

### NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

| Award Identifying Number  | 2. Amenda                   | nent Number   | 3. Award /Project Per                        | iod        | 4. Type of award instrument:                |  |
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| NR233A750004G105  |                             |   | Date of final signat<br>09/20/2026           | ure -      | Grant Agreement                             |  |
| 5. Agency (Name and Address)  |                             | 6. Recipient Organiza   | 6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address) |            |   |  |
| USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities<br>c/o FPAC-BC Grants and Agreements Division<br>1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 3236<br>Washington, DC 20250<br>Direct all correspondence to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov |                             | VICTUS PUERTO RICO INC<br>4409 PEDRO CARATINI PERLA DEL SUR<br>PONCE PR 00717<br>UEI Number / DUNS Number: MMP7FPGZ4C63 / 081170522<br>EIN: |  |            |   |  |
| 7. NRCS Program Contact   |                             | Administrative<br>ontact  | Recipient Program     Contact                |            | 10. Recipient Administrative<br>Contact     |  |
| Name: GREGORIO Cruz-<br>Gonzalez  |                             | ARLENE WINTERS<br>19) 873-2162  | Name: FRANCISCO<br>MARTINEZ                  |            | Name: JOSE SANCHEZ<br>Phone: (787) 458-2624 |  |
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| TT. GFDA  | 12. Author                  | ity   | 13. Type of Action                           |            | 14. Program Director                        |  |
| 10.937  | 15 USC 714 et seq           |   |  |            | Name: JOSE SANCHEZ (b)(6)                   |  |
| 15. Project Title/ Description: E rancher implementation and mo   | xpands mai<br>nitoring of c | rkets for climate-smar<br>climate-smart practice  | t beef and breadfruit ins.                   | n PR and F | L and supports farmer and                   |  |
| 16. Entity Type: M = Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)   |                             |   |  | )          |   |  |
| 17. Select Funding Type   |                             |   |  |            |   |  |
| Select funding type:  |                             |   | Non-Federal                                  |            |   |  |
| Original funds total \$4,926,20   |                             | \$4,926,209.00  |  | \$0.00     |   |  |
| Additional funds total \$0.00   |                             |   | \$0.00                                       |            |   |  |
| Grand total \$4,926,209.00  |                             | \$4,926,209.00  |  | \$0.00     |   |  |
| 18. Approved Budget   |                             | ·   |  | V.         |   |  |

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| Personnel         | \$612,000.00   | Fringe Benefits             | \$0.00         |
| Travel            | \$47,973.00    | Equipment                   | \$0.00         |
| Supplies          | \$41,650.00    | Contractual                 | \$2,060,586.00 |
| Construction      | \$0.00         | Other                       | \$2,164,000.00 |
| Total Direct Cost | \$4,926,209.00 | Total Indirect Cost         | \$0.00         |
|                   |                | Total Non-Federal Funds     | \$0.00         |
|                   |                | Total Federal Funds Awarded | \$4,926,209.00 |
|                   |                | Total Approved Budget       | \$4,926,209.00 |

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<br>Government Representative<br>KATINA HANSON<br>Acting Senior Advisor for<br>Climate-Smart Commodities | Signature KATINA Digitally signed by KATINA HANSON HANSON Date: 2023.09.25 10:21:35 -05'00' | Date            |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Name and Title of Authorized<br>Recipient Representative<br>JOSE SANCHEZ<br>Executive Director                                       | Signature Haid Hay Hay  | Date 09/25/2023 |

#### NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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#### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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

#### Statement of Work

#### Purpose

The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Victus Puerto Rico, Inc. (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 \$4,926,209.000

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS \$4,926,209.00
PERSONNEL \$612,000.00
FRINGE BENEFITS \$0.00
TRAVEL \$47,973.00
EQUIPMENT \$0.00
SUPPLIES \$41,650.00
CONTRACTUAL \$2,060,586.00
CONSTRUCTION \$0
OTHER \$2,164,000 (includes PRODUCER INCENTIVES \$1,110,000.00)
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$4,926,209.00
INDIRECT COSTS \$0

TOTAL NON-FEDERAL FUNDS \$0.00
PERSONNEL \$0.00
FRINGE BENEFITS \$0.00
TRAVEL \$0.00
EQUIPMENT \$0.00
SUPPLIES \$0.00
CONTRACTUAL \$0.00
CONSTRUCTION \$0.00
OTHER \$0.00 (includes PRODUCER INCENTIVES \$0.00)
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$0.00
INDIRECT COSTS \$0.00

Recipient has elected to voluntarily waive indirect costs.

