



NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number NR233A750004G013	2. Amendment Number	3. Award /Project Period Date of final signature - 04/01/2028	4. Type of award instrument: Grant Agreement
5. Agency (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		6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address) UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PO BOX 210158B, RM 538 TUCSON AZ 85721-0158 UEI Number / DUNS Number: ED44Y3W6P7B9 / 806345617 EIN:	
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15. Project Title/ Description: The project expands markets for climate-smart natural rubber from guayule in AZ and Tribal partner lands and supports producer implementation and monitoring of climate-smart practices.			
16. Entity Type: H = Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education			
17. Select Funding Type			
Select funding type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal	
Original funds total	35,000,000.000	35252795.00	
Additional funds total	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand total	35,000,000.000	35252795.00	
18. Approved Budget			

Personnel	\$6,030,936.75	Fringe Benefits	\$1,642,410.09
Travel	\$132,639.35	Equipment	\$178,683.00
Supplies	\$489,023.37	Contractual	11,375,528.540
Construction	\$0.00	Other	15,150,778.900
Total Direct Cost	30,835,208.000	Total Indirect Cost	\$4,164,792.00
		Total Non-Federal Funds	35252795.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	35,000,000.000
		Total Approved Budget	70,252,795.000

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

Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative Katina Hanson Acting Senior Advisor for Climate-Smart Commodities	Signature KATINA HANSON Digitally signed by KATINA HANSON Date: 2023.04.14 09:15:47 -05'00'	Date
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative Betsy Cantwell Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation	Signature <i>Ely R Cantwell</i>	Date 4/13/2023

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Statement of Work

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona (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 \$70,252,795

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS \$35,000,000

PERSONNEL \$3,928,949

FRINGE BENEFITS \$1,069,974

TRAVEL \$86,410

EQUIPMENT \$178,683

SUPPLIES \$318,582

CONTRACTUAL \$10,244,644

CONSTRUCTION \$N/A

OTHER \$15,007,966 (PRODUCER INCENTIVES \$13,038,705)

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$30,835,208

INDIRECT COSTS \$4,164,792

TOTAL NON-FEDERAL FUNDS \$35,252,795

PERSONNEL \$0

FRINGE BENEFITS \$0

TRAVEL \$0

EQUIPMENT \$0

SUPPLIES \$0

CONTRACTUAL \$0

CONSTRUCTION (usually n/a) \$N/A

OTHER \$35,252,795 (PRODUCER INCENTIVES \$35,252,795)

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$35,252,795

INDIRECT COSTS \$0

Recipient has elected to voluntarily waive a portion of indirect costs. The irrigation system costs have also been excluded from institutional indirect costs at the 53.5% MTDC rate and instead are being charged at a rate of 10% TDC even though they are not excluded under the current rate agreement.

Recipient has an approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) with a rate of 53.5 percent and a base of DHHS-approved facilities and administrative (F&A) of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). Graduate Tuition Remission, capital equipment, and subaward costs in excess of \$25,000 per subrecipient are excluded from the MTDC base used to calculate F&A costs.

When equipment is purchased with Federal funds it must be used until no longer needed as described in the General Terms and Conditions and 2 CFR 200. If the residual value of the equipment is \$5,000 or more at the time it is no longer

needed, the recipient must request disposition instructions. The disposition instructions may direct the recipient to: 1) sell the equipment and return a proportionate share of the proceeds to the Federal agency; 2) transfer title to another eligible entity identified by the Federal agency; or 3) keep the equipment if desired and compensate the Federal agency for its proportionate share of the value.

Responsibilities of the Parties:

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

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

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

Performance Reports: Quarterly

SF425 Financial Reports: Quarterly

Detailed Progress Report: Quarterly

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

Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

Resources Required

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

Milestones

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

Attachments:

Budget Narrative

Project Narrative

Benchmarks Table

Climate-Smart Practices List and Limitations

Data Dictionary

Climate-Smart Specific Terms and Conditions

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i. Executive Summary

A. Contact Information

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B. List of Project Partners

UArizona Cooperative Extension (Peter Ellsworth, Professor of Entomology and Integrated Pest Management Specialist; Jose Carvalho de Souza Dias, Assistant Professor and Extension Weed Scientist; Debankur Sanyal, Soil Health Specialist and Assistant Professor)

UArizona Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences (Yang Song, Assistant Professor)

Bridgestone Americas, Inc. (Bridgestone) (David Dierig, Section Manager, Agro Operations Guayule Research; Guangyao (Sam) Wang, Research Agronomist)

Colorado State University (Jason Quinn, Mechanical Engineering)

OpenET (Robyn Grimm, Managing Director)

Regional Growers: A&B Farms, LLC, Phoenix, AZ; D&E Arizona Farms, Casa Grande, AZ; Knorr Farms, Maricopa, AZ; TP Farming, LLC, Tempe, AZ; H-Four Farms, Buckeye, AZ; Tierra Verde Farms, Casa Grande, AZ; Tempe Farms (Will Thelander), AZ; Cooley Farms, Mesa, AZ

Advisory Board Members: Central Arizona Project; Bonneville Environmental Foundation; Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District

C. List of Underserved/Minority-Focused Project Partners

University of Arizona — Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)

Colorado River Indian Tribes (Mohave, Chemeuvi, Hopi and Navajo peoples)

Gila River Indian Tribe

Potential Partners we continue to Hold Discussions with

Tohono O’odham Nation

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Yavapai Apache

Fort McDowell

As a note: Arizona is home to 22 tribal nations. Relationships between the nations and University of Arizona are good, but whenever there are leadership changes, the relationships have to be reaffirmed and resolutions take time. We will continue to work to increase the tribal partners, however, the number of acres we committed to for underserved communities can be obtained with only 2 tribal partners.

Leadership Team: Kimberly Ogden (UA, PI), Peter Ellsworth (UA Extension), David Dierig (Bridgestone Americas), Jason Quinn (CSU), Homer Marks* (Tohono O’odham Nation), Will Thelander (Tempe Farms).

* Although we are still in discussion with Tohono O’odham nation in terms of a potential resolution, Mr. Marks has served as an advisor to the Sustainable Bioeconomy for Arid Regions project funded by USDA NIFA and is well respected by the 22 tribal nations in the region, hence he is an excellent person to be on our leadership team.

D. Compelling Need for the Project

Natural rubber is a national critical agricultural material with applications in national defense, aviation (all aircraft tires are made of 100% natural rubber), heavy duty vehicle transportation, high-performance vehicles, medical devices, medical supplies, and engineering and other applications that demand high tensile strength, vibration dampening, and high wear and heat-resistant rubber. Synthetic rubbers are used in many of the same applications; however, natural rubber maintains performance and safety qualities (e.g., better crack and fatigue resistance, reduced heat build-up, better gas mileage) that synthetics have been unable to meet. Annual global production of natural rubber exceeds 14 million metric tons. The \$1B+ of US natural rubber imports represent a tremendous global greenhouse gas reduction opportunity. Domestic natural rubber production from a desert shrub, guayule (*Parthenium argentatum*), has the potential to produce carbon-negative rubber through improved climate-smart agricultural practices, and with already established and growing production facilities and markets.

Currently, the natural rubber commodity is supplied almost exclusively from the rubber tree (*Hevea brasiliensis*), growing mostly in Southeast Asia where 93% of global natural rubber supply is produced. The Covid-19 pandemic demonstrated the effects of supply chain disruptions. In some cases, top tire producers were forced to shut down [1], affecting the transportation industry. The supply chain faces additional risks that could leave the US without a source of natural rubber for longer periods, causing major damage, or even catastrophic disruption, to our economy and national security. These risks include **climate risk**: climate change threatens 70% of current rubber plantations; **genetic risk**: a biologically single-sourced raw material that is clonally propagated is highly susceptible to crop disease; **supply risk**: short-term demand spikes for crops such as palm oil creates a seven-year gap until rubber trees can be replanted and harvested; **social risk**: labor-intensive processes make it difficult for the development of new farms in already poverty-stricken regions; **economic risk**: the commodity has experienced large price volatility (\$0.87 to \$4.03 per kg) over the past decade as demand for tires in emerging nations accelerates [2,3] and crude oil prices (and therefore synthetic rubber prices) rise, increasing the demand for natural rubber; and **political risk**: instability in regions where the rubber tree is grown could disrupt commodity supply chains [4]. Together, these risks jeopardize multiple US industries and illustrate the need to develop a domestic climate-smart natural rubber production platform.



Figure 1: Beneficial outcomes of our climate-smart domestic natural rubber production project

Guayule is an alternative source for the commodity, producing equivalent natural rubber to *Hevea*. Guayule offers the opportunity to create a new domestic industry, based on climate-smart

practices, that mitigates the risks of *Hevea*; creates a secure, supplemental supply of natural rubber for the US; has impactful, sustainability benefits; and improves rural wealth in underserved desert farming communities (**Figure 1**). This shrub, native to the southwest US, provides a model for optimizing desert cropping systems in terms of climate impacts while concurrently addressing water issues due to reduced requirements compared to traditional crops [3]. Without considering soil carbon or direct field emissions, guayule rubber is already competitive (1.03 kg CO₂-eq per kg rubber) with traditional *Hevea* rubber production (1.21 kg CO₂-eq per kg rubber) based on life cycle GHG accounting [5]. The CO₂-eq per kg rubber includes the emissions due to transport from Asia to the US. Additionally, a guayule-based natural rubber industry includes biofuels from bagasse, high value products from resin (adhesives, insecticides), and other bio-based co-products, further de-risking the economics while concurrently improving environmental impacts by displacing petroleum-based products.

This project will accelerate the development of a net-zero or better GHG natural rubber source in the desert Southwest that supplies both natural rubber and co-products to established markets. We will catalyze a new US rubber bioeconomy to address national security supply issues, support rural underserved farmers, address growing water issues and establish climate-smart farming of a native crop adapted to our arid region, all while sequestering carbon and reducing GHG emissions through optimization of agricultural practices and processing. Optimization of the rubber biorefinery for GHG reductions can result in eliminating the need for natural gas through the use of bagasse for combined heat and power and can further reduce GHG emissions by a factor of 7 [2]. Agricultural-based **climate-smart benefits** of the project include:

- creation of a domestic natural rubber-based bioeconomy that is constructed with best management practices to sequester GHGs leading to carbon-negative rubber production;
- adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices by underserved (rural and tribal) stakeholders, enabling the sustainability of farming in the Southwest while bringing high-skill, high-wage post-processing jobs to the region; and
- data-based models and experimental validation of the carbon cycling and savings with results integrated into COMET to support expansion of guayule production beyond the industrial and farming partners in this project.

