.41	$ 60,864.41	$ 243,457.62	$ 51,818.72	$ 51,818.72	$ 51,818.72	$ 51,818.72	$ 207,274.89
USDA Outcome Payments	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	**$ 2,004,000.00**	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	**$ 2,004,000.00**
Indirect	$ 10,127.61	$ 10,127.61	$ 10,127.61	$ 10,127.61	**$ 40,510.42**	$ 10,434.31	$ 10,434.31	$ 10,434.31	$ 10,434.31	**$ 41,737.22**
Equipment - NONE										
Supplies - NONE										
Construction - NONE										
TOTAL	$ 1,271,597.04	$ 1,271,597.04	$ 1,271,597.04	$ 1,271,597.04	**$ 5,086,388.16**	$ 1,350,992.19	$ 1,350,992.19	$ 1,350,992.19	$ 1,350,992.19	**$ 5,403,968.74**

Federal Portion	Year 4					Year 5					Years 1-5
Schedule of Estimated Expenses	Q2 (Apr-June 2026)	Q3 (July-Sept 2026)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2026)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2027)	Total All Qtrs	Q2 (Apr-June 2027)	Q3 (July-Sept 2027)	Q4 (Oct-Dec 2027)	Q1 (Jan-Mar 2028)	Total All Qtrs	TOTAL ALL YEARS
Personnel	$ 82,931.72	$ 82,931.72	$ 82,931.72	$ 82,931.72	**$ 331,726.89**	$ 86,248.99	$ 86,248.99	$ 86,248.99	$ 86,248.99	**$ 344,995.96**	**$ 1,597,295.18**
Fringe	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	**$ 48,000.00**	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	**$ 48,000.00**	**$ 240,000.00**
Travel	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	**$ 50,404.00**	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	$ 12,601.00	**$ 50,404.00**	**$ 252,020.00**
Contractual	***$ 427,149.91***	***$ 427,149.91***	***$ 427,149.91***	***$ 427,149.91***	***$ 1,708,599.65***	***$ 366,871.36***	***$ 366,871.36***	***$ 366,871.36***	***$ 366,871.36***	***$ 1,467,485.45***	***$ 6,710,057.65***
Sarah Flack	$ 17,518.03	$ 17,518.03	$ 17,518.03	$ 17,518.03	$ 70,072.13	$ 18,137.67	$ 18,137.67	$ 18,137.67	$ 18,137.67	$ 72,550.66	$ 279,734.13
Carissa Stein	$ 17,518.03	$ 17,518.03	$ 17,518.03	$ 17,518.03	$ 70,072.13	$ 18,137.67	$ 18,137.67	$ 18,137.67	$ 18,137.67	$ 72,550.66	$ 279,734.13
Agrilab Tech	$ 14,262.40	$ 14,262.40	$ 14,262.40	$ 14,262.40	$ 57,049.59	$ 14,771.60	$ 14,771.60	$ 14,771.60	$ 14,771.60	$ 59,086.39	$ 246,253.10
GDS Engineering	$ 46,941.31	$ 46,941.31	$ 46,941.31	$ 46,941.31	$ 187,765.22	$ 49,160.36	$ 49,160.36	$ 49,160.36	$ 49,160.36	$ 196,641.42	$ 882,359.13
SustainCERT	$ 23,947.08	$ 23,947.08	$ 23,947.08	$ 23,947.08	$ 95,788.33	$ 23,998.39	$ 23,998.39	$ 23,998.39	$ 23,998.39	$ 95,993.54	$ 566,040.50
Yardstick	$ 110,090.31	$ 110,090.31	$ 110,090.31	$ 110,090.31	$ 440,361.25	$ 115,668.20	$ 115,668.20	$ 115,668.20	$ 115,668.20	$ 462,672.78	$ 1,585,455.66
Other TSPs, TBD	$ 196,875.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 196,875.00	$ 787,500.00	$ 126,997.50	$ 126,997.50	$ 126,997.50	$ 126,997.50	$ 507,990.00	$ 2,870,490.00
Other	***$ 847,147.03***	***$ 847,147.03***	***$ 847,147.03***	***$ 847,147.03***	***$ 3,388,588.12***	***$ 860,339.92***	***$ 860,339.92***	***$ 860,339.92***	***$ 860,339.92***	***$ 3,441,359.69***	***$ 15,991,430.98***
Subawards sub-total	***$ 346,147.03***	***$ 346,147.03***	***$ 346,147.03***	***$ 346,147.03***	***$ 1,384,588.12***	***$ 359,339.87***	***$ 359,339.87***	***$ 359,339.87***	***$ 359,339.87***	***$ 1,437,359.49***	***$ 7,006,830.78***
Alliance for Chesapeake Bay	$ 114,650.44	$ 114,650.44	$ 114,650.44	$ 114,650.44	$ 458,601.76	$ 114,650.44	$ 114,650.44	$ 114,650.44	$ 114,650.44	$ 458,601.76	$ 2,302,008.80
American Farmland Trust	$ 9,549.93	$ 9,549.93	$ 9,549.93	$ 9,549.93	$ 38,199.73	$ 31,535.78	$ 31,535.78	$ 31,535.78	$ 31,535.78	$ 126,143.11	$ 299,999.75
Good Company	$ 56,796.97	$ 56,796.97	$ 56,796.97	$ 56,796.97	$ 227,187.88	$ 59,641.45	$ 59,641.45	$ 59,641.45	$ 59,641.45	$ 238,565.80	$ 1,122,014.55
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District	$ 8,856.03	$ 8,856.03	$ 8,856.03	$ 8,856.03	$ 35,424.13	$ 8,814.19	$ 8,814.19	$ 8,814.19	$ 8,814.19	$ 35,256.77	$ 177,120.63
Interlace Commons	$ 43,088.71	$ 43,088.71	$ 43,088.71	$ 43,088.71	$ 172,354.82	$ 43,443.64	$ 43,443.64	$ 43,443.64	$ 43,443.64	$ 173,774.56	$ 856,510.51
Savanna Institute	$ 54,914.77	$ 54,914.77	$ 54,914.77	$ 54,914.77	$ 219,659.07	$ 56,505.00	$ 56,505.00	$ 56,505.00	$ 56,505.00	$ 226,020.00	$ 1,062,270.30
Sonoma Resource Conservation District	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 32,698.20	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 8,174.55	$ 32,698.20	$ 163,523.95
OTA/TOC	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 819.50	$ 819.50	$ 819.50	$ 819.50	$ 3,278.00	$ 3,278.00
Trees for Graziers	$ 50,115.63	$ 50,115.63	$ 50,115.63	$ 50,115.63	$ 200,462.53	$ 35,755.32	$ 35,755.32	$ 35,755.32	$ 35,755.32	$ 143,021.29	$ 1,020,032.29
USDA Outcome Payments	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	**$ 2,004,000.00**	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	$ 501,000.00	**$ 2,004,000.00**	**$ 8,984,600.00**
Indirect	$ 10,753.27	$ 10,753.27	$ 10,753.27	$ 10,753.27	**$ 43,013.09**	$ 11,085.00	$ 11,085.00	$ 11,085.00	$ 11,085.00	**$ 44,340.00**	**$ 208,931.53**
Equipment - NONE											
Supplies - NONE											
Construction - NONE											
TOTAL	$ 1,392,582.94	$ 1,392,582.94	$ 1,392,582.94	$ 1,392,582.94	**$ 5,570,331.75**	$ 1,349,146.28	$ 1,349,146.28	$ 1,349,146.28	$ 1,349,146.28	**$ 5,396,585.10**	**$ 24,999,735.34**

Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations

Climate-Smart practices under this grant shall be limited to the following practices:

NRCS Practice Code	Practice Name
340	Cover Crop
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
336	Soil Carbon Amendment
528	Prescribed Grazing
512	Pasture and hay Planting
550	Range Planning
380	Windbreaks/Shelterbelt Establishment and renovation
381	Silvopasture
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
422	Hedgerow Planting
612	Tree and Shrub Establishment
666	Forest Stand Improvement
313	Waste Storage Facility
533	Pumping Plant
632	Waste Separation Facility
634	Waste Transfer
317	Composting Facility
376	Field Operations Emissions Reduction
561	Heavy Use Area Protection
367	Roofs and covers (Lagoon cover)
374	Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation
592	Feed Management

All practices applied under this grant will follow NRCS practice standards unless noted below:

N/A

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Overview of Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients are required to submit reports to document their performance under the *Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodity* funding opportunity. These submissions will be required to use the Microsoft Excel workbook templates provided by USDA. The workbooks contain a series of worksheets that collect data in a standardized format to ensure data quality and allow for aggregation and summary of this information. The entire workbook must be submitted quarterly, with updates to all applicable worksheets. This guide is divided into three sections. The *Overview of Reporting Requirements* section summarizes the layout of the reporting workbook and presents the data elements included in each worksheet. It also describes additional documents that must be submitted to supplement the performance reports. The *Data Definitions* section provides descriptions and allowable response options for each data element. The guide also indicates whether each data element is required, applicable at times, or optional; as well as how frequently each data element must be updated. Finally, the *Appendices* contain practice and commodity lists that will be used for these reports. Reporting is necessary for USDA oversight of this effort. The data elements required for inclusion in the quarterly performance reports allow USDA to conduct selected audits to review whether producers are receiving federal funds from multiple sources for the same purpose; to determine whether GHG benefits from implementation of climate-smart agriculture and forestry (CSAF) practices are being estimated accurately; and for other purposes deemed appropriate by USDA.

The reporting worksheets collect information at four levels: project, partner, producer, and field. Descriptions of each level:

> **Project level**: Information about activities and impacts at a whole project/aggregate level (i.e., reflecting all activities under the grant agreement). Some project-level reporting is further subdivided by commodity type or a combination of commodity and CSAF practice(s) (commodity x practice).
> **Partner level:** Information about activities related to a single organization (recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or other partner) within a project.
> **Producer level**: Information about individual producers who have one or more farms enrolled in a project.
> **Field level**: Information about individual fields enrolled in a project.

Certain data elements are required to be reported for each producer and field enrolled in a project. In order to minimize the burden associated with data collection and to enable USDA to match data to existing records, these producer- and field-specific records must use the producer's established FSA Farm, Tract and Field IDs, and report the State and County associated with the Farm ID. Associated data entered in conjunction with these data elements, such as Producer Name, must match the data contained in the customer's Business Partner record, and the Farm Operating Plan in Business File for that Farm ID. Disclosure of this information is protected under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (PL 110- 246), 7 U.S.C. 8791. Additionally, Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and gender. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply.

Note: For purposes of this guide, "farm" refers to the operation from which climate-smart commodities are produced and may represent farms, ranches, forests or other operations. Similarly, "field" refers to the individual land units at which climate-smart practices are being implemented to produce climate-smart commodities and may represent lots, farmsteads or other units, depending on the type of operation and commodity. The use of "Farm", "Tract" and "Field" align with the FSA definitions; for example, "A field is a part of a farm that is separated from the balance of the farm by a permanent boundary, such as; fences, permanent waterways, woodlands, croplines in cases where farming practices make it probable that this cropline is not subject to change, and other similar features."

The following tables list the data elements included in each reporting worksheet, along with a brief description of each item.

Project Summary

These data will be collected about each project. Cumulative results are reported each quarter. Report last quarter's entry if there has been no change in this quarter.

Table 1. Project Summary elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Commodity type	Type of commodity(ies) incentivized by the project	Quarterly
Commodity sales	Indicates sales of the commodity(ies) related to the project occurred this quarter	Quarterly
Farms enrolled	Indicates enrollment activities occurred this quarter	Quarterly
GHG calculation methods	Methods used to calculate greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits	Quarterly
GHG cumulative calculation	Method used to calculate cumulative GHG benefits	Quarterly
Cumulative GHG benefits	Whole project estimate of total GHG (CO2e) emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative carbon stock	Whole project estimate of total carbon sequestration	Quarterly
Cumulative CO2 benefit	Whole project estimate of total CO2 emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative CH4 benefit	Whole project estimate of total CH4 emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative N2O benefit	Whole project estimate of total N2O emission reductions	Quarterly
Offsets produced	Amount of carbon offsets produced by project	Quarterly
Offsets sale	Name of marketplace where carbon offsets were sold	Quarterly
Offsets price	Price of carbon in offset sales	Quarterly
Insets produced	Amount of carbon insets produced by project	Quarterly
Cost of on-farm TA	Cost of on-farm technical assistance (TA) provided to producers	Quarterly
MMRV cost	Cost of measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MMRV) activities	Quarterly
GHG monitoring method	Methods used by project to monitor GHG benefits (up to 5)	Quarterly
GHG reporting method	Methods used by project to report on GHG benefits (up to 5)	Quarterly
GHG verification method	Methods used to verify GHG benefits (up to 5)	Quarterly

Partner Activities

These data will be collected at the project level. Each row in this worksheet will represent one organization involved in the project, including the recipient and all contributing partners. A partner is any organization that is receiving project funds or providing matching contributions (funds or in-kind contributions) to the project. While the recipient must complete one row for their own organization, not all data elements apply to the recipient. These exceptions are noted in the detailed descriptions of the specific elements in the *Data Definitions* section of this guide. Data are reported cumulatively each quarter. Report last quarter's entry if there has been no change in this quarter.

Table 2. Partner Activities elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Partner ID	Unique ID for each partner	One-time
Partner name	Name of partner organization	One-time
Partner type	Type of organization	One-time
Partner POC	Partner point of contact name	As applicable
Partner POC email	Partner point of contact email	As applicable
Partnership start date	Start of partnership on project	One-time
Partnership end date	End of partnership on project	As applicable
New partnership	Indicator for partner organizations that have no prior work with the recipient	As applicable
Partner total requested	Total amount requested to date by partner from recipient	Quarterly
Total match contribution	Total amount of match contribution by partner to date	Quarterly
Total match incentives	Total amount of match contribution by partner for incentives	Quarterly
Match type	Top 3 types of match contribution by partner, other than incentives	Quarterly
Match amount	Value of match contributions by type	Quarterly
Training provided	Top 3 types of training provided to the partner through project	Quarterly
Activity by partner	Top 3 types of activities provided by this partner to producers or other partners	Quarterly
Activity cost	Approximate cost per activity type provided by partner to producers or other partners	Quarterly
Products supplied	Names of products supplied to producers as part of project activities or incentives	Quarterly
Product source	Supplier or source of products supplied to producers as part of project activities or incentives	Quarterly

Marketing Activities

These data will be collected at the project level. Each row in this worksheet will correspond to one commodity for which the project enrolls fields and one marketing channel used to sell that commodity by the project or producers enrolled in the project. Data are reported for the current quarter and are not cumulative. If no sales of the commodity were reported during a quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter.