#### Responsibilities of the Parties:

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

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

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

Performance Reports: Quarterly

SF425 Financial Reports: Quarterly

Detailed Progress Report: Quarterly

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

the general terms and conditions)

#### **Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables**

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

### Resources Required

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

#### Milestones

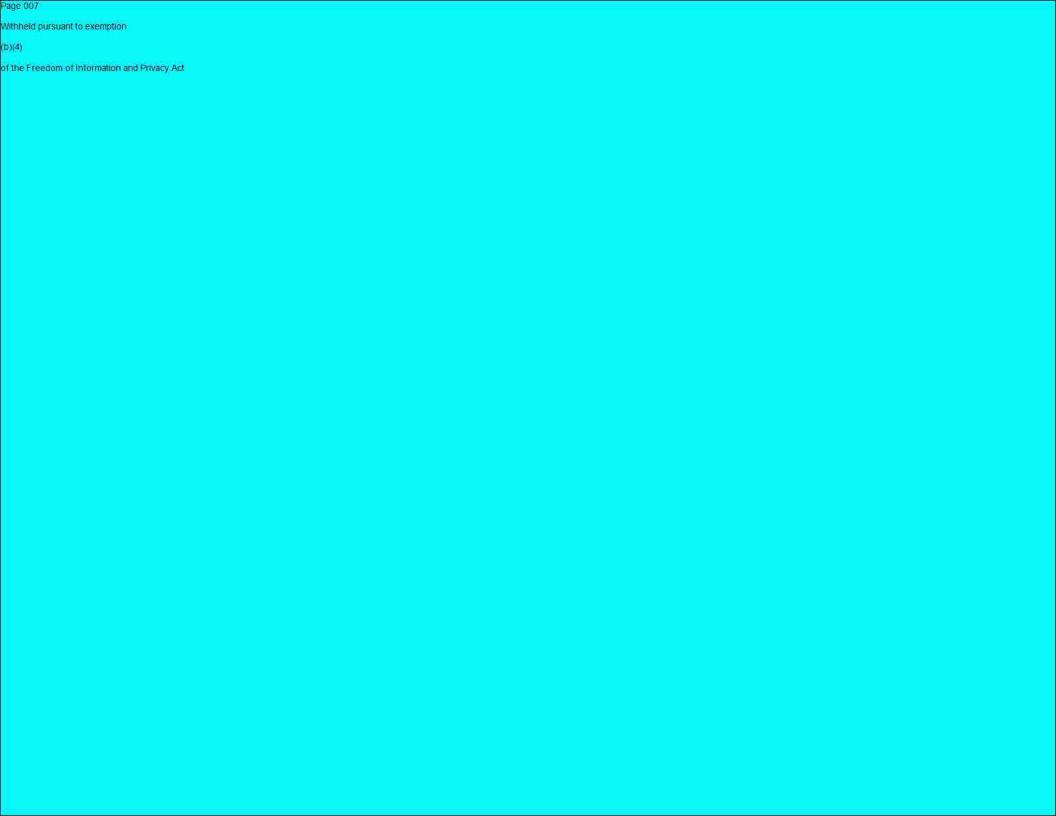
See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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

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

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### Proposal Title: Hispanic Climate-Smart Commodities Initiative (HCSCI)

### I. Executive Summary of Pilot Project

### A. Contact Information

Victus Puerto Rico Inc. (A 501(c)(3) organization)

Contact: Mr. José Sánchez

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### **B.** List of Project Partners

1. mano-Y-ola, LLC (subrecipient)

- 2. Bien-Estar Agrícola LLC, Las Marías Puerto Rico Heriberto Martínez Méndez (subrecipient)
- 3. Fundación Santa Elena de la Sabana Inc., Ciales Puerto Rico Edwin Mas (subrecipient)
- 4. NTDS Consulting, San Juan Puerto Rico Francisco Martinez Oronoz (subrecipient)