E. Approach to Minimize Transaction Costs Associated with Project Activities

This project will leverage existing results and resources, building on the work of the USDA NIFA Coordinated Agricultural project—Sustainable Bioeconomy for Arid Regions (SBAR), a \$14.7M USDA investment. To minimize costs, Bridgestone Americas, Inc. will provide a \$35M+ cash match and the UArizona will waive the federally approved 53.5% overhead costs for all payments to growers and the Bridgestone match; the non-charged overhead is approximately \$33M.

F. Approach to Reduce Producer Barriers to Implementing CSAF Practices

Natural rubber from guayule represents a profitable, low-water intensity, and climate-favorable commodity. We have identified the following activities as viable solutions to barriers in growing guayule as a part of a climate-smart system:

- demonstrate profitable agronomic management practices including seeding, stand establishment, fertilization, and irrigation;
- expand our guayule Agricultural Extension program to support existing growers and strengthen the grower network, particularly with disadvantaged and tribal growers;

- share sustainable, integrated pest management practices and locally-adapted plans for addressing insect, weed, and pathogen pests;
- reduce operational and market demand risks; and
- scale processing from a pilot plant to a commercial-scale biorefinery to support production of large quantities of feedstock.

The work plan includes direct-to-user education, testing, and demonstration in grower field sites to alleviate producer barriers. For this project, our approach is to use best management practices for production of climate-smart natural rubber, including no-till practices to maximize soil carbon uptake, irrigation scheduling and management to reduce water requirements using an evapotranspiration (ET) tool, OpenET, and nutrient management using low-cost nitrogen sources to optimize crop yield. Technical assistance will be provided through a dedicated network of experts and educators, leveraging existing collaborations between UArizona Extension and the agriculture industry, as part of a community-based, grower-led, grower-centered program.

G. Geographic Focus

The southwest US is home to both large corporate growers as well as small farm owners and Native American Tribes dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Traditional crops include cotton, corn, wheat, alfalfa, pecans, and almonds. Climate-driven water scarcity has forced growers to decide whether to plant alternative crops or leave fields fallow open to dust pollution and erosion, which leads to higher greenhouse gas emissions [6]. Converting to guayule will concurrently address water issues and mitigate GHG emissions while creating economic stability and security for an important agricultural region. Optimization of desert cropping systems has not received as much investment and is an area of opportunity. The project will be guided by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including OpenET and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, as well as the Central Arizona Project and the Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District. This pilot grower group implementing climate-smart practices and the pilot processing facility producing climate-smart commodities will be a foundation for expansion to a full-scale facility that is built on environmentally-conscious practices.

H. Project Management and Capacity

Project management will be similar to management of the SBAR project (sbar.arizona.edu), a USDA NIFA-funded public/private partnership between UArizona, Bridgestone, and Colorado State University (CSU). The team will be led by Kimberly Ogden, PI for SBAR, and supported by David Dierig (Bridgestone), Peter Ellsworth (UArizona Cooperative Extension), Jason Quinn (CSU), Will Thelander (Tempe Farming), and Homer Marks (Tohono O’odham Nation). We build upon a long and successful history of working together to establish grower-led and grower-centered programs and networks to produce remarkable results in agriculture [4, 7-10]. The project team includes the necessary expertise, extension scientists, grower leadership, delivery systems and networks to establish a climate-smart guayule cooperative that will share and operationalize best management practices.

Climate-smart natural rubber commodities—both solid rubber and latex forms—will enter a developed market, as will the co-products from the process, including bagasse and resin fractions for biofuels and high-value adhesives or insecticides, respectively. Bridgestone has invested over \$100M on guayule R&D since 2012, including a demonstration-size Biorubber Process Research Center in Mesa, Arizona, and a 300-acre guayule research farm in Pinal County, AZ for plant breeding, agronomic research, and shrub supply for processing. USDA, other federal agencies, and

Arizona have also heavily invested in guayule. In coming years, Bridgestone will continue to invest in the design and building of the first-ever domestic commercial natural rubber facility. A fully operational commercial line is expected by 2027, producing 250 tons per day (tpd), with plans to open three additional processing lines, processing a total of 1,000 tpd. This quarter-size facility will require 10,000 acres of farmed guayule for the first year and an additional 10,000 acres each successive year. These first steps are the beginning of the vision for at least 20 similar facilities and associated crop production areas to be established across the Southwest, with the goal of supplementing 20% of the world's natural rubber supply. This investment, catalyzed by the USDA, represents an opportunity to develop a climate-smart bioeconomy in the Southwest.

ii. Plan to Pilot Climate-Smart Agriculture on a Large Scale

A. Description of CSAF Practices to be Deployed

We will evaluate and implement best carbon management practices (**Figure 2**) in the desert Southwest for the production of guayule, which includes investigation of the viability of carbon sequestration in desert soils through low and no-till practices, the impacts of biochar application, the effects of water delivery (flood, drip) on production and water usage, the reduction in direct emissions (CO_2 , N_2O and CH_4) through precision nutrient delivery with the adoption of drip irrigation, and the establishment and evaluation of environmental benefits from perennial crop production. The impacts of these agricultural practices will be evaluated through direct measurement and life cycle modeling. Model results will be used to guide the experimental work, the deployment of best practices for CSAF guayule production, and data integration with COMET.

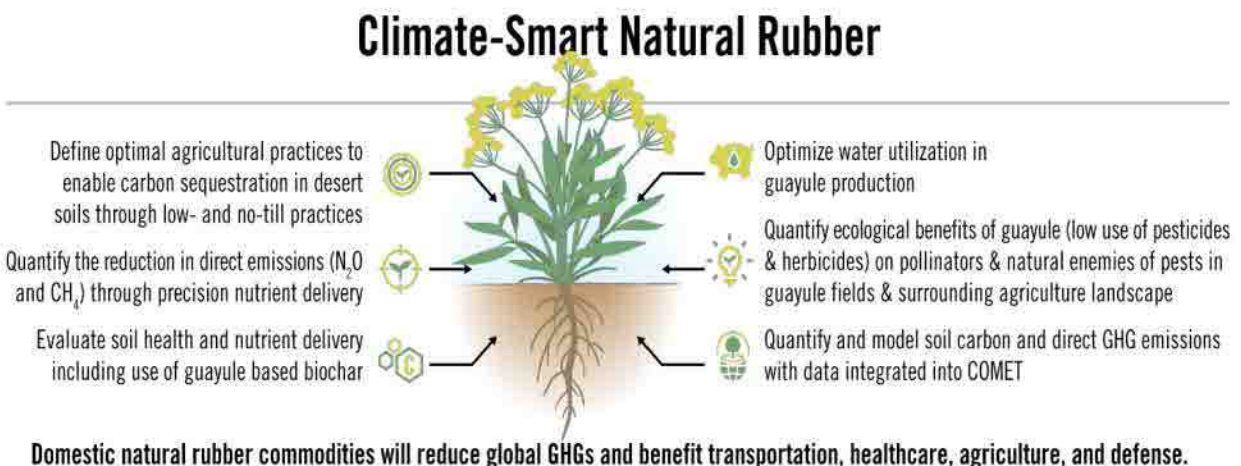


Figure 2: Guayule Climate -Smart Agricultural Best Practices to be deployed.

No-tillage practice after planting: Guayule can be grown with no-tillage practice once planted. After each harvest, plants regenerate from existing roots and eliminate the need for replanting, making no-tillage practices a natural fit in the guayule cropping system. With regeneration and some natural reseeding to replenish the stand, guayule fields can be kept no-till for more than a decade. The effects of long-term no-tillage practices on GHG emissions, soil carbon sequestration, soil erosion, and dust pollution will be quantified.

Innovative new drip technology: Guayule is a drought-tolerant desert perennial that uses less water than crops currently grown in Arizona [11]. N-Drip is a non-pressurized drip irrigation system that

costs significantly less to install and operate than current drip irrigation technology and provides even greater water savings. The N-Drip system is expected to have a longevity of up to eight years in the field and is warranted by the manufacturer. N-Drip can also reduce herbicide use and increase rubber yield [11,12]. Traditional irrigation systems will be deployed concurrently to evaluate the benefits of N-Drip in terms of water use, GHG emissions, and yield.

Nutrient application through N-Drip with enhanced fertilizer efficiency: Supplying nutrients directly to plant roots through a drip system increases nutrient use efficiency and reduces GHG emissions. Preliminary results showed that the N-Drip system reduced GHG emissions by 60% and fertilizer use by 25-50% compared to flood irrigation by fertigation, which reduces nitrogen fertilizer denitrification (and thus reduces GHG emissions) and leaching.

Biochar application for carbon sequestration: Recovery of natural rubber from guayule generates 1.5 ton/acre of biochar through the pyrolysis of the bagasse. The biochar provides an excellent material to sequester carbon into soil. In this project, biochar will be applied to the soil prior to planting at a rate of 4.5 ton/acre for increased soil carbon sequestration. Use of biochar will be compared to other forms of nutrient addition such as manure, biosolids and synthetic fertilizers.

Quantification of consumptive water use changes regionally and at field-scale: In the arid Southwest, water scarcity is driving regional changes in agricultural practices and forcing agricultural lands out of business or to remain fallow. Evapotranspiration (ET) data are essential to creating an accurate water budget, which is often the first step toward proactive water management at farm, water district and watershed scales. OpenET is a farm-level water management tool and helps individual farmers make more informed decisions about their irrigation practices. Flux towers will be constructed in both a guayule field and a traditional field with rotating crops and used with other ground-level GHG monitoring tools to provide ground truth to satellite data and to provide a comparison between crops' water requirements. A typical 5-year regional crop rotation for annual crops is cotton (year 1); wheat (year 2); and alfalfa (years 3–5).

Quantification of other environmental co-benefits of guayule production: Additional co-benefits include protecting wildlife habitats and decreasing pesticide use. The wildlife in this case are pollinators (including native and managed bees), that benefit from a perennial crop with an extended flowering period. Understanding and exploiting arthropod distributions present an opportunity to decrease pest pressures and to increase key ecosystem services of pollination and natural biological control areawide. The team will validate existing models [13–15] through faunal surveys regionally where guayule is planted. The models will help document and quantify the local and areawide increases in supply of key arthropod predators, parasitoids, and pollinators to the system, thus reducing the application of insecticides on a regional basis and decreasing GHGs.

B. Plan to Recruit Producers

Community-based approaches require strong stakeholder support and leadership from within the community. Will Thelander, part of the leadership team and well-known within the Arizona farm community, will continue to lead the effort to recruit producers through the guayule network. These efforts will build on his commitment to the crop (growing 80 acres) by assembling 10 to 20 growers committed to adopting guayule as a part of this project (see letters of support). Selected farms will be located no more than 75 miles from the proposed commercial processing facility (see letters of support). We will recruit growers with a willingness to apply climate-smart practices, with emphasis on involving tribal partners (see letters of support; currently in discussions with

other regional tribes). Project ramp-up (**Table 1**) will parallel Bridgestone’s commitment for a quarter-scale commercial facility. This plan includes expanding cultivation from 300 acres across six farms in 2023 to 20,300 acres and 30 farms by 2027.