Table 3. Marketing Activities elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Commodity type	Type of commodity incentivized by the project	Quarterly
Marketing channel type	Type of marketing channels used	Quarterly
Number of buyers	Number of buyers per marketing channel	Quarterly
Names of buyers	Names of buyers in the marketing channel	Quarterly
Marketing channel geography	Geography of marketing channel	Quarterly
Value sold	Value of commodity sold by marketing channel	Quarterly
Volume sold	Volume of commodity sold by marketing channel	Quarterly
Price premium	Price premium of commodity by marketing channel	Quarterly
Price premium to producer	Percent of price premium that goes to the producer	Quarterly
Product differentiation method	Top 3 types of product differentiation methods used	Quarterly
Marketing method	Top 3 types of marketing methods used	Quarterly
Marketing channel identification method	Top 3 ways marketing channel was identified	Quarterly
Traceability method	Top 3 types of supply chain traceability methods used	Quarterly

Producer Enrollment

These data will be collected at the producer level about each farm enrolled in the project. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one farm that has at least one field enrolled in the project. Data are reported when a producer first enrolls one or more fields in the project. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the farm characteristics each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates. The quarterly submission should contain information about each farm initially enrolled in the project during that quarter and for updates to farms that have re-enrolled during that quarter, as applicable. If no farms are enrolled during that quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter.

Table 4. Producer Enrollment elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)	
County of residence	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)	
Producer data change	Indicator that producer data was updated at re-enrollment	As applicable
Producer start date	Contract start date	Enrollment
Producer name	Name of primary operator	Enrollment
Underserved status	Indicator the primary operator is considered underserved and/or a small producer	Enrollment
Total area	Total area of enrolled operation	Annual
Total crop area	Total crop area in enrolled operation enrolled	Annual
Total livestock area	Total livestock confinement, pasture and rangeland in enrolled operation	Annual
Total forest area	Total forest area in enrolled operation	Annual
Livestock type	Top 3 types of livestock on enrolled operation	Annual
Livestock head	Total livestock currently managed (by type)	Annual
Organic farm	Indicator that part of the farm is certified or transitioning organic	Annual
Organic fields	Indicator that any of the enrolled fields are certified or transitioning organic	Annual
Producer motivation	Motivation for participation	Annual
Producer outreach	Top 3 types of outreach provided to producer	Annual
CSAF experience	Indicator of prior implementation of CSAF practices at this farm	Annual
CSAF federal funds	Indicator of prior receipt of federal funds for CSAF practices	Annual
CSAF state or local funds	Indicator of prior receipt of state funds for CSAF practices	Annual
CSAF nonprofit funds	Indicator of prior receipt of nonprofit funds for CSAF practices	Annual
CSAF market incentives	Indicator of prior receipt of market incentives for CSAF practices	Annual

Field Enrollment

These data will be collected about each field enrolled in the project. In this worksheet, each row corresponds to one field x commodity combination enrolled in the project. Generally, data are reported once for each field, at its initial enrollment. The quarterly submission should contain information about each field initially enrolled in the project during that quarter. If no fields are enrolled during that quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter. If a field is enrolled for multiple years, any relevant changes, such as a new ID number or changes to the commodity or practice combinations should be entered in this worksheet during the quarter it is re-enrolled, or as applicable.

Table 5. Field Enrollment elements

Data element name	Description
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name
Physical County of field	Physical county name must match FSA farm records
Prior Field ID	Previous Field ID when reconstitution of farm results in new Field IDs
Field data change	Indicator that field data has changed from initial enrollment
Contract start date	Start date of contract
Total field area	Size of enrolled field
Commodity category	Category of commodity(ies) produced
Commodity type	Type of commodity(ies) produced
Baseline yield	Average yield of commodity in 3 years prior to enrollment
Baseline yield location	Location for which baseline yield is provided
Field land use	Most common land use in field in past 3 years
Field irrigated	Most common irrigation type in field in past 3 years
Field tillage	Most common tillage in field in past 3 years
Practice past extent - farm	Extent of operation that implemented this practice prior to project enrollment
Field any CSAF practice	Indicator for prior CSAF practices in this field in past 3 years
Practice past use - this field	Indicator of prior use of this practice in this field in the past 3 years
Practice type	CSAF practice(s) that will be implemented in enrolled field (up to 7)
Practice standard	Organization that developed CSAF practice standard implemented in field
Planned practice implementation year	Year that practice is planned to be implemented
Practice extent	Area or number of animals for which practice is implemented
Follow-on questions	Follow-on questions by practice type (see Table 11)

Farm Summary

These data will be collected about each farm enrolled in the project. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one farm that has at least one field enrolled in the project. The quarterly submission should contain updates to any data elements that have changed for each farm enrolled in the project during that quarter. If there are no changes from the previous quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter. Data are not cumulative.

Table 6. Farm Summary elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory	State name	
County of residence	County name	
Producer TA received	Type of technical assistance provided to producer	Quarterly
Producer incentive amount	Total financial incentive provided to the producer	Quarterly
Incentive reason	Top 4 reason(s) for financial incentives provided to producer	Quarterly
Incentive structure	Top 4 units on which financial incentives are structured	Quarterly
Incentive type	Top 4 type(s) of financial incentives provided to producer	Quarterly
Payment on enrollment	Extent of payment provided to producer upon enrollment	Quarterly
Payment on implementation	Extent of payment provided to producer upon implementation of CSAF practices	Quarterly
Payment on harvest	Extent of payment provided to producer upon harvest or slaughter	Quarterly
Payment on MMRV	Extent of payment provided to producer upon reporting or verification	Quarterly
Payment on sale	Extent of payment provided to producer upon sale of commodity	Quarterly

Field Summary

These data will be collected about each field enrolled in the project for a commodity x practice(s) combination. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one field x commodity x practice(s) combination enrolled in the project. Data for each field will be reported quarterly and are not cumulative. Report data for any elements that have an update in that quarter. Greenhouse gas benefit estimates must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate. If there are no changes from the previous quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter. This worksheet includes a section to report the "official" estimate of GHG benefits – amounts of greenhouse gas emissions reduced and carbon sequestered – for the field. These quantities refer to the estimates that are used to calculate the project's aggregate impact (reported in Table 1). Tables 8 and 9 are used to report alternate estimates of the field-level GHG benefits when additional methods are used to model (Table 8) or measure (Table 9) these impacts. Any field that can use COMET-Planner must submit those results, either as the official or alternate model.

Table 7. Field Summary elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory of field	State name	
County of field	County name	
Commodity type	Type of commodity produced from field	Quarterly
Practice type	Type of practice(s) incentivized in field (up to seven)	Quarterly
Date practice complete	Date that practice implementation is certified complete	Quarterly
Contract end date	End date of contract	Quarterly
MMRV assistance provided	Indicator that MMRV assistance is provided to field	Quarterly
Marketing assistance provided	Indicator that marketing assistance provided for commodity from field	Quarterly
Incentive per acre or head	Indicator that a per acre/head incentives is provided for the CSAF practice(s) on this field	Quarterly
Field commodity value	Value of commodity produced from field	Quarterly
Field commodity volume	Volume of commodity produced from field	Quarterly
Cost of implementation	Total cost of practice implementation in field	Quarterly
Cost coverage	Percent of total cost of implementation of practice covered by project incentives	Quarterly
Field GHG monitoring	Methods used to monitor GHG benefits in field (up to 3)	Quarterly
Field GHG reporting	Methods used to report on GHG benefits for field (up to 3)	Quarterly
Field GHG verification	Methods used to verify GHG benefits for field (up to 3)	Quarterly
Field GHG calculations	Methods used to calculate GHG benefits for field	Quarterly
Field official GHG calculation	Method used to calculate official GHG benefits for field	Quarterly
Field official GHG ER	Official estimate of total GHG emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field official carbon stock	Official estimate of total carbon sequestration for field	Quarterly
Field official CO2 ER	Official estimate of total CO2 emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field official CH4 ER	Official estimate of total CH4 emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field official N2O ER	Official estimate of total N2O emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field offsets produced	Amount of carbon offsets produced in field	Quarterly
Field insets produced	Amount of carbon insets produced in field	Quarterly
Other field measurements	Indicator that field data was collected for reasons other than GHG benefit estimation	Quarterly

GHG Benefits - Alternate Modeled

If greenhouse gas benefits are modeled for the same field using multiple methods, the results for the alternate models are reported in this worksheet. The "alternate" models refer to those model results that were not used in the calculation of the project's aggregate impact (as reported in Table 1). Any field that can use COMET-Planner must submit those results, either as the official or alternate model. These data will be collected about the modeled GHG benefits for each field x commodity x practice(s) combination. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one field enrolled in the project. Data are not cumulative. Each quarterly submission should include information for all fields that have new modeled data. Greenhouse gas benefit estimates must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.

Table 8. GHG Benefits – Alternate Modeled elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory of field	State name	
County of field	County name	
Commodity type	Type of commodity(ies) produced from the field (up to 6)	Annual
Practice type	Type of practice(s) incentivized in field (up to 7)	Annual
GHG model	Model used to calculate GHG benefits	Annual
Model start date	Start date of model run	Annual
Model end date	End date of model run	Annual
Total GHG benefits estimated	Estimate of total GHG benefits for field	Annual
Total carbon stock estimated	Estimate of total change in carbon stock for field	Annual
Total CO2 estimated	Estimate of total CO2 emission reductions for field	Annual
Total CH4 estimated	Estimate of total CH4 emission reductions for field	Annual
Total N2O estimated	Estimate of total N2O emission reductions for field	Annual

GHG Benefits - Measured

Projects must report the results of any carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this worksheet. These data will be collected at the field level. Each row will represent a separate measurement method used to calculate GHG benefits for a given field. Data are reported once per year of measurement and are not cumulative. Each quarterly submission should include information for any field for which there are new soil samples or new calculations of annual GHG benefits based on actual measurements.

Table 9. GHG Benefits - Measured data elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State	State name	
County	County name	
GHG measurement method	Method of measurement	Annual
Lab name	Entity that conducted analysis	Annual
Measurement start date	Start date of measurements	Annual
Measurement end date	End date of measurements	Annual
Total CO2 reduction calculated	Calculation of total CO2 reduction	Annual
Total carbon stock change calculated	Calculation of change in carbon stock	Annual
Total CH4 reduction calculated	Calculation of total CH4 reduction	Annual
Total N2O reduction calculated	Calculation of total N2O reduction	Annual
Soil sample result	Numeric result from soil sample	Annual
Measurement type	Type of analysis conducted	Annual

Additional Environmental Benefits

Projects that track additional environmental benefits (e.g., water quality improvements) from enrolled fields report results in this worksheet. These data will be collected about each field. Each row in this worksheet will correspond to an enrolled field. Data are not cumulative. Estimates of environmental benefits must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.

Table 10. Additional Environmental Benefits elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State	State name	
County	County name	
Environmental benefits	Indicator that project tracks other environmental benefits	Annual
Reduction in nitrogen loss	Indicator that project tracks reductions in nitrogen loss	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Reduction in phosphorus loss	Indicator that project tracks reductions in phosphorus loss	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Other water quality	Indicator that project tracks other water quality improvements	Annual
Type	Type of water quality metric being tracked	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Water quantity	Indicator that project tracks reduced water use	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Reduced erosion	Indicator that project tracks reductions in soil erosion	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Reduced energy use	Indicator that project tracks reductions in energy use	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Avoided land conversion	Indicator that project tracks reductions in land conversion	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Improved wildlife habitat	Indicator that project tracks improvements in wildlife habitat	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual

Supplemental Data Submission

Project MMRV Plan

Definition of MMRV elements:

Measurement: Quantification of the greenhouse gas benefits (reduction or capture) using mathematical models and/or direct physical measurements in the field

Monitoring: Ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time

Reporting: Documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization

Verification: Independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable.

Projects must submit an MMRV plan that includes details about how each of the following are addressed:

- Quantification approach, including:
  - GHG models used
  - GHG measurement plan (if applicable)
  - Approach to quantifying additional environmental benefits, if applicable (e.g., water quality, habitat)
- Verification approach:
  - Compliance criteria
  - Verification plan/methodology
- Approach to ensuring:
  - Additionality
  - Permanence
  - Leakage
  - Impacts of weather
- Plan for non-compliance

If the project is using a specific MMRV methodology or approach developed by the recipient, a project partner, or an outside organization, the project can submit documentation associated with the methodology as long as the documentation addresses each of the above categories.

If the project is tracking other environmental benefits (as reported in the *Additional Environmental Benefits* worksheet), include a description of the methodology and tools used to track and report on these benefits.

Field modeled GHG benefit reports

Results from any models besides COMET-Planner used to estimate GHG benefits must also be submitted as a separate report. This includes projects running COMET-Farm. The full results of any model can be submitted in the native/standard format generated by the modeling tool and must include the following Unique IDs in the report or in the file name: State, County, Farm ID, Tract ID, Field ID.

Field direct measurement results

For any direct physical measurements in the field, measurement results must be submitted as a separate report and must include the following Unique IDs in the report or in the file name: State, County, Farm ID, Tract ID, Field ID. Measurement results reports must include the name of the equipment used for sampling or data collection, the name of the lab that analyzed the data, and the analytical method used.