### C. List of underserved/minority-focused project partners

- 1. mano-Y-ola, LLC (Hispanic minority-owned small business)
- 2. Bien-Estar Agrícola LLC, Las Marías Puerto Rico Heriberto Martínez-Méndez
- 3. Fundación Santa Elena de la Sabana Inc., Ciales Puerto Rico Edwin Mas

## D. The compelling need for the project

Farmers across the globe are facing multiple combinations of challenges, such as devastating hurricanes and severe droughts. In addition, climate change affects disproportionately low-income, small farmers. In the U.S., Puerto Rican farmers faced the strongest category-four hurricane that hit Puerto Rico in 89 years and the first one to make a direct impact in 19 years. The storm made landfall on September 20, 2017, and it triggered a disaster that made Puerto Rico's agriculture vulnerable. Before Maria, Puerto Rico was experiencing advancements in production, and agriculture improvements were essential to the island's economic sector.

Hurricane Maria changed this course; the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture reported that the island lost 80 percent of its agricultural infrastructure and production due to the winds and rains of Hurricane Maria. Improving adaptive capacity among island systems is key to furthering adaptation. Around 85 percent of food in Puerto Rico is imported. The island faces additional vulnerability to climate change because of exposure to sea-level rise, constant quakes and isolation, and dependence on imports.

Given the importance of local agriculture for island food security in response to and recovery from natural disasters, adopting climate-smart measures and farm management strategies is urgent. Due to the size of the island, local farmers must diversify and increase production while juggling climate and conservation methods. The actions to transform agriculture practices suited to changing climatic circumstances must include adopting cover crops and changing from monoculture/one crop to diverse farming. Across Puerto Rico, particularly among young beginning farmers, there's a new wave of interest in food and agriculture. Residents are supporting new farmers' markets, and restaurants are finding local sources of food supply.

HCSCI can accelerate the island farmers' climate change adaptive capacity, develop quantification methods, and increase economic opportunities for local farmers.

HCSCI's will bring agronomists and climate solutions partners to develop strategies and measures to test weather-driven crops and their production loss. The peer-reviewed environmental model, COMET-Farm, will be adopted in Hispanic farms in Florida; however, it is unavailable for farmers and landowners in the US Caribbean. In addition, the project will design a protocol to provide financial incentives directly to Hispanic farmers who transition to on-farm conservation practices that yield positive environmental outcomes like carbon sequestration and water quality improvement. Focus of this initiative will be on breadfruit and beef, as outlined in section IV below.

Unfortunately, most Hispanic farmers lack the opportunity to sell climate-smart commodities or products, expand their markets, or develop new revenue streams due to the well-documented challenges of smaller-stakeholder farmers when it comes to production size and market access in traditional commodity value chains.

Another compelling reason to establish a Hispanic Climate-Smart Outreach program is to increase continuity and follow-up among limited English proficiency farmers. According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, in the US, there are 112,451 Hispanic producers (not including Puerto Rico). Hispanic farmers continue to grow fast across traditional and emerging Hispanic/Latinx states, including women farmers. Unfortunately, one size fits all policies and programs do not always work with minority communities and culturally unique farmers. Focusing on Hispanic climate-smart commodities outreach increases economic opportunities and land value for all US farmers.

Moreover, raising and supporting ongoing Hispanic farmer leaders' climate-smart commodities understanding and knowledge can be transformative. It may sound strange, but talking about climate change is one of the best things farm community leaders can do to help tackle it. No one acts if it doesn't feel important, and it doesn't feel important if the leaders are not talking about it. This project's educational outreach team will create a bilingual guide and virtual aids to help simplify and multiply the climate change conversation. In addition, using different social media platforms, apps, and newsletters, the HCSCI will develop straightforward, shareable, science-backed content that is key to keeping informed and impactful conversations.

### The HCSCI Project objectives include:

- Develop the capacity of Puerto Rico and Florida Hispanic farmers to diversify and increase production and market access while managing climate-smart methods and quantifying environmental outcomes.
- Develop Hispanic farmers' climate-smart knowledge, practices, and quantification analysis
  to help them develop self-sufficiency knowledge, gain land and production value, and
  expand networks in culturally trustworthy and relevant situations.
- 3. Adopt and test modeling ecosystems on-farm for climate-smart practices that yield positive environmental outcomes like carbon sequestration and water quality improvement.
- Design and implement a culturally appropriate procedure to certify climate-smart commodities produced by Hispanic farmers to expand markets, and develop new revenue streams or increase current ones.