Table 1: Planned project acreage where guayule will be grown using climate-smart practices

Year	New acres	Accumulative acres	# of Farms	Accumulative fields
2023	300	300	6	6
2024	2,000	2,300	10	25
2025	8,000	10,300	15	130
2026	10,000	20,300	30	250
2027	0	20,300	30	250

C. Technical Assistance, Outreach, and Training

Introduction of technology and innovation, such as climate-smart practices, into any system requires a comprehensive approach. Doing so in tandem with the introduction of a new broad-acre crop, like guayule, requires significant leveraging of existing networks and relationships. UArizona Cooperative Extension will capitalize on trust built around organizational structures that support the production of broad-acre crops like cotton and alfalfa. Collaborators Dierig, Dias, Ellsworth, and Sanyal have extensive experience in technology transfer and the development of Extension programs. UArizona Extension is already actively engaged with growers, and we build upon the activities of the SBAR project. Our approach includes: 1) continuous engagement with stakeholders to identify and discuss new challenges; 2) development of custom solutions through applied research and education; 3) assessment and measurement of outcomes and impacts; and 4) curation of feedback from stakeholders to adjust and improve our research and education plan.

We will embrace the five concepts developed by Rogers [16] that are responsible for 50% of the variation in the adoption of new technologies. **Relative advantage** requires perception by the adopters that the innovation is “better” than the alternative. The project team has established that large water savings are possible [11,12] as well as a reduction in areawide pest pressures [13–15] in the cultivation of guayule. Adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices includes low/no-till, natural seeding, N-Drip irrigation, precision nutrient delivery and proper soil preparation. **Compatibility with existing values and practices** is a particular strength of our proposed climate-smart approach, due to use of existing equipment, fields, and basic cultural practices. **Simplicity and ease of use** rests on our ability to convey concepts and practices to adopters in a manner that is compatible with their understanding and skills. Farmer Thelander has conveyed to local growers that, once planted and established, the cultivation of guayule is generally straightforward and worry-free. **Trialability** will be central to our approach to rapidly increase acceptance of critical production practices by growers and reduce uncertainty. Our Extension team will work directly in grower fields, establishing “check strips” that vary seed establishment, insect, weed, and soil health practices in a manner that helps existing and new growers understand the value of each to the production system. This approach, in turn, will help us produce **observable results** that will feature site visits and informal gatherings with stakeholders, formal field days, and visually-rich social media and printed communications. In this way, we will demonstrate the advantages of each critical practice, stimulating interest in climate-smart natural rubber production.

We will develop and manage a grower-industry network to support peer-to-peer communication and learning. Each grower will be invited to the network and engaged regularly, both individually on site and in group settings. We expect regular formal, and even more frequent informal, meetings to reflect on grower needs, solutions and technical assistance. We will use our UArizona Extension social media accounts, including Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, for outreach. We will leverage our relationships with Native American communities and tribal and individual farms to convey opportunities and best practices in guayule production.

In terms of a project timeline, the first tasks will be to update intellectual property agreements, develop UArizona/grower contracts, and recruit an Extension educator. The Project Team will convene at project initiation, discuss grower recruitment efforts, plan for the first planting season, and discuss GHG data gathering and management. In Spring Year 1, the team will work directly with the first six adopters to ensure they understand the technical requirements of growing guayule. Practices include pre-plant tillage, bed preparation, herbicide timing, type and placement, seed treatments for insect control, and insect monitoring and control procedures to support defining best practices for climate-smart production. The field layout for these sites is shown in **Figure 3**; the detailed monitoring plan is discussed in *Section iii*. All sites will be locations for hosting small grower gatherings and teaching events for growers that will adopt guayule in Years 2 to 4.

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Furrow 3.5 acreft/year			N-Drip 3.5 acreft/year			N-Drip 2.5 acreft/year			Furrow 2.5 acreft/year										
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Figure 3: Treatment layout for initial adopter farms. The top row indicates the size, in acres, of each plot or untreated area.

Annually, at least two formal field days and one guayule production conference will be held, available in hybrid format to reach as large an audience as possible. Each new grower will be provided contact information for technical experts to conduct site visits and offer education on best practices. Email distribution lists, direct messages, text blasts and Extension and SBAR websites will be used to distribute messages, meeting information, and links to brief guides and project reports. Reports, containing results from demonstration and validation trials, will be deposited in UArizona’s Library Repository and permalinks distributed to our grower network. At least one focus session per year will be conducted with the explicit purpose of soliciting feedback from guayule growers and prospective growers about their needs. Our translational research and outreach plan will be modified and improved based on the feedback. At least three *Guayule Production Shorts*, 1–2 page graphically-rich documents, will be produced each year and distributed broadly throughout the southwest US and Mexico. Bulletins will be distributed that

address areas of concern, including insect pest management, integrated weed management, water management and soil health. Bulletins will highlight the benefits from GHG mitigation and carbon sequestration associated with implementation of new climate-smart practices. These opportunities will help foster a sense of community for guayule growers and serve as important demonstrations to prospective growers of the practices leading to profitable and climate-smart guayule production.

D. Plan to Provide Financial Assistance for Producers to implement CSAF Practices

The financial assistance plan builds on the Bridgestone R&D production model, in which growers received stable payments every six months, and Bridgestone was responsible for planting, harvesting and delivery of the crop to the processing facility. As we move from R&D to production scale and implement CSAF practices, the University of Arizona will pay the growers approximately \$1,158 per acre per year, regardless of yield during this project. Of this, approximately 56% of the cost per acre will be provided to UArizona by Bridgestone as a project cash match. The payment is to encourage grower participation and enticement to switch crops and invest in understanding climate-smart practices that add profitability to their production. The contract agreement will be the legal document outlining the climate-smart agricultural practices to be adhered to by growers.

E. Plan to Enroll Underserved and Small Producers

The work proposed almost exclusively works with underserved and small producers. Letters of support demonstrate that seven growers, and two tribal nations **are already invested and committed to producing guayule**. The number of growers is expected to increase based on the education and extension work outlined. A core mission of our work is rural wealth creation for underserved and small producers in the Southwest.

iii. Measurement/Quantification, Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification Plan

The project will integrate measurements and modeling from field experimentation to define the climate smart best practices for production of natural rubber in the desert Southwest. The field experiments will include extensive data collection that will be coupled with modeling work to quantify and predict the carbon intensity of different agricultural practices. Farm sites will be selected in 2023 as “model research and demonstration sites” over the five-year study. We will quantify, at each farm, soil health and nutrient transport, impacts of farming practices such as low/no-till, and water and nutrient delivery methods with results used to define best practices for large-scale adoption (**Figure 4**). Continuous data collection and monitoring of the growing conditions will be conducted through effective communication between the project team and growers. We will measure and evaluate various soil parameters, direct GHG emissions, water use, and socio-economic and environmental co-benefits using IMPLAN.

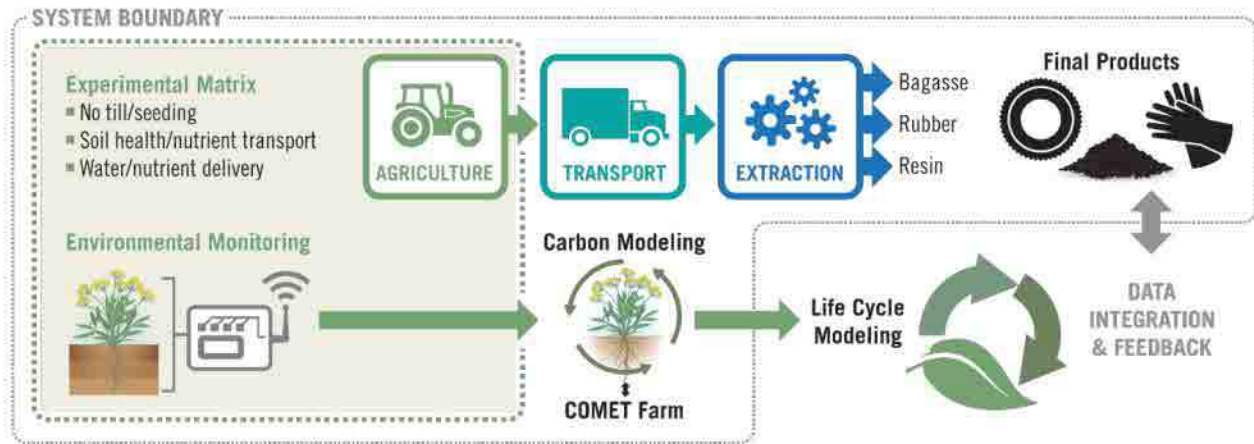


Figure 4: The project approach includes multiple measurements and models, with a focus on the on-farm practices shown in the yellow shaded box

Furthermore, data collected from the field experimentation will be used to understand GHG emissions of the different field management practices using accepted methodology [17]. A field experiment-model integration framework will be developed to quantify site-level GHG emissions during the growth process of crops (more detail found in *Section iii.A* below). The data will also be integrated into a combined International Organization for Standardization (ISO)-based life cycle assessment (LCA) and techno-economic model developed as a part of the USDA-funded SBAR program [3]. Our strategy (**Figure 4**) incorporates an integrated, robust, and comprehensive approach to data measurement and analysis, which includes **soil carbon and plant measurements, ground level GHG measurements, flux tower measurements, soil carbon modeling, and holistic life cycle and techno-economic modeling**. Data from field measurements and modeling will be used to recommend large-scale adoption and feed directly into COMET-Farm and COMET-Planner.

A. Approach to Greenhouse Gas Benefit Quantification

The field plots will be laid-out using a split-plot design with irrigation methods and rates as main plots and soil amendments as sub-plots (**Figure 3**). Each replication will be conducted in two sections of a field of about 60 acres and replicated in the first six farms. Control experimental layouts will be established in these farms and maintained by the project team. As stated previously, the data collection or field work focuses on evaluating different agricultural management practices and includes the following components.

Low till/no till: Guayule will be direct seeded in April 2023. Once planted, no-tillage will be practiced in the field with natural seeding practices demonstrated to support sustained no-till practices. Weed and insect pests will be managed using herbicides and insecticides registered with the Special Local Need label in Arizona. The crop is expected to be sustained for more than a decade without tilling through the demonstrated re-seeding process.

Water and nutrient delivery: In the field sites, two irrigation methods (N-Drip and furrow) with two irrigation rates (2.5 and 3.5 acre-ft water/year) and four nutrient management treatments (biochar, bio-solid, manure, and synthetic fertilizer) will be tested.

Soil health and nutrient transport: We will establish test plots with different nutrient management techniques under variable water management systems: 1) synthetic fertilizers; 2) biochar plus synthetic fertilizers; 3) manure plus slow-release nitrogen fertilizer; and 4) bio-solids (from water treatment plants) plus slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. All scenarios will represent the same nutrient inputs with specific differences (slow vs. fast release) evaluated in terms of GHG emissions and soil carbon.