Sample report types include soil analysis reports, summarized results of portable emissions analyzers or flux towers, water quality analyses, and plant species counts. These could be collected for the purposes of determining GHG emission reductions or carbon sequestration amounts, for calibration of tools or models, for tracking other environmental benefits, or for other reasons.

Data Descriptions

This section provides descriptions and allowable response options for each data element. The guide also indicates whether each data element is required, applicable at times, or optional; as well as how frequently each data element must be updated.

Unique IDs

Project ID: Unique ID at the project level – "Award Identifying Number" shown on award documentation
Partner ID: Unique ID at the partner level – use EIN; if no EIN, a unique ID will be assigned for use in these reports
State or territory of operation: State or territory name
County of operation: Physical county name
Farm ID: Unique ID at the operation level assigned by Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Tract ID: Unique ID at the tract level assigned by FSA
Field ID: Unique ID at the field level assigned by FSA

Project Summary

Commodity type

Data element name: Commodity type

Reporting question: What climate-smart commodity types are produced by this project?

Description: Type of commodity incentivized by the project. These commodities include those for whom farmers are directly receiving incentives or other types of marketing support. See full list of commodity options in Appendix B. List one commodity per row.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values: FSA commodity list

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Commodity sales

Data element name: Commodity sales

Reporting question: Did project activities result in sales this quarter of the commodity(ies) produced by this project?

Description: Indicator of sales of commodity(ies) related to project activities. If sales are reported, complete the *Marketing Activities* worksheet (Table 3) as part of the quarterly performance report.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Farms enrolled

Data element name: Farms enrolled

Reporting question: Did the project enroll any producers or fields this quarter?

Description: Indicator that the project enrolled producers or fields. If enrollment activities occurred this quarter, complete the *Producer Enrollment* and *Field Enrollment* worksheets (Tables 4 and 5) as part of the quarterly performance report.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

GHG calculation methods

Data element name: GHG calculation methods

Reporting question: What methods is the project using to calculate GHG benefits?

Description: List the way(s) that GHG benefits are being measured and calculated by the project this quarter.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Models
- Direct field measurements
- Both

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

GHG cumulative calculation

Data element name: GHG cumulative calculation

Reporting question: What method(s) was used to calculate the total cumulative GHG benefits reported here?

Description: List the method(s) that was used to calculate the total cumulative GHG benefits reported by the project this quarter.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:
- Models
- Direct field measurements
- Both

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cumulative GHG benefits

Data element name: Cumulative GHG benefits

Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total GHG emission reductions (CO2eq) to date?

Description: Total cumulative estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cumulative carbon stock

Data element name: Cumulative carbon stock

Reporting question: How much carbon has the project sequestered to date?

Description: Estimated total cumulative change in carbon stock based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same numbers as the previous quarter. Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO_2eq.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cumulative CO2 benefit

Data element name: Cumulative CO2 benefit

Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total cumulative CO2 emission reductions to date?

Description: Estimated total cumulative carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cumulative CH4 benefit

Data element name: Cumulative CH4 benefit

Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total CH4 emission reductions to date?

Description: Estimated total cumulative methane reduction based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same numbers as the previous quarter. Conversion rate is one ton of CH_4 = 25 tons of CO_2eq.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO_2eq

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cumulative N20 benefit

Data element name: Cumulative N2O benefit

Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total N2O emission reductions to date?

Description: Estimated total cumulative nitrous oxide reduction based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no updated numbers enter the same number as the previous quarter. Conversion rate is one ton of N_2O = 298 tons of CO_2eq.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO_2eq

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Offsets produced

Data element name: Offsets produced

Reporting question: How many carbon offsets have been produced in the project?

Description: Total carbon offsets produced by enrolled project fields during the quarter. Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Offsets sale

Data element name: Offsets sale

Reporting question: To what marketplace(s) were carbon offsets sold?

Description: Marketplaces to which carbon offsets produced by enrolled project fields were sold. Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace. List each marketplace name. Separate names with commas.

Data type: Text

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: Name

Allowed values: Text

Logic: Respond if >0 to 'Offsets produced'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Offsets price

Data element name: Offsets price

Reporting question: What was the average price of carbon received for offsets?

Description: Average price per metric ton paid for carbon offsets produced by enrolled project fields. Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Dollars per metric ton

Allowed values: 0-500

Logic: Respond if >0 to 'Offsets produced'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Insets produced

Data element name: Insets produced

Reporting question: How many carbon insets have been produced in the project?

Description: Total carbon insets produced by enrolled fields during the quarter. Insets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and accounted for within Scope 3 emissions for a firm.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cost of on-farm TA

Data element name: Cost of on-farm TA

Reporting question: What is the total amount that has been spent to provide on-farm TA?

Description: Total cost of any field- or practice-specific technical assistance provided by the project (by recipient or partners) to any producers. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0-$50,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

MMRV cost

Data element name: MMRV cost

Reporting question: What is the total amount that has been spent on MMRV activities?

Description: Total cost of all MMRV activities paid for by the project (recipient or partners). MMRV components are defined as measurement (calculations or estimations of GHG emissions), monitoring (ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practices have been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time), reporting (documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization), and verification (independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable). This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0-$50,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

GHG monitoring method

Data element name: GHG monitoring 1-5

Reporting question: How did the project monitor GHG benefits?

Description: Up to the five most common forms of monitoring GHG benefits used this quarter as part of MMRV requirements. Monitoring is defined as ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time. Include up to 5 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides five columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 5 GHG monitoring methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG monitoring methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Drones
- Ground-level photos and videos
- On-farm visit
- Plot-based sampling
- Producer records or attestation
- Satellite monitoring or remote sensing
- Soil metagenomics
- Soil sensors
- Water sensors
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

GHG reporting method

Data element name: GHG reporting 1-5

Reporting question: How did the project track and report implementation of practices to reduce GHG emissions?

Description: Up to the five most common forms of tracking and reporting on practice implementation used this year as part of MMRV requirements. Reporting is defined as documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization. Include up to 5 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides five columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 5 GHG reporting methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG reporting methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Automated devices
- Email
- Mobile app
- Paper
- Third-party actors
- Website
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

GHG verification method

Data element name: GHG verification method 1-5

Reporting question: How did the project verify implementation of practices to reduce GHG emissions?

Description: Up to the five most common forms of verifying practice implementation used this year as part of MMRV requirements. Verification is defined as independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable. Include up to 5 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides five columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 5 GHG verification methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG verification methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Artificial intelligence
- Audit by recipient
- Computer modeling
- Photos
- Record audit
- Satellite imagery
- Site or field visit
- Third-party audit
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Partner Activities

Unique IDs	
Partner ID	Unique Project ID for each partner

Partner name	
Data element name: Name of partner organization	**Reporting question:** What is the official name of the recipient or partner organization?
Description: Legal name of recipient or partner organization	
Data type: Text	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: NA	**Allowed values:** Text
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation

Partner type	
Data element name: Type of partner organization	**Reporting question:** What type of organization is this?
Description: Legal/financial structure of recipient or partner organization	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity groups (501c5) • For-profit • Individual • Nonprofit • State or local agency • Tribal agency • University
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation

Partner POC	
Data element name: Partner POC	**Reporting question:** Who is the point of contact for this project at the recipient or partner organization?
Description: Name of a point of contact for the recipient or partner organization	
Data type: Text	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: NA	**Allowed values:** Text
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation; update as necessary

Partner POC email	
Data element name: Partner POC email	**Reporting question:** What is the point of contact's email address?
Description: Email of the point of contact for the recipient or partner organization	
Data type: Text	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: NA	**Allowed values:** Text
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation; update as necessary

Partnership start date

Data element name: Partnership start date	**Reporting question:** When did the partnership start?
Description: Date that the partner organization and the recipient began formally partnering on the project	
Data type: Date	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY	**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030
Logic: No response for recipient	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation

Partnership end date

Data element name: Partnership end date	**Reporting question:** When did the partnership end?
Description: Date that the partner organization and the recipient stopped formally partnering on the project	
Data type: Date	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY	**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030
Logic: No response for recipient	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership end quarter

New partnership

Data element name: New partnership	**Reporting question:** Is this a new partnership?
Description: A new partnership means that the recipient and the partner organization have not had a formal working relationship (under contract or on a grant) prior to the start of the project.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: No response for recipient	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation

Partner total requested

Data element name: Partner total requested	**Reporting question:** What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this project?
Description: Cumulative (total) amount of funds that the partner has requested reimbursement for from the recipient from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the value must be the sum of all previous entries plus the amount of funds requested in the reporting quarter. If there are no changes, report the value from the previous quarter.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: Dollars	**Allowed values:** $0-$100,000,000
Logic: No response for recipient	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Total match contribution

Data element name: Total match contribution

Reporting question: What is the total match value the organization has contributed to the project to date?

Description: Cumulative (total) value of funds and in-kind contributions (e.g., staff time, inputs, equipment rental, marketing support) that the partner has provided as a project match contribution from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the value must be the sum of all previous entries plus match contributions in the reporting quarter. If there are no changes, report the value from the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0-$100,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Total match incentives

Data element name: Total match incentives

Reporting question: What is the total value of match provided by this organization for producer incentives?

Description: Cumulative (total) value of funds for incentive payments directly to producers that the partner has provided as a project match contribution from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the value must be the sum of all previous entries plus match incentives in the reporting quarter. If there are no changes, report the value from the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0-$100,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Match type

Data element name: Match type 1-3

Reporting question: What types of match contributions has the organization provided to the project?

Description: Types of match contributions *other than incentives* provided directly to producers by the organization from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. Enter up to the top three (in dollar value) types of match contributions provided. In-kind staff time could be used for technical assistance, marketing assistance, or other support to producers. Production inputs include seed, fertilizer, pesticides, equipment and other inputs for use in the field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 match types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other match types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Equipment rental or use
- In-kind staff time
- Production inputs (reduced cost or free)
- Program income
- Software
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Match amount

Data element name: Match amount 1-3

Reporting question: What is the value of the match contributions the organization provided to the project?

Description: Cumulative (total) value of funds for each match type that the organization has provided as a project match contribution from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. Enter amounts for up to the top three (in dollar value) match types. The worksheet provides three columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If fewer than 3 match types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0-$100,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Training type provided

Data element name: Training type 1-3 provided

Reporting question: What types of training has the organization provided to project partners?

Description: Types of training provided to the project partner as a result of participating in the project during the past quarter. Training can come from the recipient, a project partner organization (including other divisions of their own organization, or an outside organization. Enter up to the top three (in dollar value) types of partner training provided. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 training types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other training types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Data collection
- Grant reporting
- Marketing opportunities
- Providing financial assistance
- Providing technical assistance
- Writing producer contracts
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Activity by partner

Data element name: Activity 1-3 by partner

Reporting question: What types of activities has the organization provided to the project?

Description: Types of activities that the recipient or partner organization has provided during the reporting quarter. Enter up to the top three (in dollar value) types of activities undertaken. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 activity types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other activity types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Marketing support
- MMRV support
- Producer outreach for enrollment
- Technical assistance to producers
- Training to other partner organizations
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Activity cost

Data element name: Activity cost 1-3	**Reporting question:** What is the value of the activities this organization has provided to the project?
Description: Cumulative (total) cost of each activity type that the organization has undertaken or offered from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. Enter amounts for up to the top three (in dollar value) activity types. The worksheet provides three columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If fewer than 3 activity types are provided, leave unnecessary columns blank.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: Dollars	**Allowed values:** $0-$100,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Products supplied

Data element name: Products supplied	**Reporting question:** What products or supplies were provided to enrolled fields?
Description: Name(s) of products supplied to enrolled producers as incentives or matching contributions. Enter the name of each product, including its brand. Separate each product name with a comma. If no products or supplies were provided by the organization, leave the column blank.	
Data type: Text	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: Name	**Allowed values:** Text
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Product source

Data element name: Product source	**Reporting question:** Which companies provided the supplies?
Description: Name of firm or company from which supplies were obtained.	
Data type: Text	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: Name	**Allowed values:** Text
Logic: Respond if text entered for 'Products supplied'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Partner	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Marketing Activities

Commodity type

Data element name: Commodity type

Reporting question: What type of commodity is produced by the farmers enrolled in this project?

Description: List a single commodity produced or marketed through incentives from this project. If multiple commodities are produced by the project, use additional rows of the worksheet to report each commodity. Use the FSA commodity list in Appendix B and choose the commodity from the list.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values: FSA commodity list

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Marketing channel type

Data element name: Marketing channel type

Reporting question: What type of marketing channel is used to sell this commodity?

Description: List a single type of marketing channel used to sell the commodity produced by farmers enrolled in the project. If a single commodity is marketed through multiple channels, use additional rows of the worksheet to report each combination of commodity and marketing channel. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the other marketing channel type(s) as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Agricultural marketing board
- Biorefinery
- Commodity broker
- Direct to consumer
- Direct to institution
- Direct to restaurant
- Distributor (including grain elevators)
- Food hub or cooperative
- Food processor
- Non-food byproducts processor
- Retailer
- USDA
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Number of buyers

Data element name: Number of buyers

Reporting question: How many buyers are there in this marketing channel?

Description: List the number of individual firms or buyers in this marketing channel.

Data type: Integer

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Count

Allowed values: 1-500

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Names of buyers

Data element name: Names of buyers	**Reporting question:** What are the names of all of the buyers in this marketing channel?
Description: Provide the names of all buyers in this marketing channel. Separate each name with a comma.	
Data type: Text	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: Name	**Allowed values:** Text
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Project	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Marketing channel geography

Data element name: Marketing channel geography	**Reporting question:** What is the primary geography of the marketing channel?
Description: The primary geography of the type of marketing channel. Primary geography means the scale at which most of the activity of buying and selling happens. Local means within a single state or directly neighboring states. Regional means within a five-to-ten state area. National means across the United States. International means specific locations outside of the United States. Global means across the world or not to a specific international location.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Local • Regional • National • Global
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Project	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Value sold

Data element name: Value sold	**Reporting question:** What is the value of the commodity sold in this marketing channel?
Description: The dollar value of the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter (non-cumulative).	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Dollars	**Allowed values:** $1-$100,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Project	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Volume sold

Data element name: Volume sold	**Reporting question:** What is the volume of the commodity sold in this marketing channel?
Description: The volume of the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter (non-cumulative).	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Number	**Allowed values:** 1-100,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Project	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Volume sold unit

Data element name: Volume sold unit

Reporting question: What is the unit of volume?

