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Natural Resources Conservation Service

NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number	2. Amendment Number	3. Award /Project Period	4. Type of award instrument:
NR233A750004G043		Date of final signature - 05/10/2028	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	ECOM USA LLC 13760 NOEL RD STE 500 DALLAS TX 75240-1362 UEI Number / DUNS Number: XSTHCY8SEJ65 / 147116420 EIN:

7. NRCS Program Contact	8. NRCS Administrative Contact	9. Recipient Program Contact	10. Recipient Administrative Contact
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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: Courtney Hodges (b)(6)

15. Project Title/ Description: Expands markets for climate-smart cotton in AR and TX and supports farmer implementation and monitoring of 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	29,999,999.000	$1,877,200.00
Additional funds total	$0.00	$0.00
Grand total	29,999,999.000	$1,877,200.00

18. Approved Budget

Personnel	$0.00	Fringe Benefits	$0.00
Travel	$0.00	Equipment	$0.00
Supplies	$0.00	Contractual	$3,034,022.00
Construction	$0.00	Other	26,965,977.000
Total Direct Cost	29,999,999.000	Total Indirect Cost	$0.00
		Total Non-Federal Funds	$1,877,200.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	29,999,999.000
		Total Approved Budget	31,877,199.000

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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: 2023.05.15 14:41:12 -05'00'	Date 05/15/2023
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative EDUARDO L. ESTEVE CEO	Signature	Date 5-8-2023

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5-8-2023

Statement of Work

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and ECOM USA, LLC (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 $31,877,199

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS $29,999,999
PERSONNEL $0
FRINGE BENEFITS $0
TRAVEL $0
EQUIPMENT $0
SUPPLIES $0
CONTRACTUAL $3,034,022
CONSTRUCTION $0
OTHER $26,965,977 (includes PRODUCER INCENTIVES $24,144,207)
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS $29,999,999
INDIRECT COSTS $0

TOTAL NON-FEDERAL FUNDS $1,877,200
PERSONNEL $1,188,636
FRINGE BENEFITS $118,864
TRAVEL $190,585
EQUIPMENT $0
SUPPLIES $33,762
CONTRACTUAL $0
CONSTRUCTION $0
OTHER $345,353 (includes PRODUCER INCENTIVES $0)
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS $1,877,200
INDIRECT COSTS $0

Recipient has elected to voluntarily waive indirect costs.

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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Project Narrative for the Project Proposal "Climate Smart Cotton through a Sustainable & Innovative Supply Chain Approach", submitted under USDA's Call for Proposals "Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities". Project Applicant: ECOM USA LLC

i. Executive Summary of Pilot Project

Project Snapshot Table

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Project Farmer & Geographical Overview					
# of farmers added per year	50	30	10		
Accumulated # of farmers	50	80	90	90	90
Of which minority/women farmers (accumulat.)	18	23	29		
Acreages added per year	45,000	30,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Accumulated Acreages	45,000	75,000	85,000	90,000	95,000
Geography: Texas High Plains, Lower Rio Grande Valley, other areas of the Texas Gulf Coast including the Coastal Bend & Upper Coast (Texas Congressional Districts: TX-010, TX-013, TX-015, TX-019, TX-023, TX-027 & TX-034). Central Arkansas (near Cotton Plant) (Congressional Districts AR-001, AR-002 & AR-004)					

Key Activities (Implementer, Partner)	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
Project Management & Communication (ECOM USA, Earthworm)	x	x	x	x	x
Producer recruitment / enrolment incl. underserved / women farmers (ECOM USA, Quarterway, Earthworm)	x	x	x		
Farmer outreach & training (Texas A&M, University of Arkansas, Earthworm for support on minority farmers)	x	x	x	x	x
Guidance on RegenAgri requirements & certification (Control Union)	x	x	x	x	x
Farmer financial assistance through premium scheme (ECOM USA)	x	x	x	x	x
GHG benefit quantification, monitoring, reporting, & verification plan (incl. measurement with COMET) (MRV service provider (TBD))	x	x	x	x	x
Alternative GHG benefit quantification with Cool Farm Tool (ECOM, Earthworm)	x	x	x	x	x
Market development for resulting climate-smart commodities (ECOM USA, 5LOCCotton)	x	x	x	x	x
Establishment of commodity traceability system (Traceability Service Provider (TBD))	x	x	x	x	x

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B. List of Project Partners

- **Earthworm Foundation** (EF), a 501(c)3 & global non-profit organization that works with individuals from farm to boardroom to build supply chains that work for people & nature.
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Research** is the state's premier research & technology development agency in agriculture & has a wide-spread extension service center with highly-qualified extension staff across entire Texas addressing key issues for Texas' producers.

- **University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service (UADA-CES)** is part of the University's Division of Agriculture. The Agricultural Experiment Station & UADA-CES conduct research & extension work.
- **Quarterway Cotton Growers** is a farmer-owned gin located in Plainview, Texas. Quarterway Cotton Growers is an early adopter of the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) & one of the very few BCI certified cotton gins in the country.
- **Control Union** is a global organization supporting companies to achieve their sustainability goals. Through the regenagri initiative, Control Union supports farms to transition to regenerative farming practices that increase soil organic matter & reduce GHG emissions.
- **5 LOCCotton** is a sustainable cotton expert consultancy who supports companies in the textile value chain to develop & implement their sustainable cotton strategy & story.

C. List of underserved/minority-focused project partners

ECOM USA: The project seeks to include 29 underserved farmers (of which 10 are women). With 18 of these growers ECOM USA has a direct relationship going back up to 10 years. As part of the commercial relationship that ECOM USA has with these farmers - the sale & purchase of cotton – our staff has frequent interactions including regular farm visits for marketing updates, price & contract discussions, & exchanges on yield & farming information.

Quarterway Cotton Growers: ECOM USA has connections to additional underserved producers through Quarterway Cotton Growers, a cotton gin, whose group of growers consists of approximately 20% of minority farmers. The gin organizes regular meetings with their growers to connect with ECOM USA representatives. Through existing relationships, such as with Quarterway Cotton Growers we will expand outreach each subsequent year of the program to additional (minimum) 11 underserved/minority producers.

Earthworm Foundation (EF): EF, a 501(c)3, will lead outreach & engagement with the underserved/minority farmer partners participating in this project. Dr Kimberlee Chambers, will partner with ECOM USA, & Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension to ensure that a gender, social, & equity lens will be applied to the overall project, specifically for communications, & development of climate smart educational materials, outreach/educational activities, & engagement on farm for data collection & practices implementation. EF is experienced at engaging underserved & marginalized producers. EF believes that continuous improvement in their practices is critical. To serve this priority they have an extensive network of non-profit collaborators & a dedicated human rights team focused on staying on top of best practices ensuring that to the best extent possible these lessons are integrated into their work.