Soil carbon and plant measurements: The work includes the direct measurement of carbon in the soil with samples collected from each field site in spring, summer, fall and winter that target critical growth stages of the crop. Soil and plant tissue parameters, including soil temperature, soil moisture, texture, bulk density, pH, electrical conductivities, dissolved inorganic nitrogen fractions, carbon-nitrogen ratio for leaf, woody and root litters, and other labile pools of nutrients and organic matter, will be measured [17–20]. Natural processes including litter and soil organic matter decomposition; N mineralization and transformation; vertical soil GHGs transport and emissions; crop photosynthetic carbon fixation and carbon flux; crop N demand, uptake, and allocation; and crop water demand and uptake will be modeled, incorporating the soil measurements with the ultimate output being the determination of carbon intensity, amount of carbon sequestration and the environmental co-benefits of guayule production [21,22].

On-farm GHG measurements: Soil greenhouse gas samples will be collected from static chambers [24] installed in the experimental plots using a highly-efficient, modern, portable splashproof multi-gas FTIR (Fourier transform infrared) analyzer (GT5000 Terra, Gasmeter™) [23–25]. Six GHGs—nitrous oxide (N₂O), methane (CH₄), carbon dioxide (CO₂), ammonia (NH₃), water (H₂O) vapor, and carbon monoxide (CO)—will be measured simultaneously from the integrated soil chambers inside each experimental plot [26]. These data will be used to calibrate and validate modeled soil GHGs by the Community Land Model version 5.0 (CLM5.0). CLM5.0 is a land-surface model to simulate carbon, nitrogen, water, energy exchange through soil-vegetation-atmosphere system and assess the ecosystem-level GHG budget [27]. Following the typical soil biogeochemical model (e.g., century model), CLM5.0 simulates litter and soil organic matter decomposition and GHG emissions using empirically-derived first-order linear decay equations modified by environmental conditions such as soil C/N ratio, chemical position, temperature and moisture. CLM5.0 includes the ability to simulate the effect of vertical environmental heterogeneity (e.g., soil moisture, temperature, organic mineral carbon ratio) on advective-diffusive transportation of GHGs [28] and thus can be used to assess the effect of cropland soil managements (e.g., biochar addition, tillage) on soil emissions.

Static chambers will be installed in the vicinity of irrigation system drip lines and from the middle of the furrow in the furrow irrigation treatment [29]. Every month, soil GHG fluxes will be collected using an inlet-outlet channel system integrated to the gas analyzer, except between November and January as no irrigation will be applied during guayule dormancy [30]. GHG sampling will be scheduled following irrigation events, approximately 5–7 days after irrigation [29]. Three gas samples will be taken at 40-minute intervals from each experimental sub-plot (soil amendment treatment) at each sampling event. A larger time interval is chosen to facilitate random, simultaneous sampling inside large experimental plots. At each sampling, gas fluxes will be measured for six minutes at 20-second intervals to attain a linear regression of gas fluxes [24]. GHGs will be measured in adjacent crop fields as background where other major cropping systems are maintained such as wheat, cotton, and alfalfa. These data will be used to compare guayule systems with contemporary cropping systems in the desert ecosystem. Gas samples will be taken

in the early morning, between 6 and 10 am; if the GHG fluxes are very high, a second sample will be collected after 1–2 days. Data will be stored in a secure computer database and an external digital storage device. GHG sampling will be accompanied by simultaneous measurements of volumetric soil moisture, temperature, and water-filled pore space (WFPS) [29]. Site-level GHG emissions will be monitored by eddy-covariance flux towers at the guayule site and nearby sites with contemporary crops. Net ecosystem carbon exchange (NEE) or net CO₂ flux between the crop site and the atmosphere will be monitored at a reference height using Open Path Eddy Covariance (EC) instrumentation. Data will be collected for five years at each site to provide a robust data record for evaluation of accuracy of model calculations of ET and NEE. The EC approach is a well-established methodology that provides high accuracy measurements for a wide range of crops and vegetation types [31–34]. EC has the key advantage that it is portable (as opposed to weighing lysimeters, for example) and can be installed and removed in commercial agricultural fields as needed to accommodate cultivation, pruning and other agronomic practices. In addition, EC provides independent measurements of all components of the surface energy balance, and a measure of the uncertainty of ET data collected can be calculated using energy balance closure analysis [35].

The following EC instrumentation will be deployed on the flux towers: an Infrared Gas Analyzer and Sonic Anemometer (IRGASON) (Campbell Scientific, Inc. Logan, UT) to measure water flux, orthogonal wind components, sonic temperature, and barometric pressure; a CNR4 four-component Net Radiometer (Kipp & Zonen B.V., Delft, Netherlands) to measure the net energy balance between incoming and outgoing shortwave and longwave radiation; six HFP01 Soil Heat Flux Plates (Hukseflux Thermal Sensors B.V. Delft, Netherlands) to measure soil heat flux; six TCAV Averaging Soil Thermocouple Probes (Campbell Scientific, Inc. Logan, UT) to measure the average temperature of the soil, and six CS650 Water Content Reflectometer (Campbell Scientific, Inc. Logan, UT) to measure soil volumetric water content, bulk electrical conductivity, and temperature (these two sensors are paired together to measure change in heat storage in the layer of soil above the soil heat flux plate); and an HMP155A (Vaisala, Vantaa).

Integrating field observations for predicting GHG emissions from guayule farmland: We will integrate crop and soil measurements from six farms in Year 1 into CLM5.0 to assess the effect of crop management on soil GHG emissions and total GHG budget. Here we will expand CLM5.0's ability to represent the dynamic growth process of guayule. To assess differences in GHG emissions between guayule cropping systems and other common Arizona cropping systems, we will integrate experimental data from nearby control sites to characterize growth dynamics of wheat, cotton and alfalfa. We will integrate observed gross primary productivity (GPP), crop biomass, leaf area index (LAI), crop C/N ratios and chemical composition measurements to develop the guayule photosynthetic carbon fixation following the methods of Song et al. [36, 37], and the dynamic carbon and nitrogen allocation feedbacks in response to climate and nutrient availability. We will incorporate observed evapotranspiration and GPP data to develop crop stomatal conductance and hydraulic conductance parameters and estimate water use efficiency of different crop systems. We will incorporate observed soil, temperature, moisture, carbon and nitrogen stock, physicochemical properties and organic C and N mineralization rates at three sampling depths to determine vertical soil heterogeneity and its effects on soil organic matter (SOM) decomposition and N mineralization.

The carbon modeling work will be used to predict GHG emissions of different farming operations to define the best climate smart agricultural practices. A priority of the project includes evaluation

of precision N application due to the issue of N₂O production. The data from different plots, combined with plant composition, will enable model parameterization and the development of a tool to estimate precision N fertilizer demand at each crop growing period and guide N fertilizer investment to acquire optimized crop yields with reductions in N₂O emissions related to N fertilizer application. The modeling work includes evaluating the effects of biochar and biosolid addition on SOM decomposition and N mineralization. The model will be parametrized through measured SOM decomposition rates and N mineralization rates. This approach will advance CLM5.0's ability to mechanically simulate biochar and biosolid effects on SOM decomposition and N mineralization. All these efforts will transform CLM5.0 into an assessment tool that will directly evaluate the effect of precision N fertilizer application, biochar and biosolid addition on GHG emissions from guayule cropping systems. Finally, we will integrate CLM5.0 model outputs with the USDA COMET-Farm tool by using CLM5.0-estimated GHG emissions, carbon sequestration, crop yields, and water use efficiency under different management practices for identifying the climate-smart management practices for guayule cropping system.

Life cycle assessment: The experimental data and the results from the model will be coupled with an existing life cycle assessment and techno-economic analysis (TEA) model to quantify the emissions and economics of each farm plot. The existing model will be expanded to incorporate direct emissions as measured and soil carbon changes as measured and modeled. The work will be based on ISO standards and methods defined by the USDA [16]. The end-product will include a direct trade-off assessment of the environmental benefits and corresponding costs. Data feedback from the LCA and TEA modeling work will be used to make recommendations that meet sustainability targets.

B. Approach to Monitoring of Practice Implementation

Data from the first two years of the project will inform best practices for growing climate-smart guayule in the later years. The initial adopters will have extensive monitoring of their fields as described in *Section ii.A* and the data will inform and validate models. As more growers adopt guayule, the project team will monitor these additional acres quarterly and use the validated model to assess implementation of best practices. At a minimum, each farm plot will represent a sustainability case study with total GHG emissions, water intensity and economics quantified. We will continue to perform extensive monitoring of the highly instrumented early adopters over five years to understand the cumulative GHG emissions, carbon sequestration, water use, and socio-economic and environmental co-benefits. The Extension team will maintain strong communications with the growers who adopt guayule under this project and support best management practices. In cases of challenges or barriers, the team will exert necessary efforts to provide timely solutions.

C. Approach to Reporting and Tracking of Greenhouse Gas Benefits

The work includes the complete sustainability assessment of each farm, through direct measurements and/or modeling. This approach includes understanding previous carbon intensity through the use of COMET-Farm and the generation of site specific GHG and economic results. The improved CLM5.0 model will be used as an assessment tool for supporting the evaluation of GHG benefits at each farm under different agricultural practices. The system boundary and the functional unit of the sustainability modeling, which include LCA and TEA, enables the evaluation

of a guayule biorefinery for the production of natural rubber and co-products. The modeling work supports holistic evaluation at the farm and commodity level. Direct evaluation of the cost for carbon savings is a natural output from the integrated LCA/TEA modeling. The integrated ecosystem model will generate anticipated GHG benefits per farm, per project, per commodity produced, and per dollar expended. These model outcomes will support modification to COMET-Planner to support the evolution of the longevity of the GHG benefits in the desert Southwest. We will quantify anticipated GHG benefits by comparing total GHG emissions in the guayule cropping system under different management practices with the corresponding GHG emissions from nearby contemporary cropping systems. The work can be used to not only evaluate and define best practices for guayule but for conventional cropping systems as well.

Anticipated GHG benefits: Without considering soil carbon or direct field emissions, guayule-based rubber is already competitive (1.03 kg CO₂-eq per kg rubber) with traditional *Hevea* rubber production (1.21 kg CO₂-eq per kg rubber) based on life cycle GHG accounting [5, 38]. Guayule can dramatically exceed natural rubber production from *Hevea* due to the use of desert land compared to tropical land and implementation of climate-smart practices. We anticipate, with implementation of climate-smart practices, **domestic natural rubber production can produce carbon-negative rubber**, which will have huge climatic impacts considering approximately 3 million metric tons of natural rubber is consumed in the US each year. We will further investigate the future benefits based on modeling work with the improved CLM5.0 model to estimate GHG benefits per farm and per unit of rubber production under different climatic scenarios. We will also run the model using projected climate forcing data from ensemble climate models (e.g., CMIP6) under different scenarios (e.g., RCP4.5, RCP6.5, RCP8.5). Modeled change trends in GHGs emissions among different management practices will then be compared to quantify the longevity of GHG benefits.