Description: The unit associated with the volume of the commodity sold in the marketing channel. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate unit as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Bales (500 pounds)
- Bushels
- Carcass pounds
- Gallons
- Kilograms
- Linear board feet
- Liveweight pounds
- Metric tons
- Pounds
- Short tons
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Price premium

Data element name: Price premium

Reporting question: What price premium is received for the commodity sold in this marketing channel?

Description: The price premium received for the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter. Price premium is the amount received above a 'business as usual' price.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0.01-$10,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Price premium unit

Data element name: Price premium unit

Reporting question: What is the unit for the price premium?

Description: The unit associated with the price premium for the commodity sold in the marketing channel. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate unit as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Per bale (500 pounds)
- Per bushel
- Per carcass pound
- Per gallon
- Per kilogram
- Per linear board foot
- Per live pound
- Per metric ton
- Per ounce
- Per short ton
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Price premium to producer

Data element name: Price premium to producer

Reporting question: What percent of the price premium is provided to the producer for the commodity sold in this marketing channel?

Description: The percent of the price premium provided to the producer for the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter. Price premium is the amount received above a 'business as usual' price.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Percent

Allowed values: 0-100

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Product differentiation method

Data element name: Product differentiation method 1-3

Reporting question: What methods are used to differentiate climate-smart commodities in this marketing channel?

Description: Provide the methods used to differentiate the climate-smart commodity in this market channel. Product differentiation methods are ways to distinguish or differentiate the climate-smart commodity in the marketplace. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 product differentiation methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other product differentiation methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Certification/verification for internal insetting
- Farm certification
- Label or badge used on packaging or marketing
- Third party certification/verification
- Trademark
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Marketing method

Data element name: Marketing method 1-3

Reporting question: What methods are used to market climate-smart commodities in this marketing channel?

Description: Provide the method(s) used to market this commodity in this market channel. Marketing method is the way that potential buyers of the climate-smart commodity are engaged by the project partners as the sellers or facilitators of sale. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 marketing methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other marketing methods as free text

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Label or badge used on packaging or marketing materials
- Marketing partnership (e.g., promotion by buyer)
- Print marketing campaign
- Social media and digital marketing campaign
- Verbal marketing campaign (e.g., radio, word of mouth)
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Marketing channel identification method

Data element name: Marketing channel identification method 1-3

Reporting question: What methods are used to generate interest in climate-smart commodities in this marketing channel?

Description: Provide the marketing channel identification method(s) used for this commodity in this market channel. Market channel identification methods are the ways that producers and project partners generate interest in purchasing the climate-smart commodity. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 marketing channel identification methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other marketing channel identification methods as free text

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Educational tours for buyers
- In-person lead generation
- Negotiated contracts with buyers
- Partnership network or project partner
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Traceability method

Data element name: Traceability method 1-3

Reporting question: What traceability methods are used for climate-smart commodities in this channel?

Description: Provide the traceability method(s) used for the climate-smart commodity in this market channel. Traceability methods are ways to trace the climate-smart commodity or the climate-smart claims through the supply chain. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 traceability methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other traceability methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Barcode or unique ID
- Blockchain
- Book and claim
- Chain of custody
- Mass balance
- Recordkeeping
- Registry with certification
- Segregation
- Supply shed
- Volume proxy
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Producer Enrollment

Unique IDs

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
State or territory	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of residence	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

Producer data change

Data element name: Producer data change

Reporting question: Is there new/updated information for a producer who is re-enrolling in the project?

Description: Indicates that there is new or updated information for a producer who had previously enrolled in the project and is re-enrolling.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Re-enrollment

Producer start date

Data element name: Producer start date

Reporting question: When did the producer enroll in the project?

Description: Date that the producer enrolled in the project by signing their first contract.

Data type: Date

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY

Allowed values: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Producer name

Data element name: Producer name

Reporting question: What is the name of producer enrolled in the project?

Description: Name of the producer enrolled in the project; the name must match the name contained in the customer's Business Partner record and the Farm Operating Plan in FSA Business File for that Farm ID.

Data type: Text

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: NA

Allowed values: Text

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Underserved status

Data element name: Underserved status

Reporting question: Is this producer considered an underserved and/or a small producer?

Description: Underserved status of the primary operator of the enrolled operation. Underserved producers generally include beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, veteran farmers, and limited resource farmers; women farmers and producers growing specialty crops are generally also included in these categories. Small farms are generally those with less than $350,000 in annual gross cash farm income. Indicate whether this producer is considered underserved, a small producer, or both underserved and a small producer. Use "I don't know" if the producer declines to answer. Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and gender. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes, underserved
- Yes, small producer
- Yes, underserved and small producer
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: No

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Total area

Data element name: Total area

Reporting question: What is the total area of the farm?

Description: Total area of the farm associated with the Farm ID. Report total area of the farm, even if only a portion of the farm is enrolled in the project. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Less than 1 acre
- 1 to 9 acres
- 10 to 49 acres
- 50 to 69 acres
- 70 to 99 acres
- 100 to 139 acres
- 140 to 179 acres
- 180 to 219 acres
- 220 to 259 acres
- 260 to 499 acres
- 500 to 999 acres
- 1,000 to 1,999 acres
- 2,000 to 4,999 acres
- 5,000 or more acres

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Total crop area

Data element name: Total crop area	**Reporting question:** What percent of the current operation is cropland?
Description: Area of the total farm that is currently used as cropland. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total crop area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.	
Data type: Integer	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Acres	**Allowed values:** 0-100,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Producer	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Total livestock area

Data element name: Total livestock area	**Reporting question:** What amount of the current operation is used for livestock (by area)?
Description: Area of the total farm that is currently used for pasture, grazing, rangeland; or animal housing, feeding or milking. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total livestock area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.	
Data type: Integer	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Acres	**Allowed values:** 0-100,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Producer	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Total forest area

Data element name: Total forest area	**Reporting question:** What amount of the current operation is forested (by area)?
Description: Area of the total farm that is currently considered forest land use. Forest land use means that at least 10% of the land area is covered in trees that will be at least 13 feet tall when mature. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total forest area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.	
Data type: Integer	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Acres	**Allowed values:** 0-100,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Producer	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Livestock type

Data element name: Livestock type 1-3

Reporting question: What types of livestock are raised on the farm?

Description: Up to top three types of livestock (by head count) on the farm. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 livestock types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other livestock types as free text. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the livestock type each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Alpacas
- Beef cows
- Beefalo
- Buffalo or bison
- Chickens (broilers)
- Chickens (layers)
- Dairy cows
- Deer
- Ducks
- Elk
- Emus
- Equine
- Geese
- Goats
- Honeybees
- Llamas
- Reindeer
- Sheep
- Swine
- Turkeys
- Other (specify)

Logic: Respond if 'Total livestock area' >0

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Livestock head

Data element name: Livestock head 1-3

Reporting question: How many livestock (by type) are on this operation?

Description: Average annual head count for each type of livestock. Enter amounts for up to the top three livestock types by number. The worksheet provides three columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 livestock types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the average annual head count each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

Data type: Integer

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: Head count

Allowed values: 1-10,000,000

Logic: Respond if 'Total livestock area' >0

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Organic farm

Data element name: Organic farm

Reporting question: Is any part of the farm currently USDA-certified organic or transitioning to USDA-certified organic?

Description: USDA-certified organic means that the farm has been certified by an accredited organic certifying agent or is transitioning to USDA-certified organic by not using any of the prohibited substances. Yes means that some or all of the farm is certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. No means that no part of the farm is certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the organic certification status of the farm each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: No

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Organic fields

Data element name: Organic fields

Reporting question: Are any of the fields enrolled in the project currently USDA-certified organic or transitioning to USDA-certified organic?

Description: USDA-certified organic means that the operation has been certified by an accredited organic certifying agent or is transitioning to USDA-certified organic by not using any of the prohibited substances. Yes means that some or all of the fields enrolled in the project are certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. No means that no part of the fields enrolled in the project are certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the organic certification status of the enrolled fields each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Organic operation'

Required: No

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

Producer motivation

Data element name: Producer motivation

Reporting question: Which of the following was the primary reason the producer enrolled in this project?

Description: Primary operator's motivation for enrolling in the project.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Financial benefit
- Environmental benefit
- New market opportunity
- Partnerships or networks
- Other

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Producer outreach

Data element name: Producer outreach 1-3

Reporting question: What types of outreach were provided to producers?

Description: Up to three most common types of outreach provided to producer prior to enrollment. Outreach activities are those focused on identifying and enrolling producers in the project. Outreach can come from the recipient or project partners. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 outreach types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other outreach types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: Yes

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Commodity organizations
- Conferences
- Cooperative extension
- Digital communications and resources
- Education workshops, field days, and town halls
- Existing partner networks
- Farm visits and one-on-one meetings
- General advertising
- Peer referrals and producer groups
- Phone calls
- Print communications and resources
- Retailers
- State agencies
- Targeted messaging using proprietary data
- Technical service providers
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF experience

Data element name: CSAF experience

Reporting question: Has the primary operator implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years anywhere on the farm?

Description: Has this farm implemented climate-smart agriculture or forestry (CSAF) practices anywhere on the farm in the past 10 years or since the current primary operator took control (whichever time period is shorter)? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF federal funds

Data element name: CSAF federal funds

Reporting question: Were prior CSAF practices supported by federal funds?

Description: If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by federal funds? Federal funds are defined as being from programs including, but not limited to, those from the Natural Resources Conservation Service ((NRCS), including through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), or related programs), the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), as well as funds from other USDA programs or other federal agencies.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF state or local funds

Data element name: CSAF state or local funds

Reporting question: Were prior CSAF practices supported by state or local funds?

Description: If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by state funds? State or local funds are those from state departments of agriculture or other state agencies, local water quality districts and other local agencies.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF nonprofit funds

Data element name: CSAF nonprofit funds

Reporting question: Were CSAF practices supported by nonprofit funds?

Description: If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by nonprofit funds? Nonprofit funds are those offered directly from a nonprofit organization to a producer.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF market incentives

Data element name: CSAF market incentives	**Reporting question:** Were CSAF practices supported by market incentives?
Description: If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by market incentives? Market incentives include premiums paid by a commodity buyer or by a consumer based on branding or labeling as a climate-smart commodity.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Producer	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

Field Enrollment

Unique IDs

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
Prior Field ID, if applicable	Prior Field ID assigned by FSA if there has been reconstitution of the farm resulting in a new Field ID during the field's enrollment in the project

Field data change

Data element name: Field data change

Reporting question: Has the information previously reported for this field changed?

Description: Indicator that this entry is being used to report any relevant changes, such as a new Field ID number or changes to the commodity or practice combinations, for a field that has previously been enrolled in the project.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Re-enrollment

Contract start date

Data element name: Contract start date

Reporting question: What is the start date of the contract with the producer that includes this field?

Description: Start date listed on the contract that enrolls the field in the project.

Data type: Date

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY

Allowed values: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Total field area

Data element name: Total field area

Reporting question: What is the total size of the enrolled field?

Description: Total size of the field enrolled with the project.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Acres

Allowed values: .01-500

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Commodity category

Data element name: Commodity category	**Reporting question:** What category of commodity(ies) is (are) produced from this field?
Description: Category of commodity(ies) produced in field enrolled in the project	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Crops • Livestock • Trees • Crops and livestock • Crops and trees • Livestock and trees • Crops, livestock and trees
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

Commodity type

Data element name: Commodity type	**Reporting question:** What type of commodity is produced from this field?
Description: Type of commodity produced in field enrolled in the project. See full list in Appendix B. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose the appropriate value. Enter additional commodities in subsequent rows.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** FSA commodity list
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

Baseline yield

Data element name: Baseline yield	**Reporting question:** What is the baseline yield of this field?
Description: Average annual yield of commodity in 3 years prior to enrollment. Provide yield for the enrolled field if possible. If not at field level, provide average annual yield for the specific commodity for the operation.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Production per acre or animal	**Allowed values:** .01-100,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

Baseline yield unit

Data element name: Baseline yield unit

Reporting question: Baseline yield unit

Description: Unit of average annual yield of commodity in enrolled field in 3 years prior to enrollment. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of choices for this data element. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate yield unit as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Animal units per acre
- Bushels per acre
- Carcass pounds per animal
- Head per acre
- Hundred-weights (or pounds) per head
- Linear feet per acre
- Liveweight pounds per animal
- Pounds per acre
- Tons per acre
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Baseline yield location

Data element name: Baseline yield location

Reporting question: For what portion of the operation is the baseline yield being reported?

Description: Location of the reported average annual yield of commodity in 3 years prior to enrollment. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate location as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Enrolled field
- Whole operation
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Field land use

Data element name: Field land use

Reporting question: What is this field's land use history?

Description: Prior to enrollment, what was the most common land use for this field in the past 3 years?

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Crop land
- Forest land
- Non-agriculture
- Other agricultural land
- Pasture
- Range

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Field irrigated

Data element name: Field irrigated	**Reporting question:** What is this field's irrigation history?
Description: Prior to enrollment, what was the most common irrigation practice on this field the past 3 years?	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • No irrigation • Center pivot • Drip-subsurface • Drip-surface • Flood/border • Furrow/ditch • Lateral/linear sprinklers • Micro-sprinklers • Seepage • Side roll • Solid set sprinklers • Supplemental • Surface • Traveling gun/towline • Wheel Line • Other
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

Field tillage

Data element name: Field tillage	**Reporting question:** What is this field's tillage history?
Description: Prior to enrollment, what was the most common tillage approach during the past 3 years?	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • None • Conventional, inversion • Conventional, vertical • No-till, direct seed • Reduced till, inversion • Reduced till, vertical • Strip till • Other
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

Practice past extent - farm

Data element name: Practice past extent - farm

Reporting question: What percent of the farm has implemented this CSAF practice (combination) previously?