D. Compelling need for the project

Producers across the country are experiencing climate impacts on their operations through shifting weather patterns & increasingly frequent & severe storms. In addition, floods, drought & wildfire are leading to heavy soil erosion & degradation. Especially problematic for cotton growers has been the gradually shortening growing season which reduces the timeframe for crops to mature negatively impacting yields & leaving producers with less cotton to sell & ultimately less income. At the same time growers face pressure from the market as cotton buyers, textile companies & consumers increasingly demand sustainably produced clothing with a zero or low carbon footprint. For example, globally 187 textile & apparel companies (14% are US American) have signed up to the Science Based Target Initiative & therewith have committed to certain CO2 reduction targets for their businesses. The cotton used in their production makes up the majority of their Scope 3 emissions & therefore, cotton with a low CO2 footprint is preferable. But also from a brand & retailer perspective the situation is not that clear cut: In spite of various consumer studies pointing towards a positive willingness to

pay more for sustainable products, brands & retailers are fearful of over-pricing their goods & losing market share, as they are insecure about what the consumer is actually willing to pay for. Consequently, they find themselves in a conundrum of sustainability commitments versus sales targets. For producers to transition to climate smart practices is risky & costly; the incentives to switch to climate smart practices are not (yet) outweighing the risks due to the transitional stage of the textile market described above. Farmers are worried that their climate-smart investments will not be rewarded with adequate demand at the right price - a premium above conventional cotton. This is specifically critical in the case of organic cotton, as transition takes long & requires very high on-farm investments. During this transition, the market does not offer any premiums leaving the farmer with significantly higher production costs without any compensation for their efforts. Therefore, an incentive push is needed to justify the risk & costs coming with the change towards climate-smart farming to bridge the market & farm transition phase during which producers are the most economically vulnerable value chain player. Therefore, through project resources ECOM USA will offer growers an incentive payment scheme for moving towards climate-smart practices. This premium scheme will be flanked with trainings & on-farm support to help develop climate-smart farming practices specific to farmers' cropping systems & the individual challenges they encounter. The project's approach is a holistic one in that both supply & demand side are addressed in order to move the entire supply chain towards sustainable, climate-smart cotton. Therefore, ECOM together with project & value chain partners, will work on the advancement of the market for climate-smart cotton through project promotion with brands & retailers, & providing outreach & education up to consumer level. An essential part of this forms the quantification of resulting GHG benefits & the tracking of these through the entire supply chain. ECOM USA has partnered with expert companies to ensure verified GHG measurements & to offer the market a cutting-edge traceability system for product transparency from farm to shelf.

E. Approach to minimize transaction costs associated with project activities

As outlined in more detail in the Budget Narrative ECOM USA will absorb ECOM USA's project management costs, other staff costs & staff travel costs as in-kind contributions. Other ECOM USA match funding will help to reduce transaction costs comprising the subscription costs of the alternative methodology for the quantification of GHG benefits (the Cool Farm Tool). Similarly, EF, Texas A&M, University of Arkansas, University of Arkansas & 5LOCCotton are providing a part of their services or licenses at no cost. For cost efficient project management EF & ECOM USA will jointly manage the project only during the first 3 years of the project with ECOM USA taking over fully by year 4. The building of ECOM USA's internal capacity will enable them to run the remaining 2 years of the project as well as roll-out & run similar activities across their entire US cotton supply chain without the need for external support in the future. As data requirements cut across all project components, the related costs are being kept low by applying a rigorous partner coordination approach. Data will be accumulated in one comprehensive database accessible to all project partners so that each data point is only collected once. Finally, through ECOM USA's market development activities within this project we expect a gradually reducing need for incentive payments to farmers as the market picks up these premiums.

F. Approach to reduce producer barriers to implementing CSAF practices for the purpose of marketing climate-smart commodities

Producers may encounter a diversity of potential barriers – whether perceived or actual – when engaging in climate smart agricultural practices. Below we outline this program's approach to addressing potential barriers.

- **Financial barrier:** The financial barriers have been discussed above. The project will provide a financial incentive to producers by rewarding acreages converted to climate smart cotton with premiums (for more info please see "D. Plan to provide financial assistance for producers/land owners").
- **Skill/knowledge barrier:** The technical assistance component of this project will address barriers stemming from lack in technical & agronomic knowledge around climate smart agriculture. Specialists with Texas A&M University & the University of Arkansas will support farmers through workshops, field visits & regular advice, and will also educate growers on the economic & cost-benefit perspective of climate-smart agriculture to equip them with insights on their projected business finances.
- **Insecurity on market access:** Similarly barriers relating to farmers' fears around finding a market for their regenerative cotton (at the right price) will be addressed by info sessions on market developments in the climate smart commodity space. ECOM USA will actively provide market access for the climate-smart cotton generated during this project with the view to establish long-term premium-cotton purchase agreements.
- **Administrative barrier:** Farmers are doing excellent work in the field & with their crops. But often administrative paperwork are tasks which many struggle with which has been an entry hurdle for various certification schemes. The project will support farmers on administrative processes required for signing up to certification programs & data entry needed for the GHG benefit quantification & traceability system.
- **Social barrier:** Research on barriers to adopting regenerative agriculture regularly reference the social & peer pressure that farmers can experience when changing farm management practices, particularly when these practices diverge from what is commonly done in a region & for a crop. ECOM USA & project partners understand this pressure experienced by farmers & will work to help address it by meeting with farmers & community members, providing information on proposed practices, sharing market insights, & working throughout the supply chain to address questions.

G. Geographic Focus

In Texas, the primary focus will be: the High Plains (geographical reference being Plainview) & the Lower Rio Grande Valley (geographical reference being Harlingen). Other areas cover the Texas Gulf Coast including the Coastal Bend & Upper Coast. The Texas Congressional Districts include: TX-010, TX-013, TX-015, TX-019, TX-023, TX-027 & TX-034. In central Arkansas, the project will focus on producers near Cotton Plant, AR including Congressional Districts AR-001, AR-002 & AR-004.

These geographic areas were selected as project locations because they represent critical sourcing areas within ECOM USA's supply chain, & have suffered reduced yields due to potential impacts from climate change – worsening water scarcity, degenerated soils, & a historic drought. Further, because of the long-standing & strong relationship with the producers in these areas, & their on-going commitment around climate-smart practices (early adopters) ECOM USA is confident that the envisaged project can be successfully implemented.

H. Project management capacity of partners (description of existing relationship / prior experience working with producers, promoting CS activities & marketing CS commodities).

ECOM USA has long-standing relationships with the targeted producers dating back over 20 years. The farmers in this proposed program & ECOM USA have a commercial relationship around the sale & purchase of cotton, which also comprises frequent interactions including 3-4 annual visits of ECOM USA staff to the farms & gins for marketing updates, price & contract discussions, & exchanges of yield & farming information. The ECOM USA team has a trust-based relation with their supplying producers; beyond the interaction in the framework of industry-grower meetings, ad-hoc phone conversations to discuss market strategy & production form a routine part of the ECOM-grower partnership.

ECOM USA has assigned Courtney Hodges as the overall Project Manager. She has over 10 years of experience with agricultural value chains and in 2018 completed the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Program hosted by Purdue University and Indiana University. She also has successfully managed to completion a variety of local and global projects within the ECOM Group's portfolio.

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The ECOM Group's Cotton Division overall has been committed to the increased availability, traceability, and marketing of climate smart cotton. The Project Commercial Lead, Darren Long, provides expertise in support of the marketing of climate smart cotton, is currently the Deputy CEO of ECOM USA, brings 15 years' experience of trading and cotton merchandising, and guides the team by leading the definitions for the project's strategic direction, oversight of the project's performance and long-term success. Charles Jannet, the project's Group Commercial Lead, has directly overseen the advancement of these initiatives and brings over 20 years of commercial experience to the team.

ECOM Cotton Brazil and Europe have been collaborating with a company called (b)(4) (b)(4) as a means of traceability to enable tracking of the cotton across the full value chain. This transparency initiative is running since 2019 & covers each step in the cotton life cycle, from raw materials to finishing. The project links cotton from Brazil to the final garment produced & sold by an Italian fashion house.

At a group level, ECOM is committed to a low-carbon future: In June 2021 ECOM signed up to the Science Based Target Initiative with the goal to become net zero by 2050. ECOM has just completed a CO2 baseline assessment of its current operations to determine the base level for the Group's GHG reduction strategy. Further, ECOM is a member of the Cool Farm Tool Alliance, a not-for-profit member organization that owns & operates the Cool Farm Tool, used to measure on-farm environmental sustainability. The ECOM Group has a division dedicated to Carbon & Climate Change, & is active in various forums at management level. ECOM's Head of Carbon Strategy was recently nominated as a Candidate for the Better Cotton Council Elections 2022 in the Suppliers & Manufacturers category. Yazmin Leon, from the ECOM

Group's Climate Team, is a sustainability quantification professional and is serving as the project's GHG & Carbon Accounting Lead.