D. Approach to Verification of Greenhouse Gas Benefits

The verification of GHG benefits will be done through experimental validation of modeling efforts. GHG emissions from the experimental plots will be measured and monitored using USDA-approved methodologies as described above. We will collect data at sufficiently high frequency to ensure quality of information and accurately capture GHG benefits. Monitoring both soil GHG emissions and site-level GHG emissions will allow us to compare GHG benefits from soil carbon sequestration and crop carbon sequestration and assess the tradeoff of GHG benefit and economic yields benefit of crop systems. GHG emissions data will also be collected from different cropping systems, including cotton, wheat, and/or alfalfa neighboring our experimental plots, to indicate comparative GHG benefits of ‘climate-smart’ guayule systems. These ‘check’ sites will serve essential comparisons to evaluate environmental impacts of the guayule system. All observation data from the crop systems will be incorporated into the CLM5.0 model to parameterize distinct growth processes and carbon emission processes of different crop systems and their response to various management practices and support updates to COMET-Farm.

E. Agreement to Participate in the Partnerships Network

The project team is committed to advancing the state of the art of agriculture GHG accounting, modeling, and dissemination. The team will be an active member in the partnership network. Furthermore, we expect to be a critical partner because the work proposed focuses on desert Southwest cropping systems which to date has not been a focus and represents an agriculture practice area with significant knowledge gaps.

iv. A Plan to Develop and Expand Markets for Climate-smart Commodities

Bridgestone is providing more than \$35M in cost share, demonstrating its commitment to the development of the climate-smart natural rubber commodity. UArizona’s Sustainable Bioeconomy for Arid Regions (SBAR) Center and its Extension group already support several projects to develop guayule as an economic crop. Small farmers have started to grow guayule in Arizona, convinced by the existing and growing market for the natural rubber commodity. The opportunity for implementation of climate-smart practices leverages these existing investments and is a seamless mission since the establishment of the commercial viability of the crop will happen concurrently with these ongoing efforts. Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, EnergyEne, Inc. and GuaTecs are additional companies investing in guayule. Cooper Tire was part of the Biomass Research and Development Initiative Grant (BRDI) that was completed in 2017.

A. Partnerships Designed to Market Resulting Climate-smart Commodities

The proposed system supports the development of a biorefinery with multiple products: solid rubber, latex, bagasse and resin. **We have commercial partners interested in the concept, specifically based on the commodities being biobased, climate-smart, and affordable.** Bridgestone will use the produced solid rubber for eco-friendly tires and will market them as a climate-smart products. This corresponds to Bridgestone’s current effort of a circular strategy implementing recycling of end-of-life tires into a clean energy biofuel along with partner **Lanzatech**. In addition to solid natural rubber, the Bridgestone facility will produce latex, an aqueous suspension of rubber used for dipped goods, such as medical gloves. Discussions are underway with a potential latex distributor, **Corrie MacColl International**. Bridgestone also works with **Versalis** on co-developing additional products from the guayule resin and bagasse. Processes includes their commercial biomass conversion to ethanol using cellulosic sugars pathways. Additional commodity products from the bagasse include biofuels through a pyrolysis pathway in collaboration with **Frontline Bioenergy, LLC** based on Iowa State University technology. From the resin, **Gowan**, a private agriculture input supplier, is exploring potential uses as a bio-pesticide. Research continues through the SBAR project to develop additional markets for the resin as an adhesive with **Logitech**, for use in particle board, and as a source of high value terpenes.

B. A Plan to Track Climate-smart Commodities through the Supply Chain

Robust LCA will be used to track climate-smart commodities through the supply chain. The primary product from the system is natural rubber. The developed LCA will enable tracking of the GHG intensity for production from feedstock to all of the potential final products (tires, latex gloves, biochar, resin, biofuel). The industry partner already has internal tracking, through their quality control system, to directly allocate emissions appropriate through the end production of tires. This data will be coupled with the developed LCA to provide an external verification of the total GHG emissions associated with the final products.

C. Estimated Economic Benefits for Participating Producers

Growers will see a number of benefits from this type of cropping system. They will receive regular payments every six months for two to five years depending on when they begin growing the crop. The perennial crop will be harvested for the growers every two years and allowed to grow back and then harvested again. The ability to grow a crop that does not require portions of their land to be fallow due to reduced irrigation water allotments represents a huge advantage to rural farmers

in the desert Southwest. Guayule farming thus reduces soil erosion and dust pollution as co-benefits. Growers will also benefit from the stability of the long-term nature of the contract compared to year-by-year fluctuations associated with other commodity crops.

In addition, we are pursuing a voluntary program for the certification of GHG emissions reduction called Verified Carbon Standard Program with the nonprofit DC-based corporation **Verra**. Those VCUs can be sold on the open market by the grower. We will provide information to the growers and interested industry partners based on our integrated LCA and techno-economic modeling.

D. Post-project Potential

The timing of the project will enable the adoption of climate-smart agricultural processes as the industrial crop will be commercialized through the project with farmers open to project-defined best practices. This pilot project will lead to a second phase, where the remaining three processing lines proposed by Bridgestone will be activated. This expansion is planned to occur two years after the 2027 opening and will require a total of 100,000 acres. This model will then be replicated in a second area of the Southwest. Bridgestone is heavily invested in developing a new agricultural guayule variety with higher rubber yield to increase the rate of return. Growth of these high rubber producing plants will spur additional processing facilities in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California as well as other countries such as Mexico. Other companies vested in guayule include Cooper Tire, EnergyEne, Inc., GuaTecs, and latex companies. The foundational work developed in this project will define the climate-smart agricultural practices that will be adopted across geographic regions. Extension bulletins, publications, model results, and models will be available to the public including all guayule growers and processors.

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Answers to the Questions asked

- Will all climate smart agriculture practices implemented through this project meet NRCS practice standards? What is your process for ensuring that implementation of the practices meet NRCS standards?

Climate smart agricultural practices will be implemented through this project to meet NRCS standards. The applicable NRCS standards include: Code 327 Conservation Cover; Code 328 Conservation Crop Rotation; Code 590 Nutrient Management; Code 315 Herbaceous Weed Management; Code 595 Integrated Pest Management; Code 441 Irrigation System, Microirrigation; and Code 449 Irrigation Water Management. The Extension agents and Bridgestone, Americas agricultural experts will work with growers to assure these standards are implemented and obtain data from the growers. There will be 5 test plots set up on growers' farms that will be continuously monitored by Extension agents and will demonstrate best practices. In terms of irrigation practices, the bid process for finding a vendor for the new irrigations systems will require that the vendor implement NRCS practices. A Logic Model for implementation of practices that assure adoption of NRCS Standards is included with this document.

- Are you proposing to implement any practices on land that is not currently used for agricultural production? *No*
- Will any practices involve ground disturbance below the plow zone, such as fencing? *No*
- Please describe any potential project activities that may involve concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)? *N/A*
- Technical assistance is the responsibility of the grant recipient. Please clarify in your proposal who will be providing the technical assistance.

As a land-grant institution part of the University mission is to conduct outreach and educational activities in the state of Arizona through the UArizona Cooperative Extension. With the experience and background of the extension individuals associated with the project, we will provide assistance to growers and will have access to a full staff of extension individuals if other needs are identified during the project.

More specifically, technical assistance to the growers will be done by:

- *Peter Ellsworth – Integrated Pest Management*
- *Jose Carvalho de Souza Dias – Weed management*
- *Debankur Sanyal – Soil Health*
- *Armin Sorooshian/Robyn Grimm – Flux tower maintenance*

- *Kimberly Ogden – water quality measurements*
 - *Irrigation – vendor/Ogden, bids will be obtained as requested*
 - *Trent Teegerstrom/Levi Esquerra – tribal engagement*
 - *David Dierig/Sam Wang – stand establishment and harvesting*
 - *Jason Quinn – Economic and Lifecycle information*
- Please provide a detailed description of the project’s marketing plan for the climate-smart commodities which will be accomplished by Bridgestone Americas, Inc. As noted in the attached NOFA, marketing plan is required as follows: A plan to develop and expand markets for climate-smart commodities generated as a result of project activities, including: A. Any partnerships designed to market resulting climate-smart commodities, B. A plan to track climate-smart commodities through the supply chain, if appropriate, C. Estimated economic benefits for participating producers including market returns, and D. Post-project potential, including anticipated ability to scale project activities, likelihood of long-term viability beyond project period, and ability to inform future USDA actions to encourage climate-smart commodities. This funding opportunity is focused on projects that generate climate-smart commodities, and not on projects that focus on generating carbon offsets.

Bridgestone has invested over \$100 million dollars since 2012 in an effort to develop guayule natural rubber (GNR) tires and co-products. Significant innovation has occurred to progress from shrub to final product in numerous demanding tire applications. Our first marketing strategy began this year by introducing GNR tires to the motor sports world. Bridgestone produced INDYCAR racing tires containing GNR side walls that debuted at the Music City Grand Prix in August 2022. Bridgestone flew a group of 12 top reporters to the Bridgestone Guayule Farm in Arizona a few days before the race to see how the rubber was grown and to the Bio-Rubber Processing Center. They were flown to the race in Nashville and were Bridgestone’s guest there. Many articles in the Press resulted. Bridgestone will have similar marketing strategies when Climate-Smart (CS) GNR products and coproducts are developed. The Bridgestone Communications and Public Relations Team will lead this effort and include CS information.

GNR has also been validated as a direct replacement of Hevea natural rubber (HNR) in both tread and side wall applications in light truck tires. For side wall application, guayule specs surpassed control in endurance and high-speed durability test while rolling resistance is maintained. For both severe and mild Truck, Bus, Radial tread applications, direct replacement of HNR with Bridgestone GNR is trending toward slight wear improvement and showed better rolling resistance. Bridgestone is continuing commercial fleet trials of GNR tires and is also utilizing GNR-based components in the development of passenger tire products with industry-leading sustainable material content.

Outside of the rubber that may be used in tire production, various products/co-products are obtained in Bridgestone’s processing of the guayule shrub. These materials include GNR latex, resin, and bagasse. To make the guayule rubber project economically viable, monetization of the co-products generated during Bridgestone’s processing of the guayule shrub must occur. Bridgestone is currently pursuing numerous market areas and has already engaged prospective customers in many of those areas. Some specific market activities by co-product/product include:

Natural Rubber Latex—Bridgestone has developed a proprietary process to emulsify the rubber cement obtained via the rubber extraction process to generate “guayule latex”. This latex is an alternative to the more typically encountered HRN latex and yields rubber-based materials with physical properties approaching that of traditional HNR. One important distinction of the guayule latex is that it does not possess the same protein package that Hevea contains, which leads to Type I latex allergy. Bridgestone is pursuing many of the applications/markets where Hevea rubber is used including cosmetics; balloons; medical gloves, devices, and associated products; specialty non-medical gloves (e.g., cleanroom, linemen’s); latex foam; and others. A list of prospective customers (names redacted) and their product areas is listed in the following table.