Description: Prior to enrollment, on what portion of the whole farm had this (these) CSAF practice(s) ever been used by the primary operator? If multiple practices are planned to be implemented in this field, enter the value that best corresponds to the farm's prior experience with the planned set of practices.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Never used
- Used on less than 25% of operation
- Used on 25-50% of operation
- Used on 51-75% of operation
- Used on more than 75% of operation

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Field any CSAF practice

Data element name: Field any CSAF practice

Reporting question: What is this field's prior experience with CSAF practices?

Description: Prior to enrollment, have any CSAF practice or practices been used in this field in the past 3 years? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Practice past use - this field

Data element name: Practice past use - this field

Reporting question: Have this CSAF practice (combination) been implemented previously in this field?

Description: Prior to enrollment, had this (these) CSAF practice(s) been used in this field in the in the past 3 years? Enter yes if all of the practices had been used previously in this field; enter some if multiple practices are being implemented and one or more, but not all of the practices had been used previously in this field; and enter no if none of the practices had been used previously in this field.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- Some
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Practice type

Data element name: Practice type 1-7

Reporting question: What CSAF practice is being implemented in this field through the project?

Description: Which CSAF practice or practices will be implemented on this field as part of enrollment in the project? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A. The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values: See list in Appendix A

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Practice standard

Data element name: Practice standard 1-7

Reporting question: What standard does the CSAF practice follow?

Description: Is the CSAF practice being implemented on the field as part of enrollment in the project following a defined practice standard? The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column, corresponding to the practice types entered in the previous columns. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- NRCS
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Planned practice implementation year

Data element name: Practice 1-7 implementation year

Reporting question: What year is the CSAF practice planned to be implemented?

Description: Year that the CSAF practice is planned to be implemented on the field. Use 2022 for early adopters, defined as fields that have the practice actively implemented in 2022 (prior to contract being signed for this project). The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column, corresponding to the practice types entered in the previous columns. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: Integer

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Year

Allowed values: 2022-2030

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Practice extent

Data element name: Practice 1-7 extent

Reporting question: To what extent is the practice implemented?

Description: Total area, length, or head where the practice is being implemented in the field specified by the contract.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Extent

Allowed values: .01-100,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Practice extent unit	
Data element name: Practice 1-7 extent unit	**Reporting question:** Unit for extent of practice implementation
Description: Unit for extent of practice implementation on the field specified by the contract. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate unit.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Acres • Head of livestock • Linear feet • Square feet • Other (specify)
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

CSAF Practice Sub-questions

For certain practices, additional questions are asked that provide information necessary to estimate greenhouse gas benefits from implementation of the practice. See Table 11 in the *CSAF Practice Sub-questions* section for descriptions of individual questions to be answered depending on the CSAF practices selected.

Farm Summary

Unique IDs

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
State or territory	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of residence	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

Producer TA received

Data element name: Producer TA received 1-3

Reporting question: What types of technical assistance were provided to this producer?

Description: Did the recipient or any partner provide technical assistance (TA) to the producer this year? Technical assistance is any training, education, capacity building or other support provided by any project partner(s) directly to producers enrolled in the project. List up to the top three most common types of TA provided to this producer. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 TA types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other TA types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Demonstration plots
- Equipment demonstrations
- Group field days or in-person field workshops
- Hotline
- One-on-one enrollment assistance
- One-on-one field visits
- One-on-one producer mentorship
- Producer networks and peer-to-peer groups
- Retailer consultation
- Social media/digital tools
- Train-the-trainer opportunities
- Virtual meetings or field days
- Webinars and videos
- Written materials
- None
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Producer incentive amount

Data element name: Producer incentive amount

Reporting question: What is the total value of financial incentives provided to this producer?

Description: Total incentive payment received by the producer from USDA project funds for the year (non-cumulative). Do not include incentive payments made with partner match funds.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: Dollars

Allowed values: $0-$5,000,000

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Incentive reason

Data element name: Incentive reason 1-4

Reporting question: Why were incentives provided to this producer?

Description: List up to four reasons for producer incentive payments. List the top 4 based on total value of the incentive for each reason. The worksheet provides four columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 4 reasons, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other reasons as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Avoided conversion
- Conference or training attendance
- Demographics/equity payment
- Enrollment
- Foregone revenue
- Historic data collection
- Identity preservation (supply chain tracing)
- Implementation of practices
- MMRV (e.g., data collection, reporting)
- Passing audit
- Price premium on output
- Yield change
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Incentive structure

Data element name: Incentive structure 1-4

Reporting question: What are the units for the financial incentives provided to this producer?

Description: List the structures (units) corresponding to the top 4 (by dollar value) incentive payments to producers. Production unit is weight or volume (bushel, kilogram, ton). The worksheet provides four columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 4 structure types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other structure types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Flat rate
- Per animal head
- Per area
- Per length
- Per production unit
- Per ton GHG
- Per tree
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Incentive type

Data element name: Incentive type 1-4

Reporting question: What type of incentives were provided to each producer?

Description: List the top 4 types of incentive payments to producers (based on dollar value). The worksheet provides four columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 4 incentive types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other incentive types as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Cash payment
- Equipment loan
- Guaranteed commodity premium payment
- Inputs and supplies
- Land rental
- Loan
- Paid labor
- Post-harvest transportation
- Tuition or fees for training
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Payment on enrollment

Data element name: Payment on enrollment

Reporting question: What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon enrollment in the project?

Description: Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon enrollment/signing a contract, and not related to any implementation, MMRV or sales activities. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon enrollment. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon enrollment. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon enrollment.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Payment on implementation

Data element name: Payment on implementation

Reporting question: What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon implementation of the practices?

Description: Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon implementing the practices included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon implementation. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon implementation. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon implementation.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Payment on harvest

Data element name: Payment on harvest

Reporting question: What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon harvest of the commodity?

Description: Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon harvesting or slaughtering the commodity included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon harvest. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon harvest. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon harvest.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Payment on MMRV

Data element name: Payment on MMRV

Reporting question: What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon completing MMRV requirements?

Description: Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon completing the annual MMRV requirements included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon MMRV being complete. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon MMRV being complete. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon MMRV being complete.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Payment on sale

Data element name: Payment on sale

Reporting question: What portion of the financial incentive is provided to producer upon sale of the commodity?

Description: Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon sale of the commodity included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon sale. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon sale. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon sale.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field Summary

Unique IDs

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

Commodity type

Data element name: Commodity type

Reporting question: What type of commodity is produced from this field?

Description: Type of commodity produced in field enrolled in the project. See full list in Appendix B. The worksheet provides multiple columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. Leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values: FSA commodity list

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Practice type

Data element name: Field practice type 1-7

Reporting question: What CSAF practice is being implemented in this field through the project?

Description: Which climate-smart agriculture or forestry (CSAF) practice or practices are being implemented in this project? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A. The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values: See list in Appendix A

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Date practice complete

Data element name: Date practice complete

Reporting question: When did the project certify CSAF practice implementation as complete?

Description: Date that the project certifies that implementation of the CSAF practice is complete on the field. Use January of the year prior to contract year for early adopters, defined as fields that have the practice actively implemented in the year prior to a contract associated with this project is signed). The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column, corresponding to the practice types entered in the previous columns. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: Date

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY

Allowed values: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Contract end date

Data element name: Contract end date

Reporting question: Contract end date

Description: End date listed on the contract that enrolls the field in the project. If contract end date changes, submit updated end date during the next quarter's reporting.

Data type: Date

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY

Allowed values: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

MMRV assistance provided

Data element name: MMRV assistance provided

Reporting question: Was MMRV assistance provided?

Description: Was any MMRV assistance provided to the primary operator for this field? MMRV assistance includes in-field support for the use of technologies, consultation on data collection and input, and other support related to MMRV. MMRV is defined a measurement (calculations or estimations of GHG emissions), monitoring (ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time), reporting (documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization), and verification (independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable).

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Marketing assistance provided

Data element name: Marketing assistance provided

Reporting question: Was marketing assistance provided?

Description: Was any marketing assistance provided to the primary operator for the commodity(ies) produced from this field? Marketing assistance includes guaranteeing the sale of the commodity(ies), providing a platform for the sale of the commodity(ies), providing a label, branding, or other support related to marketing.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Incentive per acre or head

Data element name: Incentive per acre or head

Reporting question: Is this field receiving a per-acre or per-head incentive?

Description: Is this field receiving an incentive payment to implement a specific CSAF practice or set of practices on a per-acre or per-head (livestock) basis?

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field commodity value

Data element name: Field commodity value	**Reporting question:** What is the value of the commodity produced on the enrolled field?
Description: The dollar value of the commodity produced on the enrolled field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Dollars	**Allowed values:** $1-$10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field commodity volume

Data element name: Field commodity volume	**Reporting question:** What is the volume of commodity produced on the enrolled field?
Description: The volume of the commodity produced on the enrolled field	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Number	**Allowed values:** 1-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field commodity volume unit

Data element name: Field commodity volume unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit of volume?
Description: The unit associated with the volume of the commodity produced on the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Bushels • Carcass weight pounds • Gallons • Head • Linear feet • Liveweight pounds • Pounds • Tons • Other (specify)
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Cost of implementation

Data element name: Cost of implementation	**Reporting question:** What is the cost of practice implementation in the field?
Description: Total annual estimated cost per unit of implementing the practice(s) in the enrolled field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Dollars	**Allowed values:** $1-$10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Cost unit

Data element name: Cost unit

Reporting question: What is the unit for cost?

Description: The unit associated with the cost of implementing CSAF practices in the field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value in the additional column.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Per acre
- Per bushel
- Per head
- Per linear foot
- Per pound
- Per ton
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Cost coverage

Data element name: Cost coverage

Reporting question: What percent of the practice cost is covered by the incentive?

Description: Estimated proportion of total annual cost of implementing the practice(s) that is covered by project incentives.

Data type: Integer

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Percent

Allowed values: 0-100

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field GHG monitoring

Data element name: Field GHG monitoring 1-3

Reporting question: How were GHG impacts monitored in this field?

Description: Up to the top three forms of monitoring GHG benefits as part of MMRV requirements. Monitoring is defined as ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 GHG monitoring methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG monitoring methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Drones
- Ground-level photos and videos
- On-farm inspection
- Plot-based sampling (e.g., soil, water)
- Producer records or attestation
- Satellite monitoring or remote sensing
- Soil metagenomics
- Soil sensors
- Water sensors
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field GHG reporting

Data element name: Field GHG reporting 1-3

Reporting question: How were GHG benefits reported for this field?

Description: Up to the top three forms of reporting on GHG benefits as part of MMRV requirements. Reporting is defined as documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 GHG reporting methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG reporting methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Automated devices
- Email
- Mobile app
- Paper
- Third-party actors
- Website
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field GHG verification

Data element name: Field GHG verification 1-3

Reporting question: How was implementation of practices to reduce GHG emissions verified for this field?

Description: Up to the top three of verification of GHG benefits as part of MMRV requirements. Verification is defined as independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 GHG verification methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG verification methods as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Artificial intelligence
- Computer modeling
- Recipient audit
- Photos
- Record audit
- Satellite imagery
- Site or field visit
- Third-party audit
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field GHG calculations

Data element name: Field GHG calculations	**Reporting question:** What methods are used to calculate GHG benefits in this field?
Description: List the method(s) used to calculate GHG benefits in this field. If yes to direct physical measurements, submit result reports (see *Supplemental Data Submission – Field direct GHG measurement results*).	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Models • Direct field measurements • Both
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field official GHG calculation

Data element name: Field official GHG calculation	**Reporting question:** What method was used to calculate the official GHG benefits in this field?
Description: List the method used to calculate the official GHG benefits in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Models • Direct field measurements
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field official GHG ER

Data element name: Field official GHG emission reductions	**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total GHG emission reductions (CO2eq) in this field?
Description: Estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field official carbon stock

Data element name: Field official carbon stock	**Reporting question:** How much carbon has been sequestered in this field?
Description: Estimated total change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in this field. This data element can be reported in any quarter and is cumulative for the year. Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field official CO2 ER

Data element name: Field official CO2 emission reductions	**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total CO2 emission reductions in this field?
Description: Estimated total carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field official CH4 ER

Data element name: Field official CH4 emission reductions	**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total CH4 emission reductions in this field?
Description: Estimated total methane emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate. Conversion rate is one ton of CH_4 = 25 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field official N20 ER

Data element name: Field official N2O emission reductions	**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total N2O emission reductions in this field?
Description: Estimated total nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate. Conversion rate is one ton of N_2O = 298 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field offsets produced

Data element name: Field offsets produced	**Reporting question:** How many carbon offsets have been produced in this field?
Description: Total carbon offsets produced in the field during the quarter (not cumulative). Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Field insets produced

Data element name: Field insets produced	**Reporting question:** How many carbon insets have been produced in this field?
Description: Total carbon insets produced in the field during the quarter (not cumulative). Insets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and accounted for within Scope 3 emissions for a firm.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

Other field measurement

Data element name: Other field measurement	**Reporting question:** Were data collected from the field for reasons other than GHG benefit estimation?
Description: Direct physical measurements or data collection taken in the field for any reason other than GHG benefits estimation. These reasons could include calibration of GHG estimation tools or models, tracking other environmental benefits (see Field environmental benefits report), and other reasons. If yes, submit corresponding reports (see *Supplemental data submission - Field direct measurement results*).	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

GHG Benefits - Alternate Modeled

Unique IDs	
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

Commodity type

Data element name: Commodity type 1-6 **Reporting question:** What type of commodity(ies) is produced from this field?