In addition to cotton, within its cocoa & coffee value chains, ECOM has gained vast experience in the management of sustainability projects through its Sustainable Management Services (SMS) division, which extends support to smallholder farmers through a large network of agronomists (www.ecomsms.com/). The promotion & extension services around climate smart agriculture thereby form a critical element of ECOM SMS' work. (b)(4)

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In their capacity as extension specialists, Texas A&M and UADA-CES have been advising & working with farmers for many years with a focus on climate smart practices and monitoring the changes in soil health due to practice implementation.

EF will support ECOM USA with project management – drawing on extensive global project management experience with agricultural value chain enhancement initiatives. ECOM & EF have successfully partnered previously to bring about systematic changes in sustainable & regenerative supply chains. Currently ECOM & EF are implementing a cocoa sourcing landscapes project in Peru aiming to build sustainably-managed landscapes contributing to improved competitiveness & climate-resilience of production systems.

Leading EF's contributions to this program, Dr. Chambers holds a Ph.D. from University of California-Davis, & has conducted applied agricultural projects in the US, Canada, & Mexico. In this capacity she has worked with small to large-scale producers, collaborated with academics, non-profits, government agencies, & corporations, & published on topics such as gender & agrobiodiversity conservation.

ii. Plan to pilot climate-smart agriculture and/or forestry practices on a large scale, including:

A. A description of CSAF practices to be deployed,

Most impactful climate smart practices to be deployed during this project are: **Crop rotation in combination with reduced tillage.** This approach has a strong potential to increase soil organic content due to greater biomass inputs if rotated with crops such as corn, grain sorghum & wheat. Further, reduced tillage practices are expected to decrease GHG emissions. Due to water limitations & environmental conditions affecting nitrogen mineralization/immobilization, crop rotations have been reported to be a better economic option compared to cover crops. **Cover crop & reduced tillage:** Through the addition of cover crops soil organic content can be enhanced while at the same time soil health is being improved. Reduced net GHG losses will be achieved with the added biomass from cover crop & reduced tillage. Cover crops proven successful in the High Plains of TX include wheat & rye. **Nutrient management:** Optimized nutrient management represents an important component within a climate smart farming plan. Improvements in the timing & method of application will lead to

an increase in use efficiency, thus reducing nitrous oxide losses. GHG emissions can potentially be reduced by 25% with optimized application timing & method.

The below provides a full list of climate-smart practices to be deployed and their respective NRCS-Code. All practices within this project are NRCS approved.

- Nutrient Management (NRCS Code 590) (NB: Nutrient management plans will be developed by certified nutrient management plan writers.)
- Cover Crop (NRCS Code 340)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (NRCS Code 328)
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (NRCS Code 329)
- Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Tillage (NRCS Code 345)
- Irrigation Water Management (NRCS Code 449)*
- Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (NRCS Code 610)*
- Soil Carbon Amendment (NRCS Code 808)
- Pest Management Conservation System (NRCS Code 595)

* These practices will be implemented in combination with other climate-smart practices.

B. Plan to recruit producers & land owners, incl. estimated scale of project (# of land owners)

As mentioned above ECOM USA through its function as a cotton merchant has a longstanding, existing relationship with many of the project target farmers. Therefore, recruitment of growers for participation in the envisaged project will start with ECOM USA team's standard outreach & communication. The ECOM USA team will introduce the project to farmers during a farm visit or telephone conversation, outlining planned activities & timelines, implications for the grower & financial benefits. (During the preparation phase of this proposal, the ECOM USA team has already started gauging interest from farmers & informing them about the potential for this project, pending outcome of the proposal review.) Further, meetings with larger grower groups will be held as soon as ECOM USA receives the go-ahead from USDA. In addition to the bilateral outreach to growers, ECOM USA will also utilize these meetings as a platform to introduce & sign up farmers to the project. In terms of targeted number of producers & acreages, the "Project Snapshot Table" on page 1 provides a comprehensive overview. In year 1, the project will start with 50 growers & 45,000 acres of cotton fields respectively. During the subsequent years additional farmers / acreages will be added gradually resulting in a projected final number of 90 growers & 95,000 acres in year 5 of the project. Thereby it is the target to have 90 producers on-boarded & actively involved in the project already by year 3. During the remaining 2 project years it is assumed that the 90 project farmers will further roll-out climate-smart practices across larger areas of their land, eventually reaching 95,000 acres.

C. Plan to provide technical assistance, outreach, & training, including who will be conducting these activities, qualifications & projected timeline,

<u>Technical assistance for project farmers in Texas</u>

Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension will collaborate with ECOM USA to assist farmers, develop climate smart educational materials (6 sets of material), conduct outreach/educational activities, & collect soil & agronomic data across multiple cotton growing regions of Texas. Thereby the Agrilife team will establish on-farm climate smart agriculture demonstrations in the Texas High Plains & South Texas regions. Demonstrations will include but are not limited to practices such as reduced tillage, cover crops, crop rotations, & improved nutrient management strategies. The latter will be developed by certified nutrient management plan writers and together with the local zone NRCS office with whom Texas A&M is closely

collaborating on the correct implementation of nutrient management practices. The agronomic support will be flanked by a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) to evaluate the farm-level net benefit a producer will realize by implementing climate smart practices compared to conventional production. For GHG assessments soil & agronomic data from demonstration sites & cotton fields across Texas will be collected to assess sustainability of systems by region. Soil parameters to be determined will include among others soil organic carbon. GHG (carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, & methane) & ammonia emissions will be determined in real time at demonstration sites. This data will be used to evaluate the potential of climate smart practices to reduce GHG losses, increase C capture & storage, & improve N use efficiency.

Therefore the Texas A&M Agrilife Research and Extension Teams consisting of several experts, will conduct 12 farm site visits and producer meetings and field days per year. During these visits the teams will run educational events including 10 training events focused on climate-smart practices. Further a total of 7,500 soil samples will be collected and analyzed (1,500 samples per year during Project Years 1 to 5).

Texas A&M Team Qualifications:

Dr. Lewis holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Soil Science, both degrees were obtained at Texas A&M University. She is currently jointly appointed as Associate Professor in Soil Chemistry & Fertility by Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Texas Tech University.

Dr. Kimura holds a holds a Ph.D. in Agronomy from Washington State University, WA, and works as Associate Professor, Extension Agronomist, and State Extension Peanut Specialist at the Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Vernon, TX. Her research and extension work has been honored with various awards; the latest one was the Dr. J. Tom Cothren Outstanding Young Cotton Physiologist Award received at the Beltwide Cotton Conference in January 2022. Her extension focus includes cultivar testing, nutrient management, soil fertility, cover crops, cropping systems, alternative crops, efficient irrigation. Within her role as Extension Agronomist she provides sustainable and economically sound agronomic practices to producers in the Rolling Plains of Texas through a collaborated effort with regional and state Extension Specialists and Research Scientists within Texas A&M system, as well as external collaborations across the states and nations.

Dr. McGinty holds a Ph.D. in Agronomy from Texas A&M University, & works as Assistant Professor & Extension Agronomist (specialized in cotton) in the Department of Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Will Keeling is an Extension Program Specialist I – Risk Management with the District 2 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service based in Lubbock, TX. He earned his M.S. & B.S. degrees in Agricultural & Applied Economics from Texas Tech University.