### E. Approach to minimize transaction costs associated with project activities

HCSCI will proactively bring knowledge of pasture and forage farming to Hispanic farmers. We will develop relationships with Hispanic farmers where actions are taken before a minor difficulty becomes an issue or a problem. We are not using the default approach to customer service used by many organizations or businesses that respond to clients/events after a problem arises. Instead, HCSCI will develop self-sufficient farmers using climate-smart practices and quantification analysis to help them gain value, knowledge, networks, and experiences.

Currently, the farming support systems are reactive, not proactive, making it hard to lower the transaction costs of climate-smart implementation. Therefore, the HCSCI Team approach - each farm will be served by one Bilingual Climate-Smart Outreach Specialist will be tailored and fit unique farmers, not a "one size fits all approach." In addition, the HCSCI staff will support the outreach by building bilingual climate-smart content with personalized tutorials and workshops in Spanish to enhance self-sufficiency and multiply our reach to other farmers.

"Collaboration" is the act of two or more persons working together to achieve a common purpose. HCSCI will be implemented in Puerto Rico's municipalities and Florida counties with a high potential to reach many Hispanic farmers; the program plans to use a "Multifarm Collaboration" approach to climate-smart education dissemination and quantification of benefits and outputs. HCSCI's team includes technical experts with experience in Florida and Puerto Rico, working with grasses and legumes for animals to graze and forage crops. Working together to achieve higher climate-smart benefits than individually, outreach specialists and Hispanic farmers will learn from one another and help multiply the program outcomes faster. Such collaborations can take many forms. Farming collaborations among Hispanic professionals in NRCS or Extension occur naturally and, most often, due to farmers' needs and agricultural professionals' unique experiences and interests. Victus PR and mano-Y-ola plan to enhance the relationships and strong network with Hispanic Professionals in Puerto Rico and Florida, the National Hispanic Professional Organization of NRCS Employees (NOPHNRCSE), and State Conservationists Mr. Luis Cruz (Puerto Rico State Conservationist) and Mr. Juan Carlos Hernández (Florida State Conservationist).

Climate-smart self-sufficiency is primary to the HCSCI project. Victus PR is about Hispanic farmers expanding their knowledge and technology to become less dependent. For example, boosting biodiversity on farms is crucial to make them more resilient to climate change and protect future food security. For most local Hispanic farmers, food self-sufficiency refers to the reliance on own production to meet or satisfy daily food consumption rather than neighbors purchasing or importing from elsewhere. Moreover, food self-sufficiency is a critical aspect of sustainable livelihoods. Thus, we like to focus on the Hispanic farmers' approach that helps to guide actions needed to transform and reorient agricultural systems to effectively support the development and ensure food security in a changing climate.

To incentivize and streamline farmer engagement and participation in education and outreach with HCSCI, the project will work with agricultural ecosystems services market project developer contractor with an infrastructure that provides tools, processes, and partnerships to gather farmer data, use COMET-Farms to quantify CO2e outcomes, contract and pay farmers, monitor, and verify practice changes, and provide robust reporting through an online data management platform – groundwork that will allow this program to efficiently engage Hispanic farmers and landowners, deploy dollars, and measure outcomes at scale. This contractor has experience with quantifying,

tracking, and monitoring climate-smart practices implemented and the affiliated CO2e reductions and removals, and water quality improvements.

# F. Approach to reducing producer barriers to implementing CSAF practices for marketing climate-smart commodities

HCSCI team's initial plan for implementation starts with assessing the locations with high pasture and forage areas, counties in Florida, and municipalities in Puerto Rico. After the enumeration and mapping of Hispanic high pasture and forage areas, the program focuses on;

- completing a comprehensive farm assessment on climate-smart practices
- · recruiting farmers, incentivizing participation,
- · teaching the benefits of climate-smart practices, and
- · developing models to quantify climate-smart outcomes.