Customer	Location	Market
Customer 1L	US	Specialty Gloves
Customer 2L	Austria	Surgical Gloves
Customer 3L	US	Condoms
Customer 4L	US	Balloons
Customer 5L	Japan	Cosmetics
Customer 6L	US	Food (Chewing Gum)
Customer 7L	US	Custom Compounder
Customer 8L	US	Latex Tubing & Custom
Customer 9L	US	Balloons & Custom
Customer 10L	US	Specialty Gloves
Customer 11L	NL/US	Talay Latex Mattresses

Resin—The product known as “resin” is a collection of various compounds that is dissolved in the solvent system and separated from the high molecular weight guayule rubber. Components of the resin include low molecular weight guayule rubber, terpenes, sesquiterpenes, and other guayule essential oil constituents. The resin has been evaluated

for use in lumber/wood composites, resins, adhesive systems, insect repellents, and flavor/fragrance applications. Bridgestone is evaluating multiple potential outlets for the crude resin stream as well as for fractions obtained after separation of some components. A list of prospective customers (names redacted) and their product areas is listed in the following table.

Customer	Location	Market
Customer 1R	US	Insecticide/Insect Repellant
Customer 2R	Germany	Adhesives
Customer 3R	US	Resins and Adhesives
Customer 4R	US	Resins and Adhesives
Customer 5R	Switzerland	Flavor & Fragrance
Customer 6R	US	Adhesives

Bagasse—The primary product on a weight basis from guayule processing is the solid plant residual material known as “bagasse”. Guayule bagasse is a lignocellulosic material that possesses significant fuel value. Bridgestone is evaluating numerous pathways for guayule bagasse including internal usage of the bagasse as a green fuel, selling the material into the fuel pellet market, production of biochar (and carbon offsets), and usage as feedstock for bioethanol/biochemicals. A list of prospective customers (names redacted) and their product areas is listed in the following table.

Customer	Location	Market
Customer 1B	US	Plant fuel
Customer 1B	US	Biochar/Carbon Offsets sold into respective markets
Customer 2B	US/UK	Fuel Pellets

Customer 3B	US	Fuel Pellets
Customer 4B	Japan	Fuel Pellets
Customer 5B	US	Biochar/Carbon Offsets
Customer 6B	US	Bio-chemicals

Guayule has been the subject of many Press articles regarding the water crisis in the US and especially in the Southwest, because of the crop's ability to save water compared to crops currently being grown. Bridgestone and growers are often interviewed by local, national, and international reporters. We see future interviews as a venue to promote GNR as a climate-smart produced commodity. Plans include training growers by Bridgestone's Public Relations team on how to speak to the press to include Climate-Smart production.

As the definition of "climate smart" evolves, the "climate smart" designation could be leveraged in press releases, advertisements, corporate materials, and in selected cases, on-product. For tires that is not a given, but may be possible for certain applications (complicated by the fact that a tire is a mixture of many materials and only the GNR would be climate smart). In the latex and co-product applications it would be at the discretion of the customer, but certainly easier and less confusing for the consumer because most of the product composition would be derived from guayule and, hence, carbon smart.

As part of the SBAR project funded by USDA NIFA, some joint patents (University of Arizona and Bridgestone Americas, Inc.) have been or are being developed for guayule coproducts. To this end, the project will be supported by Tech Launch Arizona (TLA), the technology transfer arm within the University of Arizona responsible for the protection of intellectual property (IP) rights and commercialization of technology through industry partners or new venture development. TLA works with project teams to disclose inventions, protect IP, complete the filing and prosecution of patent applications, market and further develop IP, and establish license agreements with companies who will further develop and commercialize the technology. TLA provides support to researchers via a focus organization comprising dedicated licensing managers embedded in research colleges, a business intelligence team to prepare commercial market assessments for each invention disclosure received by TLA, a communications and marketing team, an IP management team, and a venture development group to mentor startup teams.

UArizona inventions are marketed to potential licensees through multiple channels, including:

- Direct marketing campaigns targeted to companies identified as potential leads by the business intelligence team, licensing manager, project team, TLA's network of more than 1400 external advisors, and/or inventors,*
- One-to-one contacts made with company technology scouts or other staff responsible for in-licensing, alliances, R&D management, or business development,*

- *Participation in licensing networking events via professional societies, such as AUTM,*
- *Inviting inquiries by passively marketing on technology marketplace platforms, such as Leading Edge Only, In-Part, as well as UArizona’s own website for technologies available to license (<https://techlaunch.arizona.edu/technologies/technology-portfolio>)*

Inventors are invited to participate in customer discovery opportunities through the NSF I-Corps program, and several UArizona teams have gone further to complete a national NSF I-Corps cohort.

- Provide a detailed description on how you plan to track climate smart commodities through the supply chain, include any actions that Bridgestone Tires will take.

Sustainability modeling work includes life cycle assessment which inherently will track all emissions, indirect and direct, from the farm through to the end product. Currently, the team has an integrated TEA and LCA model that captures all the unit process operations for the production of rubber. This will be expanded to include the production of tires and co products in this project. The integrated model captures all energy and mass through all operations. These serve as inputs to life cycle assessment modeling which converts them to emissions through life cycle inventory data. The modeling includes the supply chain for consumables and energy and includes the end fate of the produced products of which there are three primary ones, rubber, resin, and bagasse.

- Please provide clarification on the ownership of the raw production and how that will be transferred to Bridgestone Americas, Inc.

Bridgestone Americas, Inc. is responsible to (i) provide the guayule Crop by direct seeding it on the growers Property on or around April 15 or September 15 of each year as the number of acres is increased, (ii) they will visit fields at least twice a week in the first two months and then at least bi-weekly in the third and fourth months to provide Grower with pest and irrigation management advice and (iii) they will harvest the guayule biannually.

- Please review the Federal Regulations regarding intellectual property rights and the agreement between University of Arizona and Bridgestone Tires to ensure compliance.

We will ensure compliance with Federal Regulations regarding intellectual property rights.

Logic Model for Adoption of NRCS Standards for USDA Climate Smart Guayule					
<p>Needs. Awareness of the guayule crop and its potential to be a successful low water use alternative to traditional field crops (e.g., cotton, alfalfa, wheat, corn) while providing climate benefits (e.g., carbon sequestration, renewable source of natural rubber) due to the cultivation methods (e.g., reduced, low, and no-till). Expansion of the guayule Integrated Crop Management (ICM) Extension program to effectively support existing growers and strengthen the grower network with an emphasis on disadvantaged and tribal growers. Development of research-based information and education on sustainable guayule NRCS standards, land management, agronomic methods, and other needs as they arise. The Extension program will need to be flexible and efficient at developing direct-to-user and just-in-time education, testing, and demonstrations.</p> <p>Resources. The University of Arizona team for this project consists of University Extension weed, insect, and soil specialists, as well as hydrologists, engineers and atmospheric scientists. Collaboration with Bridgestone Americas, Inc personnel is paramount as well as lead growers (e.g., Will Thelander). Bridgestone Americas, Inc., Colorado State University, and University of Arizona have collaborated on guayule projects for 6+ years. We will establish an advisory board including leaders from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and the Environmental Defense Fund.</p> <p>Baseline. The baseline for comparison for this project is a typical regional crop rotation for annual crops (Year 1 cotton, Year 2 winter wheat with summer fallow, Years 3-5 alfalfa)</p>					
Inputs	Outputs: Participants	Outputs: Activities / Products	Outcomes: Short Term	Outcomes: Medium Term	Outcomes: Long Term Impacts
NRCS Standards (Code 327 Conservation Cover; Code 328 Conservation Crop Rotation; Code 590 Nutrient Management; Code 315 Herbaceous Weed Management; Code 595 Integrated Pest Management; Code 441 Irrigation System, Microirrigation; and Code 449 Irrigation Water Management) Fully-leveraged applied research to address guayule NRCS standards Two Extension educators, two research technicians Time and expertise of University Extension Specialists and staff (entomology, weed science, irrigation, soil science,	Growers, including new and current growers of guayule, some of them working on tribal land or with other underserved audiences Environmental Defense Fund Bonneville Environmental Foundation Bridgestone personnel Ag industry personnel	Identify stakeholder priorities through informal one-on-one interactions, advisory groups, formal interactions at scheduled meetings (e.g., polling, surveys, conversations) Conduct fully leveraged applied NRCS field research for weed, insect, nutrient, and irrigation management at Maricopa Ag Center, Bridgestone Bio Rubber Research Farm, and on grower fields Deliver ICM education including climate smart and NRCS-focused information via remote and in-person events, field days, Extension and industry meetings	Increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of: guayule ICM, climate-smart practices, and NRCS standards Improved knowledge of guayule as a row-crop alternative and management of all pests (insect pest and integrated weed) at stand establishment and established crops (starting Yr 2) Improved knowledge of water management (e.g., drip irrigation), efficient nutrient management (e.g., manure, biosolids), soil health (e.g., biochar	Adoption of guayule as an alternative crop with growers (n=10+) Adoption of NRCS standards for pest management, irrigation, and soil health improvement during establishment and in maturation of crops Adoption of sustainable climate smart management practices (e.g., drip	(Some beyond 5-year timeline of grant) Continued adoption of guayule with new growers (n=30), increasing acreage up to 20,300 Improved yield and economic returns for growers Reduced pest pressures and crop losses due to pests Integration of guayule into whole farming system leading to