<u>Technical assistance for project farmers in Arkansas</u>

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension service (UADA-CES) will partner with ECOM USA & other partners on this proposal to help cotton farmers benefit from implementing climate smart agriculture via education & on-farm demonstration. UADA-CES will use its Discovery Farm Program (ARDF) to catalyze the adoption of climate smart practices. UADA-CES will extend the existing Discovery Farm infrastructure to address both agriculture's impact on climate change & demonstrating soil & conservation practices that increase resilience to climate change. The ADRF is an effective stakeholder-driven conservation demonstration program, where extensive, state-of-the-art

water quality monitoring systems are installed on real, working farms to document environmental impact & the potential of NRCS-approved conservation practices' off-farm impacts. The overall goal of the program is to document sustainable & viable farming systems that remain cost-effective in an environmentally sound manner. UADA-CES will monitor how conservation practices affect water quality, water use & soil health, to assess how climate smart agriculture for cotton can sequester carbon on these farms. These farms will be used to measure carbon sequestration rates by comparing farmer standard vs climate smart agriculture side by side. The data will be used to develop an educational program & Climate Smart Guide for Cotton Production, fact sheets, digital media & other educational products. Two existing Discovery Farms are located on private, working cotton farms in Desha and Phillips County and UADA-CES has established a third in Northeastern Arkansas that is funded by means other than this grant so that a Cotton Climate Smart Discovery Farm is easily accessible to all cotton farmers in Eastern Arkansas for field days and tours. UADA-CES will recruit a USDA-defined historically-underserved cotton farmer. UADA-CES will partner with the Arkansas Soil Health Alliance & the Arkansas Association of conservation districts to educate & promote climate smart agriculture & demonstrate how improving soil health can increase carbon sequestration rates.

For the provision of their technical assistance to the project farmers in Arkansas UADA-CES' Verification & Sustainability Coordinator will conduct several farm site visits during the year. Further, UADA-CES' agronomist and extension team will run 3 on-farm training events on climate-smart practices per year (total of 15) with an average of 10 participants in coordination with the Arkansas Soil Health Alliance, USDA-NRCS, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, and Arkansas Discovery Farms. These training events will be complemented with producer meetings & field days with an average of 25 participants, and a total of 2 (in Project Years 1 and 4) virtual field days with an anticipated participation of 150 farmers each. Each year one (total of 5) soil sampling event will be held for soil carbon and carbon sequestration sampling, as well as greenhouse gas monitoring sampling which will be sent to the University of Arkansas System Labs. (at least 400 soil samples per year (ie. at least 2,000 total across the entire project) will be collected and analyzed. 288 Carbon Sequestration samples will also be analyzed.). To accompany the above described events the UADA-CES team will develop 4 sets of educational material per year (total of 20) including material for virtual field days, annual reports, fact sheets / booklets and multiple slide sets.

University of Arkansas Team Qualifications:

Dr. Bill Robertson holds an M.Ag. & a Ph.D. in Agronomy from Texas A&M University & has served as the Cotton Extension Agronomist with the UADA-CES for 17 years. He was recently recognized at the National Cotton & Rice Conservation Systems Conference as the 2019 Cotton Researcher of the Year. (NB: As Dr. Robertson will be retiring soon, a new dedicated Cotton Agronomist will be hired for this project.)

Dr. Mike Daniels has served for the past sixteen years as an Environmental Management Specialist for UADA-CES. His focus areas are water-related issues, soil & water conservation, water quality & nutrient management. With regards to nutrient management Dr. Daniels has developed together with the State of Arkansas and NRCS the training program for certified plan writers, and is closely familiar with the processes around correct application of this practice. He holds a Ph. D. in Soil Sciences from Penn State University & currently serves as Co-Director of the Arkansas Discovery Farm Program & Co-Chair of the Division of Agric. Environmental Task Force.

D. Plan to provide financial assistance for producers/land owners to implement CS practices.

The financial assistance payments to farmers is one of the key components of this project. ECOM USA will utilize part of the grant funding to provide per-acre and per-bale premiums to farmers in order to incentivize them to adopt climate-smart practices. Incentive payments are needed as farmers face various financial hurdles during the transition to other farming practices, such as investment costs related to the transition, lower yields or quality implications. Acknowledging the diversity across farms & producers, we will be offering growers a 3-tier impact payment system to enable flexibility & maximum adoption of climate-smart practices. This impact payment system is guided by 3 certification schemes: Better Cotton Initiative, regenagri© & Transitional Organic Cotton. ECOM USA will direct grant money for regenagri© certified and/or transitional Organic Cotton on a per-acre basis to promote & incentivize the related climate-smart practices each year as well as to reward early-adopters who will serve as mentors for others in the program. Per-bale incentive payments will be made only after certification by Control Union, BCI or Texas Department of Agriculture is verified. Additionally, we will be tendering for and contracting an MRV service provider (see section iii. A for further details on MRV Service Provider) with the capability to apply a remote sensing technology platform to continuously track & monitor implementation of climate–smart practices. At the end of each growing season the MRV service provider (TBD) will provide a comprehensive report which will show detailed implementation progress on each field of the participating farms. Should a farmer fail to show successful implementation of BCI, regenagri© or Organic (transitional) practices the incentive payment will be rolled over to the next growing season to give producers a second window.

The financial incentive structure differs by certification scheme: With BCI comprising the most basic climate-smart practice requirements the incentive payments per bale are the lowest, while for Transitional Organic Cotton – the most stringent & most difficult to achieve certificate - the highest premiums will be paid out. The table below provides an overview of the incentive payments by certification program (with decreasing premiums in the last 2 years as we anticipate the market picking up these premiums):

Certification Scheme	Impact premium per acre ($)	Impact premium per bale ($)
Better Cotton Initiative	-	5
Regenagri©	7 – 10.8	25 – 40.2
Transitional Organic Cotton	30 - 35	100 – 126.65

Our focus begins with **Regenerative Agriculture**. Our farmer partners, certified through **regenagri©**, will implement methods to restore soil & ecosystem health. Regenerative farming is not "one size fits all." Rather, farmers (with guidance from our allied grant partners) will utilize specific best practices that vary based on their specific region & needs. In line with the premium payout scheme explained above ECOM USA will direct grant funding to growers upon commitment, upon confirmation via regenagri© & the MRV Service Provider's report, & per production.

ECOM USA is currently working on a few small pilot projects with various mills, brands, & retailers who have indicated their willingness to make "impact" payments to growers for regenerative practices. Therefore, in order to continue the excitement of certified regenagri©, we believe that an impact payment is necessary to entice grower implementation. Through supply chain education including spinning mills & brands, we believe that these significant impact payments will continue filtering to the grower via the marketplace. Certified regenagri© cotton will eventually serve as the bridge between Organic (expensive, niche markets) cotton & conventional (more traditional, less expensive) cotton.

Not all growers can, or will be willing, to adopt regenagri©. Therefore, with the help of this project, ECOM USA will be offering another grant funding window for growers who are certified under the **Better Cotton Initiative (BCI).** We believe that there is an opportunity via grant funding to pay a smaller, yet impactful premium to farmers for certified BCI production. The supply chain prefers USA grown cotton because of its quality & reliability. In addition, most are aware of BCI, with many already paying small premiums for BCI cotton. The aim of BCI incentive payments is to attract new BCI acreage, especially for those who are unable to meet the regenagri© practices, & increase supply of sustainably grown cotton. (NB: All growers – no matter if they are able to reach regenagri© requirements / certification or not – will have access to the regenagri© platform.)

As mentioned before, **Organic Cotton** is a highly niche market. However, it is a market where demand grossly exceeds supply. It is impossible (at least for now), to supply the world with only organic cotton due to the limitations surrounding it. One of those being climate, in that organic cotton is best suited to grow in semi-arid locations such as the High Plains of Texas, where weed pressure & insect pressure are less than in other growing regions. Unfortunately, this area is also highly drought prone, which can lead to small volumes produced on reduced acreage. In addition, farmers have significant barrier costs of converting conventional practices to organic. During the three-year transition phase, farmers incur all of the higher production costs (up to $150/acre more) associated with organic practices yet they cannot sell transitional production for a premium. The supply chain offers massive premiums to organic cotton, while not being willing to pay anything additional for the transitional, even though it is held to the same standards of organic farming practices & is certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture as being in-transition. If we are to increase the supply of organic cotton, we must fund the transitional phase with premiums. ECOM USA will utilize a portion of grant funding to attract organic conversion on a per-acre & then per-bale rate once produced. Further, in our work with 5LOCCotton & brands we will encourage supply chain utilization of transitional cotton & educate why it deserves premiums over & above conventional production.