The program includes Spanish language content education, straightforward strategies to reduce production barriers, and increasing marketing opportunities. HCSCI will introduce most Hispanic farmers, for the first time, to the concept of an incentive-based benefit program resulting from quantification outcomes showing increased carbon sequestration and reduced greenhouse gas. In addition, the HCSCI program will work with SWTS on developing the necessary platform to streamline the collecting of data at the farm level, personalize assessments, quantifications, and Bilingual Climate-Smart Outreach Specialist follow-up support. This platform process is needed to guarantee consistency and to increase trust from minority farmers.

The project will deliver direct payments to Hispanic farmers based on the farmers' engagement in the program's climate-smart education curriculum, outreach, and data collection efforts. These payments will reflect the annual costs of the farmers' time dedicated to learning climate-smart practices, the costs of efforts to establish them on their land, and the data collection process. These payments will encourage ongoing participation and a path towards self-sufficiency in adopting climate-smart practices with all Hispanic farmers, regardless of size, including those who rent land and are new to farming.

### G. Geographic Focus

The HCSCI will focus on farms and cropland used for pasture and grazing on the island of Puerto Rico across 78 municipalities. According to the 2018 NASS data, there are 2,999 farms on the island, covering 205,000 acres. In addition, based on NRCS data for the last 10 years (2012-20) there are 1,283 active pasture-related conservation contracts, with 871 farmers, covering 87,845 acres. There are also 427 forage-related cost-sharing contracts that cover 29,286 acres for the last 10 years (source: NRCS Puerto Rico). Our outreach and smart-climate focus will be to start on the north-central (dairy production is the highest) and south-western (crops and beef production) municipalities of the island where some of the highest number of pasture and forage farmers are concentrated.

There are 7,121 Hispanic producers in Florida (5,267 farms), according to the 2017 Agricultural Census. Based on NASS data, the state's pastureland areas are in the state's central region and northern counties. Therefore, farmers' climate-smart outreach and recruitment will start in counties with the highest Hispanic pastureland farmers, these include Alachua, Suwannee, Highlands, Osceola, and Charlotte. However, HCSCI aims to reach all counties and Hispanic pastureland farmers in the state, using face-to-face, group demonstrations, and/or virtually. For a detailed map of HCSCI counties and municipalities selected refer to Attachment A.

# H. Project management capacity of partners, including a description of existing relationships, with and/or prior experience working with producers or landowners, promoting climate-smart activities, and marketing climate-smart commodities.

mano-Y-ola, LLC (mYo) Since 2017, mYo's focus has been to engage and educate Hispanic/Latinx farming communities across the US. mYo expertise is in developing and testing culturally ready agricultural conservation outreach programs for Hispanic farmers in the US. mYo will lead the comprehensive assessment of high pasture and forage areas in Florida and PR and administer data collection and mapping of Hispanic farmer needs to support outreach, education, and quantification of climate-smart practices. These data will make recruiting farmers for training, incentivization, and testing climate-smart outcomes easier. mYo will develop, publish, and distribute bilingual educational materials plus maintain a free bilingual, climate-smart, virtual tool for Hispanic farmers across the island and the US mainland, relying on its national Hispanic network.

<u>Bien-Estar Agrícola LLC</u>. is a not-for-profit entity that promotes agroecological education through exchanging ideas, experiences, and knowledge to create awareness about self- sustainability and environmental conservation. Bienestar promotes climate-smart approaches to productive lands that represent cost-effectiveness to underserved producers by respecting the land and treating it in harmony.

<u>Fundación Santa Elena de la Sabana Inc.</u> is a not-for-profit entity that aims to transfer knowledge and develop the necessary skills and abilities in the Puerto Rican farming community to promote the sustainable management of natural resources. They also support agricultural self- management in Puerto Rico to strengthen our food security.

# II. A plan to pilot climate-smart agriculture and/or forestry practices on a large scale, including

# A. A description of CSAF practices to be deployed

Victus Puerto Rico will not use this proposed plan to replicate or pay for practices by Hispanic farmers or landowners already under contract with NRCS. Nevertheless, funding will be used to enhance a conservation practice or pilot an innovative climate-smart adoption. The ultimate goal is to increase the number of Hispanic farmers and landowners with a climate-smart commodity certification. The techniques we will deploy focus first on developing a personalized plan based on an assessment that will allow us to include various climate-smart methods and recommendations that uniquely fit each farmer and landowner.