<p>agronomy, integrated pest management assessment, hydrology, engineering, atmospheric science) and industry specialists (marketing, irrigation, production, agronomy)</p> <p>Grower liaison who has already adopted guayule</p> <p>Collaborative, logistic, and material support from industry</p> <p>Data from growers related to guayule pesticide application, herbicide application, irrigation, nutrient application and other production information.</p> <p>Funds to support travel and operations for effective outreach</p> <p>Maricopa Ag Center, Bridgestone Bio Rubber Research Farm, and grower farms as a resource for field research, demonstrations, grower field days and trainings</p>	<p>Fellow Extension scientists</p> <p>Postdoctoral researcher, graduate students and undergraduate students</p>	<p>Produce publications, guidelines, fact sheets, videos highlighting implementation of ICM, climate smart and NRCS practices and disseminate at meetings, online and via social media</p> <p>Measure changes in participant awareness, knowledge and attitudes and adoption of guayule including ICM and climate-smart practices as well as NRCS standards; Conduct annual Guayule workshops and user surveys to document outcomes and impacts</p> <p>Present research and Extension outcomes to scientific colleagues and industry</p> <p>Produce reports (yearly and quarterly) to fulfill grant requirements</p>	<p>addition, reduced and no-till) management, and use of guayule as a method of carbon sequestering and GHG mitigation</p> <p>Measures:</p> <p>Document changes in awareness, knowledge, understanding and pest and beneficial identification with surveys and audience response systems deployed at meetings, field days and webinars</p> <p>Grower data provided and implemented into COMET</p> <p>Expected Outputs</p> <p>Yr 1: Publications: 3 Field demonstrations: 5 Field days: 2</p> <p>Yr 2: Publications: 5 Field demonstrations: 9 Field days: 2</p>	<p>irrigation, no-till, soil amendments)</p> <p>Measures:</p> <p>Document changes in behaviors and adoption of NRCS standards, and ICM and climate-smart practices with grower data, surveys and audience response systems deployed at meetings and field days; and via guayule pest losses surveys; informal one-on-one or small group interactions with growers</p> <p>Documentation of successful GHG mitigation and carbon sequestration resulting from implementation of climate-smart practices</p> <p>Expected Outputs</p> <p>Yr 2: *see "Short Term"</p> <p>Yr 3:</p>	<p>sustained production</p> <p>Reducing risk by correct and appropriate use of SLN-approved new available chemistries (insecticides & herbicides) for use in pest management, replacing higher risk alternatives</p> <p>Reduction of GHG and increased carbon sequestering due to adoption of climate-smart practices</p> <p>Measures:</p> <p>Changes in pesticide use and management methods documented by Guayule Pest Losses surveys and APMC Pesticide Use Database and provided pesticide usage records; ecological risk measurement</p>
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			<p>through ipmPRIME collaborations</p> <p>Documentation of successful GHG mitigation and carbon sequestration resulting from implementation of climate-smart practices</p> <p>Expected Outputs</p> <p>Yr 4:</p> <p>*see “Medium Term”</p> <p>Yr 5:</p> <p>Publications: 5</p> <p>Field demonstrations: 10</p> <p>Field days: 2</p>	<p>Publications: 5</p> <p>Field demonstrations: 10</p> <p>Field days: 2</p> <p>Yr 4:</p> <p>Publications: 5</p> <p>Field demonstrations: 10</p> <p>Field days: 2</p>	<p>External Factors: External Factors: (1) Highly productive agronomic agriculture in central Arizona. (2) Leveraged resources for applied research that support our outreach (e.g., USDA grants, SCBGP, Bridgestone support). (3) Bridgestone America has a research farm in Eloy, AZ and a large-scale processing plant in Mesa, AZ. Bridgestone is committed to development of guayule in Arizona as a commercially viable source of natural rubber. Culturally sensitive programming and interactions will be necessary to successfully engage tribal communities.</p>
					<p>ASSUMPTIONS: (1) Guayule is a fit for our growers as a low-water-use alternative to row crops. (2) Growers will adopt guayule as an alternative crop. (3) Team is transparent with management practices. (4) Adoption of NRSC, ICM and climate-smart practices leads to favorable economic outcomes. (5) Growers trust field research as opposed to laboratory studies and like to see small- and large-scale demonstrations of new technologies. (6) We have established a strong, trusting partnership with our community of growers, which is fundamental to supporting adoption and implementation of a new crop, NRSC practices and technologies. (7) Existing tribal community relationships will be leveraged.</p>

<p>GUAYULE ICM LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>This Leadership Team identifies and prioritizes programs with Ms. Naomi Pier and Inana Schutze, Assistants in Extension, who work with stakeholder groups and operational IPM/ICM teams directly to implement programs. Needs addressed will be a new specialty climate-smart crop with a low water use requirement as a replacement for less water efficient broad-acre crops.</p> <p>DR. JOSÉ LUIZ CARVALHO DE SOUZA DIAS, EXTENSION SPECIALIST & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, PLANT SCIENCES DR. PETER ELLSWORTH, EXTENSION SPECIALIST & PROFESSOR, ENTOMOLOGY, CHAIR DR. DIAA ELSHIKHA, EXTENSION SPECIALIST & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING DR. KIMBERLY OGDEN, PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, CHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING DR. DEBANKUR SANYAL, SOIL HEALTH SPECIALIST & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DR. YANG SONG, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HYDROLOGY AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES DR. ARMIN SOROOSHIAN, PROFESSOR, CHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING DR. DAVID DIERIG, SEC. MANAGER, AGRO OPERATIONS, GUAYULE RESEARCH, BRIDGESTONE DR. GUANGYAO (SAM) WANG, RESEARCH AGRONOMIST, BRIDGESTONE DR. JASON QUINN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY GROWER ADVISOR: WILL THELANDER, CENTRAL ARIZONA FARMER AND GUAYULE GROWER ADVISORS: Bonneville Environmental Foundation and the Environmental Defense Fund</p>	<pre> graph TD A[Advisory board and grower input] --> B[Data incorporation into models] B --> C[Greenhouse gas measurements] C --> D[Industrial Expertise (Bridgestone, Americas)] D --> E[Extension Specialists] E --> A </pre>
	<p>How Our Logic Model supports Outcomes and Impacts of the USDA Climate Smart Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We increase awareness and knowledge of a low-water-use alternative to row crops. • We increase awareness and knowledge of the benefits from GHG mitigation and carbon sequestration associated with implementation of new climate-smart practices involved in guayule production. • We develop science-based water management, soil health management, and ICM guidelines for insect and weed management. • We adapt existing science-based ICM knowledge to new pest scenarios and foster sound ICM solutions. • We facilitate production of culturally-sensitive, audience-appropriate ICM training materials to address guayule pest issues at stand establishment, including publications, decision-support guidelines supporting adoption of reduced-risk approaches, pest identification and diagnostics and resistance management. • We measure GHG emissions following manure, and alternative less expensive nutrient sources like biosolids. • We increase awareness and knowledge of climate-smart practices through measurement and modeling • We continuously update technoeconomic and life cycle models with current data

- We maintain ongoing engagement with end-users, including program planning (priorities), implementation of field research and demonstrations, and evaluation and improvement of programs, ensuring that we address changing IPM needs of stakeholders.
- More sustainable ICM practices are adopted by producers.
- Cost-benefit ratios of adopting ICM are improved, using Guayule Pest Losses data and feedback from growers, pest managers, and industry.
- We increase awareness and knowledge of irrigation systems, water quality, and nutrient delivery.
- We increase interest and adoption of guayule production.
- Gains in GHG emission reductions are made in pesticide use in comparison to current cropping system.
- Environmental co-benefits are identified, measured, and/or validated in reduced pest pressures or landscape level increases in natural enemy (e.g., predators) and pollinators.

Benchmarks and Milestones	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q 4 2023	Q1 2024
Number of producers involved	4	5	5	8
Number of underserved producers involved	1	1	2	2
New acres	250	50		1000
Number of acres involved (cummulative numbers)	250	300	300	1300
Dollars provided to producers per time period	\$296,250	\$59,250	\$0	\$1,404,000
Total number of dollars provide (cummulative numbers)	\$296,250	\$355,500	\$355,500	\$1,759,500
GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e Reduced or Sequestered) cummulative	-2.44E+05	-5.69E+05	-9.01E+05	-2.21E+06
Number of new marketing channels* expanded	11			
Number of marketing channels* established				
Number of measurement tools utilized	1	2	4	6
Outreach, training and other technical assistance (same as number of producers)	4	5	5	8
Other MMRV and supply chain traceability attributes				
Other measurements of work related to marketing of commodities (TEA and LCA papers)		1		
Demonstrated engagement of major partners (sum of growers and coproduct potential marketers)	15	5	5	8
Climate smart technologies employed (if applicable)	2	2	4	4

* Marketing channels established and expanded is a little different here. The crops will be purchased by Bridgestone, but coproducts partners are being investigated, so the numbers reflect the number of companies we are discussing co products with which is in the "expanded" category; and then "established" is the down select prior to opening the facility. These numbers are highly subject to change.

Measurement tools - soil health, nutrient transport, water delivery, flux towers, anthropod distribution, soil carbon, plant tissue parameters, soil moisture, dissolved inorganic nitrogen, green house gases, water quality

Climate smart technologies - no till, irrigation scheduling and management, precision nutrient delivery, biochar, low use pesticides and herbicides

Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026
9	10	10	13	13	15	15	23	28	30
3	3	3	4	4	4	4	6	6	6
500	500		4000	2000	2000		4000	4000	2000
1800	2300	2300	6300	8300	10300	10300	14300	18300	20300
\$592,500	\$592,500		\$6,419,000	\$2,370,000	\$2,370,000		\$12,259,000	\$4,740,000	\$2,370,000
\$2,352,000	\$2,944,500	\$2,944,500	\$9,363,500	\$11,733,500	\$14,103,500	\$14,103,500	\$26,362,500	\$31,102,500	\$33,472,500
-4.13E+06	-6.61E+06	-9.15E+06	-1.56E+07	-2.44E+07	-3.54E+07	-4.67E+07	-6.13E+07	-8.03E+07	-1.02E+08
12				2				2	
									3
9	9	9	9	11	11	11	11	11	11
9	10	10	13	13	15	15	23	28	30
	1				1				1
21	10	10	13	15	15	15	23	30	33
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	Q4 2027		Total
30	30	30	30	30		30
6	6	6	6	6		6
20300	20300	20300	20300	20300		20,300
	\$14,819,000					
\$33,472,500	\$48,291,500	\$48,291,500	\$48,291,500	\$48,291,500		\$48,291,500
-1.23E+08	-1.43E+08	-1.62E+08	-1.80E+08	-1.98E+08		
11	11	11	11	11		
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				1		
33	33	33	33	33		
5	5	5	5	5		

Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations

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

NRCS Practice Code (if applicable)	Practice Name
Code 327	Conservation Cover
Code 328	Conservation Crop Rotation
Code 590	Nutrient Management
Code 315	Herbaceous Weed Management
Code 595	Integrated Pest Management
Code 441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Code 449	Irrigation Water Management

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

Practice Name	Alternative Practice Standards
None	



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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 (CO ₂ e) emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative carbon stock	Whole project estimate of total carbon sequestration	Quarterly
Cumulative CO ₂ benefit	Whole project estimate of total CO ₂ emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative CH ₄ benefit	Whole project estimate of total CH ₄ emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative N ₂ O benefit	Whole project estimate of total N ₂ O 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 <i>Marketing Activities</i> worksheet (Table 3) as part of the quarterly performance report.	
Data type: List	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Category	Allowed values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Producer Enrollment</i> and <i>Field Enrollment</i> worksheets (Tables 4 and 5) as part of the quarterly performance report.	
Data type: List	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Category	Allowed values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (CO ₂ eq) 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 ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO ₂ eq	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 CO ₂ benefit	Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total cumulative CO ₂ 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 CH ₄ benefit	Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total CH ₄ 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 ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CH ₄ reduced in CO ₂ eq	Allowed values: 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	Required: Yes
Data collection level: Project	Data collection frequency: Quarterly