Climate-Smart Impacts of Incentivized Certification Schemes

All the incentivized certifications promote practices that have a climate-smart impact on the relevant commodity; i.e., practices that reduce a commodity's GHG-footprint and/or enhance its carbon sequestration capacity.

The table below depicts all certification-related practices and actions, and describes their contribution to the project's GHG / CO2 targets. The table is set-up in a matrix-like manner as most practices / actions are not exclusive to just one certification scheme, but rather are applicable to several. For example, as shown at the top of the table the encouragement of farmers towards the "Use of biological & non-synthetic inputs" is covered by all 3 certification programs (BCI, regenagri© and USDA Organic). In contrast the complete ban of synthetic substances ("No use of synthetic substances") is only applicable to the most stringent certification label, namely USDA Organic. Under the column "Contribution to Project Scope" the table outlines the GHG impacts. In the case of the above-named practices, GHG-benefits are generated through GHG-reductions from decreased fertilizer usage and therewith lower fertilizer-related emissions (volatilization), as well as carbon sequestration stemming from improved micro-biological activity in the soil.

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
No use of synthetic substances	–Prevents farms to the take up of carbon from external synthetic inputs (most are petroleum derivatives) –Leads to natural production systems where key organisms can thrive and restore ecological cycles	–GHG reduction (from fertilizer production and fertilizer use; ie. fertilizer-emissions (volatilization) from the field) –Carbon sequestration (from improved microbiological activity in the soil)			✓
Use of biological & non synthetic inputs			✓	✓	✓
Use Of Biological Control & Natural Enemies			✓		
Buffer areas to prevent synthetic substances contamination	–Helps farms avoid damaging surrounding ecosystems and the organisms living in them which are key to maintaining ecological cycles & control pests, diseases and weeds	–Carbon sequestration (from additional buffer zone floral activity and adjacent ecosystem restoration) –Farm resilience to climate change (mainly through crop protection from buffer zones, and reduced exposure to pesticides / insecticides of non-target species, and therewith ultimately restoration of natural pest and disease control)			✓
Limit pesticide applications to secure technical conditions (wind, rain, humidity…)			✓		N/A
Drift & runoff prevention			✓		
IPD (Integrated Pest, Disease and & Weed management plan)	–Reduces the need and dependence on synthetic inputs (herbicides, insecticides and fungicides) which lead to healthier and resilient production systems	–GHG reduction (through reduced use of syn. Pesticides) –Farm resilience to climate change	✓		✓

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
Pest control by mechanical/physical methods	–Avoids the development of resistances in insects, pests and weeds	–Farm resilience to climate change (through reduced use of syn. Pesticides)			✓
No scheduled or random sprays	–Reduces the overall footprint and fossil fuels need	–GHG reduction (through reduced syn fertilizer and pesticide usage)	✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
No use of banned pesticides	–Stops the use of highly toxic and harmful substances that build up in and disturb food chains	–GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change	✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
Phase out, acute intoxication risk. Ia substances –category 1			✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
Phase out, acute intoxication risk. Ia substances - category 2			✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
Phase out, chronic intoxication risk. Ia & Ib substances - carcinogenic, mutagenic & reprotoxic			✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
Secure pesticide storage conditions	–Ensures concentrated pesticides are kept from sensitive ecological	–GHG reduction	✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
	areas and containment of potential fatal spills				
Application equipment inspection & cleaning	–Allows growers to place the correct amount of pesticides in their farms	–GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change	✓		
Waste management - Correct containers disposal	–Prevents in farm degradation of plastic and synthetic substances that release GHG in the process	–GHG reduction	✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
Waste management - Correct containers cleansing			✓		N/A (synthetic pesticides not allowed)
Irrigation optimization	–Ensures that only the needed volumes of water are used for irrigation	–Farm resilience to climate change (through more sustainable, longer-lasting water reserves; e.g. in the case of drought)	✓	✓	
Rainwater harvesting	–Reduces water volumes needed for irrigation	–Farm resilience to climate change		✓	
Soil Moisture management			✓		
Cover crops	–Helps keep soils healthy and protect topsoil	–Carbon sequestration		✓	✓

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
Crop diversification	-Reduces need for syn fertilizer due to nutrient-fixing characteristics of plants used as cover crops –Can provide growers other source of income	-GHG-reduction (through reduced syn fertilizer usage) –Farm resilience to climate change	✓		
Crop rotation			✓	✓	✓
Intercropping				✓	
Soil management plan	–Helps keep soils healthy and reduces rates of external fertilizer inputs (synthetic or organic)	–Carbon sequestration –GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change	✓		
Regular analysis & testing (soil & leaf)	–Allows growers to know and understand their soils fertility and take informed decisions on crop nutrition while reducing external fertilizer needs	–Carbon sequestration –GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change	✓	✓	
Soil type identification & mapping			✓		
Nutrition strategies & management			✓		

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
Fertilizers - Precision application			✓		
Organic matter application	–Enables organic matter contents to increase	–Carbon sequestration –GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change			✓
Organic matter monitoring			✓		
Manure/Compost use				✓	✓
Zero/Reduced/Conservation tillage	–Prevents soil structure destruction and allow fauna and flora to thrive in soil –Helps retain topsoil	–Carbon sequestration –GHG reduction (through reduced CO2 release during tillage) –Farm resilience to climate change	✓	✓	✓
Erosion prevention/management			✓		✓
Animal/Livestock integration	–Controls potential pests, diseases and weeds –Contributes to soil organic matter build up –Enables ecological cycles restoration	–Carbon sequestration –Farm resilience to climate change			✓

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
Agroforestry & perennial crops use	–Increases the flora diversity in farms, which lead to healthier and stronger production systems	–Carbon sequestration –GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change		✓	
Afforestation / reforestation				✓	
Biodiversity management plan	–Increases the flora and fauna diversity in farms, which lead to healthier and stronger production systems	–Farm resilience to climate change	✓		
Environmental resources identification & mapping			✓		
Degraded land/areas identification	–Restore nonproductive/profitable areas enabling them to provide environmental services for the farm	–Carbon sequestration –Farm resilience to climate change	✓		
Degraded land/Areas recovery actions			✓		
Vacant/Unfarmed areas monitoring & recovery			✓		
Bodies of water protection, contamination prevention & recovery	–Restore affected bodies of water so they can be able to sustain wildlife	–Farm resilience to climate change	✓	✓	
Use of organic seeds		–Farm resilience to climate change			✓

Practice/Actions	Description / Objective	Contribution to Project Scope	BCI	regenagri©	USDA ORGANIC (Transitional)
Non GMO seeds use	–Prevents local and native flora to be contaminated by non-natural and external genetic features				✓
Wildlife population assessments	–Allows grower to understand the positive impact of the other practices in their farm and surrounding ecosystems	–Carbon sequestration –Farm resilience to climate change		✓	
HCV (High Conservation Value) Areas identification, monitoring & conservation	–Ensures no destruction of High Conservation Value and protected areas	–Carbon sequestration –GHG reduction –Farm resilience to climate change	✓	✓	
HCV Areas conversion regulations/prohibition adherence				✓	
Historic land use demonstration				✓	
Increase renewable energy use	–Reduces dependence of fossil fuels and non-renewable energy sources	–GHG reduction		✓	
GHG emissions monitoring	–Allows growers understand their emissions and the impact of the implemented practices in their footprint	–GHG reduction		✓	

E. Plan to enroll underserved producers (incl. estimated # of underserved producers etc.)

As the Project Snapshot Table (page 1) indicates the project targets 10 women & 19 minority farmers. Most of these farmers are already part of ECOM USA's supply chain; ie., the project recruitment of this farmer group will be conducted in the same manner as outlined under ii.B. above. However, in order to account for specific needs of this farmer group an additional layer of enrolment activities will be covered by EF. EF will build off of ECOM USA's existing relationships for outreach to the underserved & small producers. Once initial introductions have been made EF will travel to meet with producers on their land in order to best understand their unique challenges, knowledge networks, peer producer groups, & potential barriers to enrolment. From these initial informal interviews EF will work with Texas A&M to develop tools for outreach, training, & engagement that are specific to these producers. EF will travel with Texas A&M during their initial field visits to evaluate program implementation & conduct in-person follow-up meetings with these producers to understand potential additional needs. Simultaneously EF will evaluate ECOM USA's existing capacity & systems, & support the development of tools & protocols to ensure their ability to lead & expand their work with underserved & small producers in subsequent years. As noted in section "C. List of underserved/minority-focused project partners", EF US staff will draw from their organizations' global experiences leading on the ground engagement with producers for understanding & implementing best practices throughout their work.