Description: Type of commodity(ies) produced in field enrolled in the project. See full list of commodity options in Appendix B. The worksheet provides multiple columns with drop-down lists of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. Leave unnecessary columns blank

Data type: List **Select multiple values**: No

Measurement unit: Category **Allowed values:** FSA commodity list

Logic: None – all respond **Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods

Data collection level: Field **Data collection frequency:** Annual

Practice type

Data element name: Practice type 1-7 **Reporting question:** What CSAF practice is being implemented by this project?

Description: Which CSAF practice or practices are being implemented in this project? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A. The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented by the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

Data type: List **Select multiple values:** No

Measurement unit: Category **Allowed values:** See list in Appendix A

Logic: None – all respond **Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods

Data collection level: Field **Data collection frequency:** Annual

GHG model

Data element name: GHG model	**Reporting question:** What model was used for alternate calculation of GHG benefits?
Description: Select the model used for the alternate calculation of the field's GHG benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values:** No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • ACC Calculator • Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Carbon Calculator • AIRES • APEX • Bowen Ratio Energy Balance • Carat-Calculator • CArPE • CDFA web-based calculator • COMET-Farm • COMET-Planner • CoolFarm • Cover Crop Explore • CropTrak • CultivateAI's FMIS • DayCent-CR • DNDC • DSSAT • Earth Optics • EcoPractices • EPIC • Extrapolation based on literature • FieldPrint • Granular • GREET • gTIR • IFSM • IPCC default emissions factors & models • itree • Nitrogen Balance • Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT) • RCD Project Tracker • Revised Universal Soil Loss equation 2 (RUSLE2) • RuFaS • SAFE-Link • SALUS (CIBO) • SNAPGRAZE • SquareRoots • SWAT-C • SYMFONI • Truterra Sustainability Tool • Verra • WEPP • YardStick • Other (specify)
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Model start date

Data element name: Model start date	**Reporting question:** For what time period are the GHG benefits modeled (model start date)?
Description: Date that the model parameters begin.	
Data type: Date	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY	**Allowed values:** 01/01/1950 – 12/31/2030
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Model end date

Data element name: Model end date	**Reporting question:** For what time period are the GHG benefits modeled (model end date)?
Description: Date that the model parameters end.	
Data type: Date	**Select multiple values**: NA
Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY	**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023– 12/31/2030
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total GHG benefits estimated

Data element name: Total GHG benefits estimated	**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total GHG emission reductions?
Description: Total greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total carbon stock estimated

Data element name: Total carbon stock estimated	**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of how much carbon has the field has sequestered?
Description: Total change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model. Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total CO2 estimated

Data element name: Total CO2 estimated	**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total CO2 emission reductions?
Description: Total carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total CH4 estimated

Data element name: Total CH4 estimated	**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total CH4 emission reductions?
Description: Total methane emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model. Conversion rate is one ton of CH_4 = 25 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total field N20 estimated

Data element name: Total N2O estimated	**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total N2O emission reductions?
Description: Total nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate method. Conversion rate is one ton of N_2O = 298 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

GHG Benefits - Measured

Unique IDs

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

GHG measurement method

Data element name: GHG measurement method

Reporting question: What measurement method is used to calculate GHG benefits?

Description: Field-based measurement method used to calculate GHG benefits. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Emissions measurement unit
- Flux towers
- Litterbags
- Plant measurements
- Portable emissions analyzers
- Soil flux chambers
- Soil samples
- Soil sensors
- Vehicle-mounted sensors
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Lab name

Data element name: Lab name

Reporting question: What is the name of the lab that processed the measurement samples?

Description: Name of entity that received data and conducted analysis of samples.

Data type: Text

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: NA

Allowed values: Free text

Logic: None – all respond

Required: If applicable

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Measurement start date

Data element name: Measurement start date	**Reporting question:** On what date did the measurement start?
Description: Date that the measurements began. If it was a single point in time, use the same date for start date and end date. If multiple measurements took place over a time period, use the date that the measurements first began.	
Data type: Date	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY	**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Measurement end date

Data element name: Measurement end date	**Reporting question:** On what date did the measurement end?
Description: Date that the measurements began. If it was a single point in time, use the same date for start date and end date. If multiple measurements took place over a time period, use the date that the measurements were completed.	
Data type: Date	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY	**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023– 12/31/2030
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total CO2 reduction calculated

Data element name: Total CO2 reduction calculated	**Reporting question:** What are the total measured CO2 emission reductions?
Description: Total annual CO2 emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated from in-field measurements.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total field carbon stock measured

Data element name: Total field carbon stock measured	**Reporting question:** What is the total amount of carbon sequestered based on repeat measurements in this field?
Description: Change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in the field calculated from repeat soil sampling in this field. (Results for initial field soil samples should be reported in the 'Soil sample result' and 'Measurement type" columns.) Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock measurements in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total CH4 reduction calculated

Data element name: Total CH4 reduction calculated	**Reporting question:** What are the total measured CH4 emission reductions?
Description: Total annual methane emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated from in-field measurements. Conversion rate is one ton of CH_4 = 25 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Total N20 reduction calculated

Data element name: Total N2O reduction calculated	**Reporting question:** What are the total measured N2O emission reductions?
Description: Total annual nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated from in-field measurements. Conversion rate is one ton of N_2O = 298 tons of CO_2eq.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO_2eq	**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Soil sample result

Data element name: Soil sample result	**Reporting question:** What is the numeric result from this soil sample?
Description: Results of measurement(s) taken to determine the carbon stock of a soil (the tons of carbon found in a specified volume of soil).	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** .00001-100,000
Logic: None – all respond	**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples in this field
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Soil sample result unit

Data element name: Soil sample result unit

Reporting question: What is unit for the soil sample result?

Description: Unit for the corresponding soil sample result. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of choices for this data element. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate yield unit as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Percent
- Ppm
- Grams
- Grams per cubic centimeter
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: If a project conducts soil samples in this field

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Measurement type

Data element name: Measurement type

Reporting question: What type of analysis was conducted for this soil sample?

Description: Type of soil analysis conducted. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of choices for this data element. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate yield unit as free text.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Organic matter
- Total organic carbon
- Bulk density
- Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

Required: If a project conducts soil samples in this field

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Additional Environmental Benefits

Unique IDs

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

Environmental benefits

Data element name: Environmental benefits

Reporting question: Are environmental benefits other than GHGs being tracked in the field?

Description: Tracking of environmental benefits other than greenhouse gas emission reductions and carbon sequestration in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: None – all respond

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Reduction in nitrogen loss

Data element name: Reduction in nitrogen loss

Reporting question: Are reductions in nitrogen losses being tracked in the field?

Description: Tracking reductions in nitrogen losses in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Reduction in nitrogen loss amount

Data element name: Reduction in nitrogen loss amount

Reporting question: How much reduction in nitrogen losses have been measured in the field?

Description: Total amount of reduction in nitrogen losses that is measured and reported in the enrolled field.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Amount

Allowed values: 0-1,000,000

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in nitrogen loss'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Reduction in nitrogen loss amount unit

Data element name: Reduction in nitrogen loss amount unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for how much reduction in nitrogen losses have been measured in the field?
Description: Unit for the total amount of reduction in nitrogen losses that is measured and reported in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Kilograms • Metric tons • Pounds • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in nitrogen loss'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduction in nitrogen loss purpose

Data element name: Reduction in nitrogen loss purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reduction in nitrogen losses?
Description: Purpose of tracking reduction in nitrogen losses in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in nitrogen loss'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Project	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduction in phosphorus loss

Data element name: Reduction in phosphorus loss	**Reporting question:** Are reductions in phosphorus losses being tracked in the field?
Description: Tracking of reductions in phosphorus losses in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduction in phosphorus loss amount

Data element name: Reduction in phosphorus loss amount	**Reporting question:** How much reduction in phosphorus losses have been measured in the field?
Description: Total amount of reduction in phosphorus losses that is measured in the field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduction in phosphorus loss amount unit

Data element name: Reduction in phosphorus loss amount unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the reduction in phosphorus losses measured in the field?
Description: Unit for the total amount of reduction in phosphorus losses that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Kilograms • Metric tons • Pounds • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduction in phosphorus loss purpose

Data element name: Reduction in phosphorus loss purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reductions in phosphorus losses?
Description: Purpose of tracking reduction in phosphorus losses in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Other water quality

Data element name: Other water quality	**Reporting question:** Are other water quality metrics being tracked in the field?
Description: Project tracking of other water quality metrics in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Other water quality type

Data element name: Other water quality type	**Reporting question:** What type of other water quality metric have been measured in the field?
Description: Type of other water quality metric (besides nitrogen loss and phosphorus loss reductions) that is measured in the field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Sediment load reduction • Temperature • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Other water quality amount

Data element name: Other water quality amount	**Reporting question:** How much reduction in other water quality metrics have been measured in the field?
Description: Total amount of reduction in other water quality metrics that is measured in the enrolled field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Other water quality amount unit

Data element name: Other water quality amount unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the reduction in other water quality metrics measured in the field?
Description: Unit for the total amount of reduction in other water quality metrics that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Degrees F • Kilograms • Kilograms per liter • Metric tons • Pounds • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Other water quality purpose

Data element name: Other water quality purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking other water quality benefits?
Description: Purpose of tracking other water quality benefits in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Water quantity

Data element name: Water quantity	**Reporting question:** Is water conservation being tracked in the field?
Description: Tracking of water conservation or reduction in use in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Water quantity amount

Data element name: Water quantity amount	**Reporting question:** How much water conservation has been measured in the field?
Description: Total amount of water conservation or reduction that is measured in the field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Water quantity amount unit

Data element name: Water quantity amount unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of water conservation measured in the field?
Description: Unit for the total amount of water conservation or reduced use that is measured and reported in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Acre-feet • Cubic feet • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Water quantity purpose

Data element name: Water quantity purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking water conservation?
Description: Purpose of tracking water conservation or reductions in water use in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced erosion

Data element name: Reduced erosion	**Reporting question:** Is reduced soil erosion being tracked in the field?
Description: Tracking of reduced soil erosion in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced erosion amount

Data element name: Reduced erosion amount	**Reporting question:** How much erosion reduction has been measured in the field?
Description: Total amount of erosion reduction that is measured in the enrolled field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced erosion amount unit

Data element name: Reduced erosion unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of erosion reduction measured?
Description: Unit for the total amount of erosion reduction from enrolled fields that is measured and reported by the project. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Tons • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced erosion purpose

Data element name: Reduced erosion purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reduced erosion in the field?
Description: Purpose of tracking reduced erosion the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced energy use

Data element name: Reduced energy use	**Reporting question:** Is reduced energy use being tracked in the field?
Description: Tracking of reduced energy use in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced energy use amount

Data element name: Reduced energy use amount	**Reporting question:** How much energy use reduction has been measured in the field?
Description: Total amount of energy use reduction that is measured in the enrolled field.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced energy use amount unit

Data element name: Reduced energy use unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the energy use reduction measured in the field?
Description: Unit for the total amount of energy use reduction that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Kilowatt hours • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Reduced energy use purpose

Data element name: Reduced energy use purpose

Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking reduced energy use in the field?

Description: Purpose of tracking reduced energy use in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion

Data element name: Avoided land conversion

Reporting question: Is avoided land conversion being tracked in the field?

Description: Tracking of avoided land conversion in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits. Land conservation means land use changing from agricultural uses to non-agricultural uses.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion amount

Data element name: Avoided land conversion amount

Reporting question: How much avoided land conversion has been measured in the field?

Description: Total amount of avoided land conversion that is measured in the enrolled field.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Amount

Allowed values: 0-1,000,000

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Avoided land conversion'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion amount unit

Data element name: Avoided land conversion unit

Reporting question: What is the unit for the amount of avoided land conversion measured in the field?

Description: Unit for the total amount of avoided land conversion that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

Data type: List

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

- Acres
- Other (specify)

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Avoided land conversion'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field

Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion purpose

Data element name: Avoided land conversion purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking avoided land conversion in the field?
Description: Purpose of tracking avoided land conversion in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Avoided land conversion'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Improved wildlife habitat

Data element name: Improved wildlife habitat	**Reporting question:** Are improvements to wildlife habitat being tracked in the field?
Description: Tracking of improvements to wildlife in and around the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Yes • No • I don't know
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Improved wildlife habitat amount

Data element name: Improved wildlife habitat amount	**Reporting question:** How much improved wildlife habitat has been measured in the field?
Description: Total amount of improved wildlife habitat that is measured in and around the enrolled fields.	
Data type: Decimal	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Amount	**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife habitat'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Improved wildlife habitat amount unit

Data element name: Improved wildlife habitat unit	**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of improved wildlife habitat measured in the field?
Description: Unit for the total amount of improved wildlife habitat that is measured in and around enrolled fields. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Acres • Linear feet • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife habitat'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

Improved wildlife habitat purpose	
Data element name: Improved wildlife habitat purpose	**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking improved wildlife habitat in the field?
Description: Purpose of tracking improved wildlife habitat in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.	
Data type: List	**Select multiple values**: No
Measurement unit: Category	**Allowed values:** • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don't know • Other (specify)
Logic: Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife habitat'	**Required:** Yes
Data collection level: Field	**Data collection frequency:** Annual

CSAF Practice Sub-questions

For some CSAF practices, there is an additional set of questions that are unique to each practice. Responses to these questions are needed to verify estimated GHG benefits of these practices. If a field is implementing a CSAF practice with an NRCS CPS code in Table 11, answer the follow-up questions listed next to the relevant practice name in the table. Use the *Supplemental Reporting Workbook – CSAF Practice Sub-questions* to report the required information.