# B. Plan to recruit producers and landowners, including the estimated scale of the project (e.g., number of landowners, acres targeted, head of livestock, etc.)

Hispanic farmer and landowner recruitment are based on culturally appropriate outreach strategies tested by Victus and its Hispanic outreach partners. We rely on trusted connections with farmer and landowner leaders. Our team and outreach specialists are part of the community, and trust relationships in agricultural areas are vital to our success as a nonprofit. Our strategies include helping farmers and addressing needs that must be satisfied first to secure full participation in climate-smart programs. HCSCI can obtain the high-density presence of Hispanic farmers and landowners from USDA ProTracts data report analysis. HCSCI's closest partner, mano-Y-ola, will provide data on farmers and landowner locations at the county/municipality level in Puerto Rico and Hispanic high-density counties in Florida.

Identifying potential participant locations reduces the time and cost of recruiting program participants to increase climate-smart outcomes. The steps to outreach are included below, but it all starts with conducting farmer, pasture, and forage farming assessments, designing a capacity building/technical assistant plan, quantifying climate-smart practices outcomes, and distributing incentives. An HCSCI Bilingual Climate-Smart Outreach Specialist will be assigned to farmer participants in the program to guarantee follow-up and ongoing participation.

The estimated number of farmers and acres targeted that the HCSCI program is proposing to reach, enrolled, and educate include 150 Hispanic pasture and forage, and breadfruit farmers.

### Scalability

The predicted number of Hispanic producers, operators, and landowners in Puerto Rico and Florida, shows potential for substantial scalability. The mYo outreach database and reach to Hispanic operators and farmers in Florida is estimated at 1,600 for the last five years. At the same time, on the island of Puerto Rico, the Victus of Puerto Rico team has connected with over 1,500 farmers over the years, supporting conservation practices and education. Through culturally appropriate outreach and technical expertise, this proposal has the opportunity to create foundational climate-smart knowledge and commodity value in new, underserved communities and replicate this model across the country among Hispanic farmers. An application's ability to handle a growing number of Hispanic farmers is the connection with Hispanic nonprofits, media outlets serving farmers and rural communities, and virtual educational programs and training developed by mano-Y-ola to reach farmers online and via ZOOM. The program's most important aspect is creating the climate-smart bilingual curriculum, testing it with farmers in PR and Florida, designing and testing the incentives program, and perfecting the quantification outcomes showing increased carbon sequestration and reduced greenhouse gas.

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

Our culturally competent outreach emphasizes taking cultural context into account – the farmers' and landowners' viewpoints and the context and factors that will impact their cooperation. Victus and mano-Y-ola specialists have over 40 years of experience working with diverse Hispanic audiences. Establishing outreach while drawing from their lived experience is key to the success of our outreach. Hispanic farmers and landowners have personal values and years of experience. Our outreach, technical assistance, and training on smart-climate curriculum and practices should connect with their ideas and knowledge. When farmers are provided with content that relates directly to their lives, the learning moves from a transfer of knowledge to a dialogue on ownership of new practices and solutions. This way of learning produces better long-term results. Victus and mano-Y-ola have reached hundreds of Hispanic farmers and landowners to give HCSCI a head start in implementing culturally appropriate outreach, educational styles, and platforms. Over the year, program trust is based on our familiarity, reliability, and credibility.

Program participants need ownership in the learning process, and it is essential to provide opportunities for ownership throughout our training. Moreover, it is congruent to the number of responsibilities farmers and landowners have over it, "teach a man to fish."

### Training Description - what, who, how, where, and when

The "what, who, how, where, and when" of the HCSCI outreach, training/education, and

measurements/outcomes focus on the fulfillment of the program objectives. For a list of program objectives, refer to the "compelling need for the project" session above.