Estimated dollar amounts anticipated to go directly to underserved producers, in the form of technical & financial assistance:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
# of minority / women farmers (accumulated)	18	23	29	29	29
Accumulated Acres(estimate)	12,221	15,276	16,804	17,644	18,256
Accumulated Bales (estimate)	19,890	24,863	27,349	28,716	30,152
Financial assistance (premiums, incentive payments) ($)	931,320	1,164,168	1,280,577	1,333,099	1,384,788
Technical assistance (Texas A&M) ($)	$84,052	$69,431	$78,719	$79,650	$80,608
Technical assistance (EF) ($)	$44,000	$41,800	$41,800		

iii. A measurement/quantification, monitoring, reporting, & verification plan, including:

A. Approach to GHG benefit quantification (consistent with "Quantification Requirements")

For this project component ECOM USA will be tendering for and contracting a specialist MRV Service Provider.

This selected MRV Service Provider will operate an advanced MRV (Measurement, Reporting & Verification) platform & outcome modeling methodology, which is able to identify, quantify, monitor, verify & report, down to the field level, the carbon removal & reduction impact resulting from any regenerative practice changes. This will be scaled across the project's entire portfolio of enrolled acres. The selected MRV Service Provider should have capabilities around e.g., Computer Vision technology utilizing remote sensing, high resolution geographic image processing, AI & machine learning tools, combined with outcome modeling, with an underlying suitable model such as e.g. SALUS (System Approach to Land Use Sustainability) & own crop, soil & carbon modeling experts. The selected MRV Service Provider's model must enable the prediction of yield, GHG emissions, carbon sequestration,

nitrogen runoff, crop maturity, & other factors, considering parameters such as soil, management, weather & climate scenarios.

Alternative GHG Benefit Measurement – COMET

The selected MRV Service Provider will also run the GHG quantification measurements using USDA's COMET methodology and compare results with their own SALUS-based methodology.

Alternative GHG Benefit Measurement – The Cool Farm Tool

As mentioned previously in this proposal, the ECOM Group is a member of the Cool Farm Tool Alliance & has a subscription to the Cool Farm Tool, which allows any ECOM entity to utilize the tool to assess farms' CO2 footprint. The Cool Farm Tool (CFT) is an online-based tool to quantify on-farm greenhouse gas emissions & soil carbon sequestration. The tool is applicable across all land-based crops & countries. In order to run a GHG footprint analysis several data points on crop, growing area, field treatment, land use etc. need to be inputted into the user-friendly online portal. When data input is completed, the result & a report are generated immediately.

ECOM USA will apply this tool in the framework of this project as an alternative methodology to measure the project GHG impacts. The results generated by the Cool Farm Tool will be compared with the results obtained via the MRV platform as well as with the outcomes of the analyses conducted by the universities. It is well known that the methodologies to quantify the carbon reductions/removals vary & hence we believe it would be beneficial to take this opportunity to compare the different results we obtain from the different tools.

The Cool Farm Tool has been tested & adopted by a range of multinational companies (e.g. Better Cotton Initiative, Control Union, Gold Standard) who are working with their suppliers to measure, manage, & reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the effort to mitigate global climate change.

Underlying Methodology (Cool Farm Tool, https://coolfarmtool.org/)

The Cool Farm Tool's greenhouse gas emissions calculator is based on empirical research from a broad range of published data sets & IPCC methods. (NB: The IPCC is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change.) Unlike many other agricultural greenhouse gas calculators, the CFT includes calculations of soil carbon sequestration, which is a key feature of agriculture that has both mitigation & adaptation benefits. The tool calculates emissions estimates mainly from several hundreds of global datasets, peer-reviewed studies and industry data.

B. Approach to monitoring of practice implementation (incl. # of farms & acres reached).

Computer Vision & Remote Sensing

The selected MRV Service Provider will use cutting edge technology such as satellite imagery based remote sensing & AI driven computer vision to detect & verify on-the-ground management practices, including the adoption of regenerative practices. These practices are detected at the field level using 10m resolution satellite imagery. Detection is performed multiple times throughout the growing season. Field level assessment & verification of regenerative practices can then be scaled-up to analyze trends in agric. management systems across very large geographic areas. Additionally, the MRV Platform should be able to access & analyze large scale USDA datasets, such as the Crop Data Layer to analyze long term historical trends. The selected MRV approach should be highly scalable and should allow monitoring of the total amount of targeted farms and acres. (For info on the anticipated number

of farms & acres reached through project activities please see the Project Snapshot Table on Page 1.)

Additionally, Control Union will conduct audits to verify practice implementation.

C. Approach to reporting & tracking of greenhouse gas benefits.

As described in the previous section the selected MRV Service Provider will utilize technology such as e.g. a satellite-enabled remote sensing technology to monitor implementation & changes in farm practices. This happens in a continuous process as monitoring is enabled with every imagery reported through the satellites linked to the MRV platform. Satellite images are taken and transferred several times during the growing season allowing for an almost round-the-clock observation of fields. Accordingly, measurement of the greenhouse gas benefits resulting from the observed farm management practices happens in the same rhythm.

With regards to reporting, the MRV platform should have a user-friendly interface to enable individual growers to monitor their farms/fields. The interface should also allow stakeholders like ECOM USA to view an entire portfolio of farms and keep track of the total portfolio's or individual farm's progress in implementation, realized GHG benefits (total GHG benefits, or per commodity produced, per dollar expended, & the anticipated longevity of GHG benefits). The selected MRV Service Provider will work together with ECOM USA to develop the most suitable, customized reporting dashboard enabling optimal project reporting. As described previously in section ii. D. The selected Service Provider's remote-sensing monitoring & related reporting will be instrumental in the payout of per-acre incentive payments to producers.

Anticipated GHG Benefits (estimates) (incl. emissions reduced & carbon sequestered)	
Total project GHG benefit: 78,000–156,000MT	GHG benefit / acre: 0.20 – 0.40MT/acre
GHG benefit / cotton bale: 0.26 - 0.52MT/bale	GHG benefit / $ spent: 0.002–0.004MT/$

(NB: Longevity of GHG benefits depends on growers' annual commitment to climate-smart practices.)

D. Approach to verification of greenhouse gas benefits.

ECOM USA will select and contract an MRV service provider whose methodology utilized for the calculation of the project-generated greenhouse gas benefits is sufficiently verified and compliant with internationally recognized GHG standards such as GHG Protocol, SBTi and VCI (Value Change Initiative; https://valuechangeinitiative.com/). The methodology's compliance with these standards is crucial as ECOM USA reports their progress towards net-zero based on these protocols. Further the underlying model and methodology of the selected MRV Service Provider will be externally and independently validated by an IPCC-compliant validation body; such as Verra. Other ways to ensure the chosen methodology is sufficiently verified and validated include ground-truthing with long-term data sets as well as peer-reviewed studies in the academic literature.

Additional Verification of GHG Benefits

As an additional means of verification both university partners - Texas A&M & Arkansas University – will conduct measurements to determine GHG emissions in real time at demonstration sites using a Gasmet FTIR coupled with a Licor survey chamber. This data will be used to validate GHG measurements established via the MRV platform as well as the alternative quantification practices Cool Farm Tool & COMET.