Table 11. Follow-on questions for select CSAF practices

Practice name and code	Follow-up question	Options (select one)
Alley Cropping (CPS 311)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Anaerobic Digester (CPS 366)	Waste storage system prior to installing anaerobic digester	Aerobic lagoon Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with energy generation Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with energy generation Anaerobic lagoon Composting Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Daily spread Deep bedding pack Deep pit Dry lot Dry stacking/solid storage Pasture/range/paddock Poultry with bedding Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise) Slurry tank/basin
	Digester type	Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Complex mix with energy generation Plug flow with energy generation Other (specify)
	Additional feedstock source (select most common if using more than one)	Food waste Straw or bedding Wastewater Other (specify)

Combustion System Improvement (CPS 372)	Fuel type before installation	Coal Diesel Electricity Gasoline Kerosene Liquified petroleum gas (LPG) Natural gas Propane Wood Other (specify)
	Fuel amount before installation	0-1,000,000
	Fuel amount unit before installation	Cubic feet (natural gas) Gallons (diesel, gasoline, propane, LPG, kerosene) Kilowatt-hours (electricity) Pounds (wood, coal) Other (specify)
	Fuel type after installation	Coal Diesel Electricity Gasoline Kerosene Liquified petroleum gas (LPG) Natural gas Propane Wood Other (specify)
	Fuel amount after installation	0-1,000,000
	Fuel amount unit after installation	Cubic feet (natural gas) Gallons (diesel, gasoline, propane, LPG, kerosene) Kilowatt-hours (electricity) Pounds (wood, coal) Other (specify)
Conservation Cover (CPS 327)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Brassicas Grasses Legumes Non-legume broadleaves Shrubs

Conservation Crop Rotation (CPS 328)	Conservation crop type	Brassica Broadleaf Cool season Grass Legume Warm season
	Change implemented	Added perennial crop Reduced fallow period Both
	Conservation crop rotation tillage type	Conventional (plow, chisel, disk) No-till, direct seed Reduced till Strip till None Other (specify)
	Total conservation crop rotation length in days	1-120
Contour Buffer Strips (CPS 332)	Strip width (feet)	1-100
	Species category	Grasses Forbs Mix
Cover Crop (CPS 340)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Brassicas Forbs Grasses Legume Non-legume broadleaves
	Cover crop planned management	Grazing Haying Termination
	Cover crop termination method	Burning Herbicide application Incorporation Mowing Rolling/crimping Winter kill/frost
Critical Area Planting (CPS 342)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Grass Grass legume/forb mix Herbaceous woody mix Perennial or reseeding Shrubs Trees
Feed Management (CPS 592)	Crude protein (percent)	0-100
	Fat (percent)	0-100
	Feed additives/supplements	Chemical Edible oils/fats Seaweed/kelp Other (specify)
Field Border (CPS 386)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs

Filter Strip (CPS 393)	Strip width (feet)	20-1,000
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs
Forest Farming (CPS 379)	Land use in previous year	Forest Multi-story cropping Pasture/grazing land Row crops Other agroforestry
Forest Stand Improvement (CPS 666)	Purpose for implementation	Maintain or improve forest carbon stocks Maintain or improve forest health and productivity Maintain or improve forest structure and composition Maintain or improve wildlife, fish, and pollinator habitat Manage natural precipitation more efficiently Reduce forest pest pressure Reduce forest wildfire hazard
Grassed Waterway (CPS 412)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Flowering Plants Forbs Grasses
Hedgerow Planting (CPS 422)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Grasses Shrubs Trees
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Herbaceous Wind Barriers (CPS 603)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs
	Barrier width (feet)	1-1,000
	Number of rows	1-100
Mulching (CPS 484)	Mulch type	Gravel Natural Synthetic Wood
	Mulch cover (percent of field)	0-100

Nutrient management (CPS 590)	Nutrient type with CPS 590	Biosolids Commercial fertilizers Compost EEF (nitrification inhibitor) EEF (slow or controlled release) EEF (urease inhibitor) Green manure Liquid animal manure Organic by-products Organic residues or materials Solid/semi-solid animal manure Wastewater
	Nutrient application method with CPS 590	Banded Broadcast Injection Irrigation Surface application Surface application with tillage Variable rate
	Nutrient application method in the previous year	Banded Broadcast Injection Irrigation Surface application Surface application with tillage Variable rate
	Nutrient application timing with CPS 590	Single pre-planting Single post-planting Split pre- and post-planting Split post-planting
	Nutrient application timing in the previous year	Single pre-planting Single post-planting Split pre- and post-planting Split post-planting
	Nutrient application rate with CPS 590	0-20,000
	Nutrient application rate unit with CPS 590	Gallons per acre Pounds per acre
	Nutrient application rate change	Decrease compared to previous year Increase compared to previous year No change
Pasture and Hay Planting (CPS 512)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Cool-season broadleaf Cool-season grass Warm-season broadleaf Warm-season grass
	Termination process	Grazing Haying (i.e., cutting and baling) Other (specify)
Prescribed Grazing (CPS 528)	Grazing type	Cell grazing Deferred rotational Management intensive Rest-rotation

Range Planting (CPS 550)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Legumes Shrubs Trees
Residue and Tillage Management – No-till (CPS 329)	Surface disturbance	None Seed row only
Residue and Tillage Management – Reduced Till (CPS 345)	Surface disturbance	None Seed row/ridge tillage for planting Shallow across most of the soil surface Vertical/mulch
Riparian Forest Buffer (CPS 391)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (CPS 390)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Ferns Forbs Grasses Legumes Rushes Sedges
Roofs and Covers (CPS 367)	Roof/cover type	Concrete Flexible geomembrane Metal Timber Other (specify)
Silvopasture (CPS 381)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Forage Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Stripcropping (CPS 585)	Strip width (feet)	1-1,000
	Crop category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Erosion resistant crops Fallow Sediment trapping crops
	Number of strips	2-100
Tree/Shrub Establishment (CPS 612)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Vegetative Barrier (CPS 601)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Grasses Grass forb mix Grass legume mix
	Barrier width (feet)	3-1,000

Waste Separation Facility (CPS 632)	Separation type	Chemical (e.g., salts, polymers) Mechanical (e.g., screens, presses) Settling basin
	Most common use of solids	Bedding Field applied Other (specify)
Waste Storage Facility (CPS 313)	Waste storage system prior to installing your waste storage facility	Aerobic lagoon Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with energy generation Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with energy generation Anaerobic lagoon Composting Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Daily spread Deep bedding pack Deep pit Dry lot Dry stacking/solid storage Pasture/range/paddock Poultry with bedding Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise) Slurry tank/basin
Waste Treatment (CPS 629)	Treatment type	Biological Chemical Mechanical
Waste Treatment Lagoon (CPS 359)	Waste storage system prior to installing waste treatment lagoon	Aerobic lagoon Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with energy generation Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with energy generation Anaerobic lagoon Composting Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Daily spread Deep bedding pack Deep pit Dry lot Dry stacking/solid storage Pasture/Range/Paddock Poultry with bedding Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise) Slurry tank/basin
	Is there a lagoon cover/crust?	Yes No
	Is there lagoon aeration?	Yes No

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (CPS 380)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000

Appendix A: Climate-smart Agriculture and Forestry Practices

All NRCS Practice Standards (not limited to climate-smart practices)

309, Agrichemical Handling Facility
311, Alley Cropping
313, Waste Storage Facility
314, Brush Management
315, Herbaceous Weed Treatment
316, Animal Mortality Facility
317, Composting Facility
318, Short Term Storage of Animal Waste and By-Products
319, On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility
320, Irrigation Canal or Lateral
324, Deep Tillage
325, High Tunnel System
326, Clearing and Snagging
327, Conservation Cover
328, Conservation Crop Rotation
329, Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
330, Contour Farming
331, Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops
332, Contour Buffer Strips
333, Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products
334, Controlled Traffic Farming
336, Soil Carbon Amendment
338, Prescribed Burning
340, Cover Crop
342, Critical Area Planting
345, Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
348, Dam, Diversion
350, Sediment Basin
351, Well Decommissioning
353, Monitoring Well
355, Groundwater Testing
356, Dike and Levee
359, Waste Treatment Lagoon
360, Waste Facility Closure
362, Diversion
366, Anaerobic Digester
367, Roofs and Covers
368, Emergency Animal Mortality Management
371, Air Filtration and Scrubbing
372, Combustion System Improvement
373, Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces
374, Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation
375, Dust Management for Pen Surfaces
376, Field Operations Emissions Reduction
378, Pond
379, Forest Farming
380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation
381, Silvopasture
382, Fence
383, Fuel Break
384, Woody Residue Treatment
386, Field Border
388, Irrigation Field Ditch
390, Riparian Herbaceous Cover
391, Riparian Forest Buffer
393, Filter Strip
394, Firebreak
395, Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
396, Aquatic Organism Passage
397, Aquaculture Pond
398, Fish Raceway or Tank
399, Fishpond Management
400, Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control
402, Dam
410, Grade Stabilization Structure
412, Grassed Waterway
420, Wildlife Habitat Planting
422, Hedgerow Planting
423, Hillside Ditch
428, Irrigation Ditch Lining
428A, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete
428B, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Flexible Membrane
428C, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel
430, Irrigation Pipeline
432, Dry Hydrant
436, Irrigation Reservoir
441, Irrigation System, Microirrigation
442, Sprinkler System
443, Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
447, Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery
449, Irrigation Water Management
450, Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application
453, Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment
455, Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control
457, Mine Shaft and Adit Closing
460, Land Clearing
462, Precision Land Forming and Smoothing
464, Irrigation Land Leveling
466, Land Smoothing
468, Lined Waterway or Outlet
472, Access Control
484, Mulching
490, Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
500, Obstruction Removal
511, Forage Harvest Management
512, Pasture and Hay Planting
516, Livestock Pipeline
520, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment
521, Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner
521A, Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane
521B, Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant
521C, Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant

521D, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment
522, Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete
527, Sinkhole Treatment
528, Prescribed Grazing
533, Pumping Plant
543, Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land
544, Land Reclamation, Currently Mined Land
548, Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment
550, Range Planting
554, Drainage Water Management
555, Rock Wall Terrace
557, Row Arrangement
558, Roof Runoff Structure
560, Access Road
561, Heavy Use Area Protection
562, Recreation Area Improvement
566, Recreation Land Improvement and Protection
570, Stormwater Runoff Control
572, Spoil Disposal
574, Spring Development
575, Trails and Walkways
576, Livestock Shelter Structure
578, Stream Crossing
580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection
582, Open Channel
584, Channel Bed Stabilization
585, Stripcropping
587, Structure for Water Control
588, Crosswind Ridges
589, Cross Wind Trap Strips
590, Nutrient Management
591, Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste
592, Feed Management
595, Pest Management Conservation System
600, Terrace
601, Vegetative Barrier
602, Equitable Relief
603, Herbaceous Wind Barriers
604, Saturated Buffer
605, Denitrifying Bioreactor
606, Subsurface Drain
607, Surface Drain, Field Ditch
608, Surface Drain, Main or Lateral
609, Surface Roughening
610, Salinity and Sodic Soil Management
612, Tree/Shrub Establishment
614, Watering Facility
620, Underground Outlet
629, Waste Treatment
630, Vertical Drain
632, Waste Separation Facility
633, Waste Recycling
634, Waste Transfer
635, Vegetated Treatment Area
636, Water Harvesting Catchment
638, Water and Sediment Control Basin
640, Waterspreading
642, Water Well
643, Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities
644, Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
645, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
646, Shallow Water Development and Management
647, Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt
649, Structures for Wildlife
650, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation
654, Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment
655, Forest Trails and Landings
656, Constructed Wetland
657, Wetland Restoration
658, Wetland Creation
659, Wetland Enhancement
660, Tree-Shrub Pruning
666, Forest Stand Improvement
670, Energy Efficient Lighting System
672, Energy Efficient Building Envelope
736, Crop By-Product Transfer, interim
724, Water Treatment Facility, interim
735, Waste Gasification Facility, interim
737, Reduced Water and Energy Coffee Conveyance System, interim
740, Pond Sealing and Lining, Soil Cement, interim
751, Individual Terrace, interim
753, Infiltration Ditch, interim
755, Well Plugging, interim
770, Livestock Confinement Facility, interim
775, Drainage Ditch Covering, interim
782, Phosphorus Removal System, interim
800, Controlling Existing Flowing Wells, interim
803, Water Well Disinfection, interim
805, Amending Soil Properties with Lime, interim
808, Soil Carbon Amendment, interim
809, Conservation Harvest Management, interim
810, Annual Forages for Grazing Systems, interim
812, Raised Beds, interim
815, Groundwater Recharge Basin or Trench, interim
817, On-Farm Recharge, interim
818, Water Conservation System, interim
821, Low Tunnel Systems, interim
823, Organic Management, interim

Other CSAF Practices
Traditional or cultural practices
Microbial products
Solar power generation
Grain bin construction
Pre-season drainage

Appendix B: Commodity List

CROPS
ALFALFA
ALMONDS
AMARANTH GRAIN
APPLES
APRICOTS
ARONIA (CHOKEBERRY)
ARTICHOKES
ASPARAGUS
ATEMOYA
AVOCADOS
BAMBOO SHOOTS
BANANAS
BARLEY
BEANS
BEETS
BIRDSFOOT/TREFOIL
BLUEBERRIES
BREADFRUIT
BROCCOFLOWER
BROCCOLI
BROCCOLINI
BRUSSEL SPROUTS
BUCKWHEAT
CABBAGE
CACAO
CACTUS
CAIMITO
CALABAZA MELON
CALALOO
CAMELINA
CANARY MELON
CANARY SEED
CANEBERRIES
CANISTEL
CANOLA
CANTALOUPES
CARAMBOLA (STAR FRUIT)
CARROTS
CASHEW
CASSAVA
CAULIFLOWER
CELERIAC
CELERY
CHERIMOYA
CHERRIES
CHESTNUTS
CHICORY/RADICCHIO
CHINESE BITTER MELON
CHRISTMAS TREES
CHUFAS
CINNAMON
CLOVER
COCONUTS
COFFEE
CORN
COTTON ELS
COTTON UPLAND
CRANBERRIES
CRENSHAW MELON
CRUSTACEAN
CUCUMBERS
CURRANTS
DASHEEN
DATES
DURIAN
EGGPLANT
EINKORN
ELDERBERRIES
EMMER
FIGS
FINFISH
FLAX
FLOWERS
FORAGE SOYBEAN/SORGHUM
GAILON
GARLIC
GENIP
GINGER
GINSENG
GOOSEBERRIES
GOURDS
GRAPEFRUIT
GRAPES
GRASS
GREENS
GROUND CHERRY
GUAMABANA/SOURSOP
GUAR
GUAVA
GUAVABERRY
GUAYULE
HAZEL NUTS
HEMP
HERBS
HESPERALOE
HONEY
HONEYBERRIES
HONEYDEW
HOPS
HORSERADISH
HUCKLEBERRIES
HYBRID POPLAR TREES
IDLE
INDIGO
ISRAEL MELONS
JACK FRUIT
JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES
JICAMA
JOJOBA
JUJUBE
JUNEBERRIES
KENAF
KHORASAN
KIWIBERRY
KIWIFRUIT
KOCHIA (PROSTRATA)
KOHLRABI
KOREAN GOLDEN MELON
KUMQUATS
LAMBS EAR
LEEKS
LEMONS
LENTILS
LESPEDEZA
LETTUCE
LIMES
LONGAN
LOQUATS
LYCHEE
MANGOS
MANGOSTEEN
MAPLE SAP
MAYHAW BERRIES
MEADOWFOAM
MILKWEED
MILLET
MIXED FORAGE
MOHAIR
MOLLUSK
MORINGA
MULBERRIES
MUSHROOMS
MUSTARD
NECTARINES
NIGER SEED
NONI
OATS
OKRA
OLIVES
ONIONS
ORANGES
PAPAYA