Cumulative N2O 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 ₂ O = 298 tons of CO ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>Data element name: CSAF federal funds</p> <p>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 (RCP), or related programs), the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), as well as funds from other USDA programs or other federal agencies.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'</p> <p>Data collection level: Producer</p>	<p>Reporting question: Were prior CSAF practices supported by federal funds?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I don't know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment</p>
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CSAF state or local funds

<p>Data element name: CSAF state or local funds</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'</p> <p>Data collection level: Producer</p>	<p>Reporting question: Were prior CSAF practices supported by state or local funds?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I don't know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment</p>
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CSAF nonprofit funds

<p>Data element name: CSAF nonprofit funds</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'</p> <p>Data collection level: Producer</p>	<p>Reporting question: Were CSAF practices supported by nonprofit funds?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I don't know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment</p>
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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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>Data element name: Practice past extent - farm</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: None – all respond</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: What percent of the farm has implemented this CSAF practice (combination) previously?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment</p>
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Field any CSAF practice

<p>Data element name: Field any CSAF practice</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: None – all respond</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: What is this field's prior experience with CSAF practices?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I don't know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment</p>
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Practice past use - this field

<p>Data element name: Practice past use - this field</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: None – all respond</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: Have this CSAF practice (combination) been implemented previously in this field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Some • No • I don't know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment</p>
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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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Supplemental Data Submission – Field direct GHG measurement results</i>).	
Data type: List	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Category	Allowed values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (CO ₂ eq) 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 ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO ₂ eq	Allowed values: 0-10,000,000
Logic: None – all respond	Required: Yes
Data collection level: Field	Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field official N2O 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 ₂ O = 298 tons of CO ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq	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 CO₂eq

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 ₂ eq	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 ₂ eq.	
Data type: Decimal	Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Metric tons CO ₂ eq	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 CO ₂ estimated	Reporting question: What is the alternate estimate of the field's total CO ₂ 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 CH₄ = 25 tons of CO₂eq.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO₂eq

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 N2O 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 N₂O = 298 tons of CO₂eq.

Data type: Decimal

Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO₂eq

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**Measurement unit:** Category**Select multiple values:** No**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)

Required: If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Logic:** None – all respond**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 CO₂**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 CO₂eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO₂eq**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 CH₄ = 25 tons of CO₂eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO₂eq**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 N2O 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 N₂O = 298 tons of CO₂eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons N2O reduced in CO₂eq**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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>Data element name: Other water quality purpose</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Other water quality’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking other water quality benefits?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don’t know • Other (specify) <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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Water quantity

<p>Data element name: Water quantity</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Environmental benefits’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: Is water conservation being tracked in the field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I don’t know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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Water quantity amount

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

<p>Data element name: Water quantity amount unit</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Water quantity’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: What is the unit for the amount of water conservation measured in the field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acre-feet • Cubic feet • Other (specify) <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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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

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

Measurement unit: Category

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

Select multiple values: No

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

Measurement unit: Category

Select multiple values: No

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

Measurement unit: Amount

Select multiple values: No

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

Measurement unit: Category

Select multiple values: No

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

<p>Data element name: Reduced energy use purpose</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Reduced energy use’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking reduced energy use in the field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commodity marketing • Producing insets • Producing offsets • I don’t know • Other (specify) <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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Avoided land conversion

<p>Data element name: Avoided land conversion</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Environmental benefits’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: Is avoided land conversion being tracked in the field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I don’t know <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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Avoided land conversion amount

<p>Data element name: Avoided land conversion amount</p> <p>Description: Total amount of avoided land conversion that is measured in the enrolled field.</p> <p>Data type: Decimal</p> <p>Measurement unit: Amount</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Avoided land conversion’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: How much avoided land conversion has been measured in the field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values: 0-1,000,000</p> <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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Avoided land conversion amount unit

<p>Data element name: Avoided land conversion unit</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Data type: List</p> <p>Measurement unit: Category</p> <p>Logic: Respond if yes to ‘Avoided land conversion’</p> <p>Data collection level: Field</p>	<p>Reporting question: What is the unit for the amount of avoided land conversion measured in the field?</p> <p>Select multiple values: No</p> <p>Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres • Other (specify) <p>Required: Yes</p> <p>Data collection frequency: Annual</p>
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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

Measurement unit: Category

Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking improved wildlife habitat in the field?

Select multiple values: No

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
Digester type	Digester type	Deep pit
		Dry lot
		Dry stacking/solid storage
		Pasture/range/paddock
		Poultry with bedding
		Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise)
		Slurry tank/basin
		Covered lagoon with energy generation
		Covered lagoon with flaring
		Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring)
Additional feedstock source (select most common if using more than one)	Additional feedstock source (select most common if using more than one)	Complex mix with energy generation
		Plug flow with energy generation
		Other (specify)
		Food waste
		Straw or bedding
		Wastewater
		Other (specify)

	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)
Combustion System Improvement (CPS 372)	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 type	Brassica Broadleaf Cool season Grass Legume Warm season
Conservation Crop Rotation (CPS 328)	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
	Crude protein (percent)	0-100
Feed Management (CPS 592)	Fat (percent)	0-100
	Feed additives/supplements	Chemical Edible oils/fats Seaweed/kelp Other (specify)
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs

	Strip width (feet)	20-1,000
Filter Strip (CPS 393)	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 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 management (CPS 590)	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
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	390, Riparian Herbaceous Cover
311, Alley Cropping	391, Riparian Forest Buffer
313, Waste Storage Facility	393, Filter Strip
314, Brush Management	394, Firebreak
315, Herbaceous Weed Treatment	395, Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
316, Animal Mortality Facility	396, Aquatic Organism Passage
317, Composting Facility	397, Aquaculture Pond
318, Short Term Storage of Animal Waste and By-Products	398, Fish Raceway or Tank
319, On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility	399, Fishpond Management
320, Irrigation Canal or Lateral	400, Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control
324, Deep Tillage	402, Dam
325, High Tunnel System	410, Grade Stabilization Structure
326, Clearing and Snagging	412, Grassed Waterway
327, Conservation Cover	420, Wildlife Habitat Planting
328, Conservation Crop Rotation	422, Hedgerow Planting
329, Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	423, Hillside Ditch
330, Contour Farming	428, Irrigation Ditch Lining
331, Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	428A, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete
332, Contour Buffer Strips	428B, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Flexible Membrane
333, Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	428C, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel
334, Controlled Traffic Farming	430, Irrigation Pipeline
336, Soil Carbon Amendment	432, Dry Hydrant
338, Prescribed Burning	436, Irrigation Reservoir
340, Cover Crop	441, Irrigation System, Microirrigation
342, Critical Area Planting	442, Sprinkler System
345, Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	443, Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
348, Dam, Diversion	447, Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery
350, Sediment Basin	449, Irrigation Water Management
351, Well Decommissioning	450, Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application
353, Monitoring Well	453, Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment
355, Groundwater Testing	455, Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control
356, Dike and Levee	457, Mine Shaft and Adit Closing
359, Waste Treatment Lagoon	460, Land Clearing
360, Waste Facility Closure	462, Precision Land Forming and Smoothing
362, Diversion	464, Irrigation Land Leveling
366, Anaerobic Digester	466, Land Smoothing
367, Roofs and Covers	468, Lined Waterway or Outlet
368, Emergency Animal Mortality Management	472, Access Control
371, Air Filtration and Scrubbing	484, Mulching
372, Combustion System Improvement	490, Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
373, Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces	500, Obstruction Removal
374, Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	511, Forage Harvest Management
375, Dust Management for Pen Surfaces	512, Pasture and Hay Planting
376, Field Operations Emissions Reduction	516, Livestock Pipeline
378, Pond	520, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment
379, Forest Farming	521, Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner
380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	521A, Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane
381, Silvopasture	521B, Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant
382, Fence	521C, Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant
383, Fuel Break	
384, Woody Residue Treatment	
386, Field Border	
388, Irrigation Field Ditch	

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



Other CSAF Practices

Traditional or cultural practices

Microbial products

Solar power generation

Grain bin construction

Pre-season drainage



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Appendix B: Commodity List

CROPS

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

PARSNIP	STRAWBERRIES	
PASSION FRUITS	SUGAR BEETS	
PAWPAW	SUGARCANE	<u>LIVESTOCK</u>
PEACHES	SUNFLOWERS	ALPACAS
PEANUTS	SUNN HEMP	BEEF COWS
PEARS	TANGELOS	BEEFALO
PEAS	TANGERINES	BUFFALO OR BISON
PECANS	TANGORS	CHICKENS (BROILERS)
PENNYCRESS	TANGOS	CHICKENS (LAYERS)
PEPPERS	TANNIER	DAIRY COWS
PERENNIAL PEANUTS	TARO	DEER
PERIQUE TOBACCO	TEA	DUCKS
PERSIMMONS	TEFF	ELK
PINE NUTS	TI	EMUS
PINEAPPLE	TOBACCO CIGAR WRAPPER	EQUINE
PISTACHIOS	TOBACCO BURLEY	GEESE
PITAYA/DAGONFRUIT	TOBACCO BURLEY 31V	GOATS
PLANTAIN	TOBACCO CIGAR BINDER	HONEYBEES
PLUMCOTS	TOBACCO CIGAR FILLER	LLAMAS
PLUMS	TOBACCO CIGAR FILLER BINDER	REINDEER
POMEGRANATES	TOBACCO DARK AIR CURED	SHEEP
POTATOES	TOBACCO FIRE CURED	SWINE
POTATOES SWEET	TOBACCO FLUE CURED	TURKEYS
PRUNES	TOBACCO MARYLAND	
PSYLLIUM	TOBACCO VIRGINIA FIRE CURED	
PUMMELO	TOMATILLOS	
PUMPKINS	TOMATOES	
QUINCES	TREES TIMBER	
QUINOA	TRITICALE	
RADISHES	TRUFFLES	
RAISINS	TURNIPS	
RAMBUTAN	VETCH	
RAPESEED	WALNUTS	
RHUBARB	WAMPEE	
RICE	WASABI	
RICE SWEET	WATERMELON	
RICE WILD	WAX JAMBOO FRUIT	
RUTABAGA	WHEAT	
RYE	WILLOW SHRUB	
SAFFLOWER	WINTER MELON	
SAPODILLA	WOLFBERRY/GOJI	
SAPOTE	YAM	
SCALLIONS		
SESAME		
SHALLOTS		
SORGHUM		
SORGHUM DUAL PURPOSE		
SORGHUM FORAGE		
SOYBEANS		
SPELT		
SQUASH		
STAR GOOSEBERRY		

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 (HEL) 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 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.