E. Agreement to participate in the Partnerships Network

Project Leads Brady Raindl and Courtney Hodges commit to represent ECOM USA on the Partnerships Network.

iv. A plan to develop & expand markets for generated climate-smart commodities

A. Any partnerships designed to market resulting climate-smart commodities.

Through ECOM USA's relationship with brands & retailers, we are part of their sustainability journey. Clients have committed to (environmental & social) sustainability targets, some are traded on the Dow Jones "Sustainability Index", & are now in a position where they have to show & report on continuous efforts to reach their targets. These players are therefore looking to their supply chain partners to support them in the achievements of their goals. In our function as a cotton merchant, ECOM USA is in the most impactful position within the supply chain to link the brands' commitments to farmers who are actively pursuing climate smart practices, & thus will support brands' target progression. During this project ECOM USA will work with sustainable cotton expert consultancy 5LOCCotton to further intensify & target the cooperation with clients around the purchase & sale of sustainable (i.e., regenagri©, BCI etc.) cotton. 5LOCCotton's expertise & network will support forging the connections between farmers, & apparel & home furnishing companies. Further the engagements between ECOM USA, 5LOCCotton, farmers & brands will target the development of long-term strategies & agreements progressing the market for climate-smart cotton in a way which is economically sustainable for all value chain players – from farmer to consumer. On the brands' side ECOM USA will leverage their existing relationships with (b)(4)

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B. A plan to track climate-smart commodities through the supply chain.

For this part of the project, ECOM USA will tender for and contract a Traceability Service Provider with a suitable traceability platform to map the full supply chain from cotton farmers to the final garment. This will allow the farmers & all other partners involved in the process to document, describe & prove through data, descriptions, & certifications their GHG emissions. The platform therewith enables a seamless tracking of GHG benefits through the entire value chain. To establish this traceability system each partner of the supply chain will receive a access to this platform to input & manage their own data & processes; e.g. the selected MRV Service Provider will receive platform access to input GHG data. In order for ECOM USA & the textile brands to input their data onto the platform & at the same time have a comprehensive view on the full supply chain a Premium Access will be established. Through a thorough analysis of business requirements of all partners the traceability platform will be customized to align with project & partners' needs. Among other features the system will reflect the full supply chain, a certification validity control, supply chain online publications or functions to share data upstream in the supply chain.

As mentioned previously, ECOM Cotton Brazil has already tested a traceability platform to track the full journey of cotton from Brazil down to its final destination, a fashion store in Italy. Apart from the pilot, ECOM has been working with traceability platforms to track cotton from multiple other origin countries, e.g. Greece, Zambia, Mozambique, Turkey & Uganda. We therefore expect a smooth implementation of the traceability solution in the US cotton context.

C. Estimated economic benefits for participating producers including market returns

As outlined under "D. Plan to provide financial assistance for producers" the project aims to incentivize producers to transition their farms to climate smart practices through the payment of per-acre & per-bale premiums. The table below shows the expected (gross & net) economic benefits per acre during the project considering current & projected conventional cotton prices as well as the envisaged premium payments. As the below table indicates the producer gross market returns are expected to show a continuing downward trend from Year 2 on reaching its lowest in Year 5 (2027) with $733 per acre. In that same year net market returns are expected to even become negative. The financial impacts for producers participating in the project & implementing climate smart practices is significant. The strongest impact will be realized in the "Transitional Organic" bracket. Producers who commit to transition to Organic Cotton will benefit from a premium of $132 per acre, & therewith an up to 18% increase in their gross return (up to $1,063 per acre). Growers starting & achieving certification within the regenagri© scheme will receive premiums of up to $78.9 per acre, translating into a growth of their gross market returns by 8% to 11% (up to $1,010 per acre). Finally, with BCI being a "lighter" climate-smart standard, BCI will generate the smallest economic benefits of $8.8 per acre in premiums & an increase of gross market return of only 1% (up to $96 per acre net return). As the overview table shows net market returns are tight. All certification schemes will lead to a significant relief of producers' net market returns, which should encourage the addition of climate smart practices.

	Year 1	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**
Producer Market Returns *(Source: Prices are based on USDA AMS (Vol 103, No 8, March 2022) Projections for Conventional Cotton)*					
Gross Producer Market Returns per acre ($)	$930.96	$862.00	$818.90	$775.80	$732.70
Net Producer Market Returns per acre ($)	$1.49	$87.44	$44.34	$1.24	-$41.86
Premiums Paid through Project per Certification Scheme					
Full Per-Acre Premium (this reflects premiums paid per bale PLUS per acre)					
- regenagri© ($)*	$78.9	$78.9	$78.9	$78.2	$77.5
- BCI ($)*	$8.80	$8.80	$8.80	$8.80	$8.80
- Trans. organic ($)*	$132.0	$132.0	$132.0	$132.0	$132.0
Producer Returns including Premiums Paid through Project					
Gross return per acre					
- regenagri© ($)	1,009.82	940.86	897.76	853.98	810.19
- BCI ($)	939.71	870.75	827.65	784.55	741.45
- Trans. organic ($)	1,062.96	994.00	950.90	907.80	864.70
Net return per acre					
- regenagri© ($)	80.35	166.30	123.20	79.42	35.63
- BCI ($)	10.24	96.19	53.09	9.99	- 33.11
- Trans. organic ($)	133.49	219.44	176.34	133.24	90.14

* Including both, premium paid per acre for implementation of related practices & per bale premium.

D. Post-project potential (incl. ability to scale activities, likelihood of long-term viability beyond project period, & ability to inform future USDA actions to encourage CS commodities)

ECOM USA's cotton supply chain comprises 1,000+ farmers; i.e., at least 10x the number of farmers in this project. ECOM USA intends to gradually roll-out project activities across this grower network enabled through the learnings, educational material (for farmers, brands,

consumers) & enhanced internal capacity generated & catalyzed by this project. As the linkage point between growers & brands, ECOM USA will be able to promote project learnings well beyond project participants, & will be able to identify the most suitable scale-up strategy linked to value chain players' readiness & commitment. Because of the holistic approach, including supply & demand side, ECOM USA expects the project transitioning towards a purely market-driven activity. We believe that USDA's resources will catalyze long-term farmer & brand engagements in climate-smart cotton with a viability beyond the 5-year project period. At Group & local level, ECOM will remain a strong partner to USDA & welcomes the opportunity to support the agency by sharing information & learnings for the development of new programs. Guided by ECOM's highly skilled Sustainability Department (SMS) ECOM has the ability to effectively manage learnings, & thereby organize, use, & share collective knowledge within ECOM & with our partners.

Milestones for the Project Proposal "Climate Smart Cotton through a Sustainable & Innovative Supply Chain Approach", submitted under USDA's Call for Proposals "Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities". Project Applicant: ECOM USA LLC

Quarterly Milestones and Expense Benchmarks (Project Quarter 1 = Calendar Year Quarter 2)

Project Quarter	**Milestone**	**Expenses**
Q1 (4/23 – 6/23)	a. Agreements / Contracts in place between ECOM and all 7 project partners b. Kick-off meeting held between ECOM and all 7 partners c. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M and UADA (for sign-up, educational events & soil / GHG sample collection) d. Registration Form developed for project sign-up of participating producers e. 25 producers signed-up for project (5 of these represent underserved producers) f. ~26,000 acres committed to project g. MRV Service Provider's platform configured and tailored to project h. Project promoted and marketed at SEAMS Tex-Process Show in Atlanta, Georgia (5 LOC) i. Project promoted and marketed at 1 Apparel Company in Los Angeles (5 LOC) j. 1st Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$268,906
Q2 (7/23 – 9/23)	a. 1 Stakeholder training conducted on MRV platform use b. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm (for sign-up, educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) c. 25 additional producers signed-up for project (13 of these represent underserved producers) d. ~19,000 additional acres committed e. Project promoted and marketed at 1 Apparel Company in Los Angeles (5 LOC) f. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) g. 2nd Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$267,445