PARSNIP
PASSION FRUITS
PAWPAW
PEACHES
PEANUTS
PEARS
PEAS
PECANS
PENNYCRESS
PEPPERS
PERENNIAL PEANUTS
PERIQUE TOBACCO
PERSIMMONS
PINE NUTS
PINEAPPLE
PISTACHIOS
PITAYA/DRAGONFRUIT
PLANTAIN
PLUMCOTS
PLUMS
POMEGRANATES
POTATOES
POTATOES SWEET
PRUNES
PSYLLIUM
PUMMELO
PUMPKINS
QUINCES
QUINOA
RADISHES
RAISINS
RAMBUTAN
RAPESEED
RHUBARB
RICE
RICE SWEET
RICE WILD
RUTABAGA
RYE
SAFFLOWER
SAPODILLA
SAPOTE
SCALLIONS
SESAME
SHALLOTS
SORGHUM
SORGHUM DUAL PURPOSE
SORGHUM FORAGE
SOYBEANS
SPELT
SQUASH
STAR GOOSEBERRY
STRAWBERRIES
SUGAR BEETS
SUGARCANE
SUNFLOWERS
SUNN HEMP
TANGELOS
TANGERINES
TANGORS
TANGOS
TANNIER
TARO
TEA
TEFF
TI
TOBACCO CIGAR WRAPPER
TOBACCO BURLEY
TOBACCO BURLEY 31V
TOBACCO CIGAR BINDER
TOBACCO CIGAR FILLER
TOBACCO CIGAR FILLER BINDER
TOBACCO DARK AIR CURED
TOBACCO FIRE CURED
TOBACCO FLUE CURED
TOBACCO MARYLAND
TOBACCO VIRGINIA FIRE CURED
TOMATILLOS
TOMATOES
TREES TIMBER
TRITICALE
TRUFFLES
TURNIPS
VETCH
WALNUTS
WAMPEE
WASABI
WATERMELON
WAX JAMBOO FRUIT
WHEAT
WILLOW SHRUB
WINTER MELON
WOLFBERRY/GOJI
YAM

LIVESTOCK
ALPACAS
BEEF COWS
BEEFALO
BUFFALO OR BISON
CHICKENS (BROILERS)
CHICKENS (LAYERS)
DAIRY COWS
DEER
DUCKS
ELK
EMUS
EQUINE
GEESE
GOATS
HONEYBEES
LLAMAS
REINDEER
SHEEP
SWINE
TURKEYS

Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Additional Specific Terms and Conditions February 2023

I. Overarching Statement

The following award terms and conditions are applicable to Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities agreements and are in addition to the USDA FPAC General Terms and Conditions. The award recipient must abide by all terms of this grant including, but not limited to, the General Terms and Conditions, the terms in the Funding Opportunity and associated Frequently Asked Questions, and this addendum. The recipient must also deliver on the planned objectives in the project narrative and budget narrative associated with this grant.

II. Eligibility and Highly Erodible Lands and Wetlands Compliance

In order to be eligible for an incentive payment as a part of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, a producer must:

- Establish Farm Records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) (have farm, tract, and field numbers in place);
- Complete an AD-2047 (Customer Data Worksheet to facilitate the collection of customer data for Business Partner Record);
- Certify highly erodible land conservation (HEL) and wetland conservation (WC) compliance via Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification; and
- Certify that they are not a foreign person or entity.

Farm, tract, and field numbers are required for the producer, and ultimately the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities recipient, to report climate-smart practice implementation to USDA, as well as to certify and maintain HELC/WC compliance. This will require that some producers who do not already have these numbers, like perennial crop growers or feedlots, establish these records with USDA's FSA. Farm, tract, field numbers, producer name, and Core Customer I.D. (CCID) will be provided by the recipient to the National Program Officer as a part of routine grant reporting. Recipients must ensure that producers receiving financial assistance or incentives through this project use the same name as is included in the relevant FSA Business File for that Farm ID in any contracts or similar documentation kept by the recipient.

Producers are not bound by the payment limitations and the adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations that are in place for other USDA programs.

In order to demonstrate HELC/WC compliance for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities incentive payments, producers will need to request a copy of their subsidiary print from their

USDA FSA field office. The Subsidiary Print includes print year specific eligibility related information about a selected producer. The producer will then provide this documentation to the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities recipients as proof of compliance. A current year subsidiary print will be required for each crop year that the producer receives a payment, and HELC/WC eligibility information is provided under the AD-1026 and Conservation Compliance sections of subsidiary (determined by year, which can change at any time during the year or in a subsequent year). As is the case already, field offices will not be expected to provide documentation to anyone besides the producer themselves (and must always comply with Section 1619 limitations if they ever do provide documentation to third parties). Producers must have control of the land for the term of their beneficiary contract.

Recipients are responsible for determining producer eligibility within the funding opportunity requirements. Recipients must inform producers of eligibility requirements and direct them to local USDA offices for requested information as necessary, including but not limited to, farm and tract establishment and Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Compliance determinations. Privacy of producers is a priority throughout this process, and recipients are responsible for maintaining producer privacy in the process.

At minimum, the recipient will collect and review subsidiary reports from participating producers. They will ensure that the producer is listed as "compliant" in all sections of the conservation compliance portion of subsidiary and "certified" for AD-1026 before an incentive payment is made. If payments to a producer span more than one Federal fiscal year, the recipient will review an updated subsidiary print each fiscal year to ensure that the status is still compliant.

III. Other Environmental and Cultural Resources Reviews

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by USDA NRCS on August 26, 2022. A copy of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities is available at www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities . USDA may determine that additional environmental and cultural resources review is needed for any particular action under Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. The recipient must not execute any beneficiary contracts under this grant agreement prior to receipt of a letter from USDA that specifically details:

1) further procedures deemed appropriate by the Agency to ensure a completed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and all appropriate consultation requirements are met, and
2) additional instructions for any unanticipated discoveries or conditions.

A resolution of support is required for projects on Tribal lands from the governing body of the Tribe with jurisdiction over that land, if the applicant is not the Tribe nor an entity owned or

operated by that Tribe. USDA may approve alternative documentation for resolutions when USDA deems necessary and legally sufficient.

IV. Producer Benefits

USDA encourages the recipient to disclose to participating producers the manner and amount for which any market premiums derived from the development of the relevant climate-smart commodity will be shared between participating parties, including producers. USDA will be monitoring producer benefits, in particular those to small and underserved producers, throughout the grant period. Recipients agree that their project(s) will implement a plan for engaging small and underserved producers as laid out in this agreement.

V. Producer Data Protection and Disclosure

Recipients must ensure each producer has convenient access to any data collected from that producer or the producer's land and any associated modeling as part of the project. The recipient must provide each producer applying for benefits under this grant a description in writing of how their information, including but not limited to data about their farm and commodities, will be utilized, protected and shared as applicable.

VI. Other Data and Reporting Requirements

In addition to the reporting information provided in the statement of work and General Terms and Conditions, USDA will provide a template for the Detailed Progress Report, also known as the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities (PSCS) Project Reporting Workbook. Within 30 calendar days of execution of this grant, a copy of this workbook will be posted at www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities or an alternative location provided to the recipient by the National Program Officer. USDA may provide updates to the PCSC Project Reporting Workbook or submission methods to streamline the data collection process and/or reduce the burden on the recipient throughout the grant period. Generally, these updates will be provided at least 3 months in advance of any required changes. The recipient must not transfer any data to foreign governments or foreign entities without prior approval from USDA.

USDA will provide a Technical Contact for this grant. The Technical Contact will have the responsibility of technical oversight for USDA for the project. The recipient is responsible for providing the technical assistance required to successfully implement and complete the project. The recipient must comply with any requests for information from the Technical Contact. The Technical Contact for this award is the National Program Officer assigned to this grant.

Prior to execution of this grant, the recipient must provide a shapefile depicting the project boundary for enrollment under this grant. Producer enrollment may not occur outside this boundary without modification of this grant.

Within 30 calendar days of execution of this grant, the recipient must provide to the National Program Officer a website address where enrollment information will be posted for producers for the project associated with this grant. Recipients will be responsible for the following reports:

- Submit quarterly performance reports that include a written progress report, as well as additional reporting on specific data elements contained in the most up-to-date version of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Project Reporting Workbook. Additional information about each reported element is described in the Data Dictionary.
- Submit supplemental reports required to validate greenhouse gas (GHG) benefit data, including: (1) an initial project MMRV plan, (2) field-modeled GHG benefit reports, and (3) field-direct GHG measurement results, as applicable. Additional information about these reports is in included in the Data Dictionary.
- Submit copies of project outputs and deliverables (e.g., fact sheets, reports) as attachments in ezFedGrants along with quarterly performance reports.
- Report the version of COMET-Planner used to estimate GHG benefits of the project within each quarterly performance report. As COMET-Planner is updated, recipients must adopt the latest version of the tool as directed by USDA for use in performance reports.

Recipients must designate an individual as a member of the USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Learning Network (Partnerships Network); this representative should be identified in the Project Narrative for this grant. Each project includes a plan for up to two Partnerships Network virtual meetings and two in-person meetings a year during the project duration. Dates and other details on events will be posted at www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities or an alternative location provided to the recipient by the National Program Officer.

The Partnerships Network will be co-chaired by representative from the USDA Office of the Chief Economist and the Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area. The Partnerships Network will inform synthesis reports to be assembled by USDA on a range of topics related to the implementation of Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities projects, including:

- Lessons-learned as projects are implemented;
- Options for providing technical assistance;
- Procedures for measurement/quantification, monitoring, reporting, and verifying GHG benefits;
- Options for tracing climate-smart commodities through the supply chain;
- Mechanisms for reducing costs of implementation;
- A forum for discussion and learning regarding approaches to climate-smart agriculture and forestry implementation (including but not limited to deployment and

measurement/quantification, monitoring, reporting, tracking, and verification of associated greenhouse gas benefits and marketing of climate-smart commodities).
- Synthesis of outcomes; and
- Opportunities for USDA and others to inform future approaches to generating new and expanded markets for climate-smart commodities.

The Partnerships Network topics to be discussed will cover at minimum the areas described in previous FAQs and will evolve with USDA's ongoing project data analysis efforts and with input from the project recipients on the kinds of sessions that will be most helpful to them in building the diverse climate-smart markets associated with their projects. Participation may include at least one interview a year and include questions related to the following areas:

- Technical assistance approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Producer outreach approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Monitoring, measurement, reporting, and verification (MMRV) approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Marketing approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Partnership approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Data collection and storage approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Supply chain approaches, methods and successes and/or challenges, including approaches to traceability
- Supply chain benefits and demand for climate-smart commodities
- Perspectives on program design, climate-smart commodity definitions, and future approaches or opportunities
- Project successes and stories

USDA may also request producer exit reports at a later date. Additional marketing and branding-related requirements may be provided by USDA, including signage related to Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities.

VII. Competition and Anti-Competitive Practices

In connection with this grant, recipients may not prohibit or otherwise limit a producer from changing the provider of other services or materials not included as part of this grant. Recipients may not condition, limit, steer, or discriminate in their provision or sale of non-project business functions or products to producers based on their participation or non-participation in or use of any services provided as part of this grant. Additionally, funds in this agreement shall not be used for purposes or activities related to mergers or acquisitions.

VIII. Suspension and Disbarment

The provisions governing Suspension and Disbarment in subsection 1.a.8 shall also apply to fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or violations of the Federal civil antitrust or unfair trade practice laws.

IX. Special provisions for awards to for-profit entities as recipients

This section contains provisions that apply to awards to for-profit entities. These provisions are in addition to other applicable provisions of these terms and conditions, or they make exceptions from other provisions of the terms and conditions for awards to for-profit entities. For-profit entities that receive awards have two options regarding audits:

1) A financial related audit of a particular award in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, in those cases where the for-profit entity receives awards under only one USDA program; or, if awards are received under multiple USDA programs, a financial related audit of all awards in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; or

2) An audit that meets the requirements contained in 2 CFR 200 subpart F.

For-profit entities that receive annual awards totaling less than the audit requirement threshold in 2 CFR 200 subpart F are exempt from USDA audit requirements for that year, but records must be available for review by appropriate officials of Federal agencies or the Government Accountability Office.

X. Non-Disparagement

Recipients may not engage in any advertising deemed by USDA as disparaging to another agricultural commodity or competing product, or in violation of the prohibition against false and misleading advertising. Disparagement is defined as anything that depicts other commodities in a negative or unpleasant light via overt or subjective video, photography, or statements. Comparative advertising is allowable, provided the presentation of facts is truthful, objective, not misleading, and supported by a reasonable basis.