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
Q3 (10/23 – 12/23)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm (for sign-up, educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. At least 50% of project farmers have received a soil analysis c. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA d. 70% of project farmers have their data and profile inputted into traceability platform e. 100% of project farms have received certification audit visit f. Project promoted and marketed at 1 Apparel Company in Los Angeles (5 LOC) g. Project promoted and marketed at Textile Exchange Conference in London, UK (5 LOC) h. 1st Batch of incentive payments paid out to producers i. 3rd Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$672,265 (Of which producer incentives: $401,520)
Q4 (1/24 – 3/24)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. 1st Monitoring & Verification dashboard / report prepared (including COMET-based results) (selected MRV Service Provider) c. 1st Report on CO2-benefits using the Cool Farm Tool prepared (ECOM) d. ~4,600MT of CO2e benefits realized e. Project promoted and marketed at Kingpins Denim Show in New York & MAGIC Apparel Show in Las Vegas (5 LOC) f. 1 new sales relationship established through 5Loc Cotton with a client seeking sustainably produced raw cotton as an input in their products portfolio (5Loc, ECOM) g. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA)	$286,981

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
	h. 70% of project farmers have obtained a sustainability certification i. 4th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	
Q5 (4/24 – 6/24)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. 15 additional producers signed-up for project (2 of these represent underserved producers) c. ~15,500 additional acres committed to project d. 2nd Batch of incentive payments paid to producers e. Project promoted and marketed at SEAMS Made in the USA Conference in Savannah, Georgia (5 LOC) f. 1st Project GHG Impact Report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) g. 5th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$2,843,836 (Of which producer incentives: $2,551,378)
Q6 (7/24 – 9/24)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. 15 additional producers signed-up for project (3 of these represent underserved producers) d. ~14,500 additional acres committed to project e. 70% of project farmers have their data and profile inputted into traceability platform f. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) g. 6th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$291,397
Q7 (10/24 – 12/24)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. 100% of project farms have received certification audit visit	$642,317 (Of which producer incentives: $347,620)

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
	c. 3rd Batch of incentive payments paid to producers d. Project promoted and marketed at Textile Exchange Conference in London, UK (5 LOC) e. 7th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	
Q8 (1/25 – 3/25)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. 2nd Monitoring & Verification dashboard / report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) (including COMET-based results) d. 2nd Report on CO2-benefits using the Cool Farm Tool prepared (ECOM) e. ~15,000MT of CO2e benefit realized f. Project promoted and marketed at Kingpins Denim Show in New York & MAGIC Apparel Show in Las Vegas (5 LOC) g. 1 additional new sales relationship established through 5Loc Cotton with a client seeking sustainably produced raw cotton as an input in their products portfolio (5Loc, ECOM) h. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) i. 70% of project farmers have obtained a sustainability certification8th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$310,933
Q9 (4/25 – 6/25)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. 10 additional producers signed-up for project (6 of which represent underserved producers) c. ~10,000 additional acres committed to project d. 4th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers	$4,845,174 (Of which producer incentives: $4,544,896)

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
	e. 80% of project farmers have their data and profile inputted into traceability platform f. Project promoted and marketed at SEAMS Made in the USA Conference in Savannah, Georgia (5 LOC) g. 2nd Project GHG Impact Report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) h. 9th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	
Q10 (7/25 – 9/25)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) d. 10th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$299,217
Q11 (10/25 – 12/25)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. 100% of project farms have received certification audit visit c. 5th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers d. Project promoted and marketed at Textile Exchange Conference in London, UK (5 LOC) e. 11th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$422,427 (Of which producer incentives: $119,910)
Q12 (1/26 – 3/26)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA and Earthworm educational events, soil / GHG sample collection & underserved producer outreach) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. 90% of project farmers have their data and profile inputted into traceability platform d. 3rd Monitoring & Verification dashboard / report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) (including COMET-based results)	$303,753

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
	e. 3rd Report on CO2-benefits using the Cool Farm Tool prepared (ECOM) f. 17,000MT of CO2e benefits realized g. Project promoted and marketed at Kingpins Denim Show in New York & MAGIC Apparel Show in Las Vegas (5 LOC) h. 1 additional new sales relationship established through 5Loc Cotton with a client seeking sustainably produced raw cotton as an input in their products portfolio (5Loc, ECOM) i. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) j. 90% of project farmers have obtained a sustainability certification k. 12th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	
Q13 (4/26 – 6/26)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. ~5,000 additional acres committed to project (these acres represent an expansion of committed acres on existing project farms) c. 6th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers d. Project promoted and marketed at SEAMS Made in the USA Conference in Savannah, Georgia (5 LOC) e. 3rd Project GHG Impact Report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) f. 13rd Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$5,353,852 (Of which producer incentives: $5,066,434)
Q14 (7/26 – 9/26)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) d. 14th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$285,760

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
Q15 (10/26 – 12/26)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. 100% of project farms have received certification audit visit c. 7th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers d. Project promoted and marketed at Textile Exchange Conference in London, UK (5 LOC) e. 100% of project farmers have their data and profile inputted into traceability platform f. 15th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$370,070 (Of which producer incentives: $66,010)
Q16 (1/27 – 3/27)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. Project promoted and marketed at Kingpins Denim Show in New York & MAGIC Apparel Show in Las Vegas (5 LOC) d. 1 additional new sales relationship established through 5Loc Cotton with a client seeking sustainably produced raw cotton as an input in their products portfolio (5Loc, ECOM) e. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) f. 100% of project farmers have obtained a sustainability certification g. 16th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA h. 4th Monitoring & Verification dashboard / report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) (including COMET-based results) i. 4th Report on CO2-benefits using the Cool Farm Tool prepared (ECOM) j. 18,000MT of CO2e benefits realized	$290,296
Q17 (4/27 – 6/27)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements)	$5,633,890 (Of which producer incentives:

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
	b. ~5,000 additional acres committed to project (these acres represent expansions of committed area on existing project farms) c. 8th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers d. Project promoted and marketed at SEAMS Made in the USA Conference in Savannah, Georgia (5 LOC) e. 4th Project GHG Impact Report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) f. 17th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$5,338,623)
Q18 (7/27 – 9/27)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) d. 18th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$293,609
Q19 (10/27 – 12/27)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. 100% of project farms have received certification audit visit c. 9th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers d. Project promoted and marketed at Textile Exchange Conference in London, UK (5 LOC) e. 19th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA	$362,919 (Of which producer incentives: $66,010)
Q20 (1/28 – 3/28)	a. At least 2 farm visit trips conducted by (each) ECOM, Texas A&M, UADA (for educational events, soil / GHG sample collection, project progress discussions & commercial engagements) b. At least 1 producer meeting and field day conducted by (each) Texas A&M and UADA c. Project promoted and marketed at Kingpins Denim Show in New York & MAGIC Apparel Show in Las Vegas (5 LOC)	$5,954,951 (Of which producer incentives: $5,641,806)

Project Quarter	Milestone	Expenses
	d. 1 additional new sales relationship established through 5Loc Cotton with a client seeking sustainably produced raw cotton as an input in their products portfolio (5Loc, ECOM) e. 2 Soil / GHG analyses reports prepared (Texas A&M, UADA) f. 100% of project farmers have obtained a sustainability certification g. 10th Batch of incentive payments paid to producers. h. 20th Quarterly Project Progress Report submitted to USDA i. 5th Monitoring & Verification dashboard / report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider) (including COMET-based results) j. 5th Report on CO2-benefits using the Cool Farm Tool prepared (ECOM) k. 19,000MT of CO2e benefits realized l. 5th Project GHG Impact Report prepared (selected MRV Service Provider)	

Ecom USA, LLC

Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations

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

NRCS Practice Code	Practice Name
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
336	Soil Carbon Amendment
340	Cover Crop
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
449	Irrigation Water Management*
590	Nutrient Management
595	Pest Management Conservation System
610	Saline and Sodic Soil Management*

* These practices will be implemented in combination with other climate-smart practices listed above without asterisks.

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.