**Attachment B** offers a detailed description of the activities and methods (the how and where), designed to satisfy HCSCI program objectives (the what), including responsible partner and team members (the who). (Attachment B: Outreach, Training, Measurement Descriptions based on HCSCI Objectives)

Additional note on the who: A key to the project is the Bilingual Climate-Smart Outreach Specialist job description. The HCSCI Bilingual Climate-Smart Specialists will significantly contribute to the Hispanic Climate-Smart team by supporting farmers' performance planning, implementation, and evaluation. In addition, they will develop collaborative efforts with key partners critical to advancing efforts to build markets and other financial incentives that support farmers to adopt climate-smart practices at scale. The Bilingual Climate-Smart Specialists assist HCSCI in developing and managing projects with key partners, including 1980 universities and colleges, Hispanic Serving Institutions, producer organizations, finance providers, and local organizations active in the design and operation of voluntary carbon other environmental markets. Each Bilingual Climate-Smart Outreach Specialist will have one-on-one connections with participants to provide technical assistance and follow-up, training facilitation responsibilities, and a role in developing a bilingual content training to be used virtually.

The Project Director, José Sanchez, will explore opportunities to increase the ability of Hispanic producers to equitably access markets and other financial incentives. The initial focus will be across Puerto Rico and Florida. Still, the program will help and support other Hispanic-led farmers groups in key high-density Hispanic areas. Mr. Sanchez, together with mano-Y-ola's partner, Dr. H. Nolo Martínez, brings strong networks and partners across the United States.

# D. Plan to provide financial assistance for producers/landowners to implement CSAF practices

Victus PR will deploy financial assistance to participating farmers in Puerto Rico and Florida. The process for providing farmer financial assistance is as follows:

- After identifying the high density of Hispanic farmers and landowners' counties and
  municipalities, launch a proactive campaign to publicize invitations and signup of local
  Hispanic farmers to participate in climate-smart events and demonstrations at a farmer
  leader's farm. Our Bilingual Climate-Smart Staff will lead the enrollment and register
  participants in an online portal. General demographic information will be collected initially,
  including geographic information, type of farming operation, size, familiarity with climatesmart farming practices, and the farmer's interests in implementing climate- smart practices
- Schedule climate-smart farm readiness assessment visits to local farmers. The readiness assessment is a tool developed by an HCSCI panel composed of Hispanic farmers, landowner experts, and HCSCI staff. The assessment themes include questions and data collection related to
  - a) Understanding Climate Smart,
  - b) Assessing the potential and interest of the farmer landowners' ability to implement conservation and climate-smart practices
  - c) Historic operational on-farm and field-level data
  - d) Evaluate the financial cost-benefit of climate-smart.
  - e) Evaluate farmers' relationship with USDA cost-sharing program.

- f) Assess potential markets resulting in climate-smart commodities.
- 3. Following the assessment, if appropriate, the HCSCI staff provides the farmer with a payment estimate determined by the size of the farming operation and the farmer's interest in engaging with a climate-smart curriculum and implementing climate-smart practices. The incentive amount to farmers will be based on the size of the farm. These incentives will be provided yearly based on participation and progress. Though the total expenditures on incentives for three years is under the total amount budgeted, the model allows for flexibility based on total numbers of farmers that fall within the acre thresholds, which are estimates at this point. The incentive structure is as follows:

|       | Number of<br>farmers | Threshold          | Incentive Amount | Sum (1 year) | Sum (Total for 3 years) |
|-------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|       | 20                   | 500+ Acres         | \$5,000          | \$80,000     | \$240,000               |
|       | 30                   | 250+ Acres         | \$3,000          | \$90,000     | \$270,000               |
|       | 100                  | Below 250<br>Acres | \$2,000          | \$200,000    | \$600,000               |
| Total | 150                  |                    |                  | \$370,000    | \$1,110,000             |

- 4. Farmers who accept the payment estimate will enter into a contract that sets the terms for participation, including participation in a climate-smart curriculum and on-farm data collection. We will ensure that farmers that participate are consistent with NOFO C. Eligibility information provided.
- 5. Victus PR provides the first year's incentive payment within two weeks of the contract being with a farmer. This upfront payment addresses a major barrier to entry for farmers who may otherwise lack the financial resources to fund the upfront costs of lending their time to participate in the program.
- 6. Historic on-farm data is collected, the potential environmental impact of climate-smart practices is quantified, soil samples are collected, fields are inspected, and attendance and participation in the climate-smart curriculum are confirmed; once complete, the farmers receive the second incentive payment. If farmers are non-compliant and or fail to participate, the remaining payment is held back. This process continues into the third year with the remaining payment if the farmer is compliant with the program.
- 7. The program will seek reimbursement from USDA once all yearly participants have verified compliance and participation with contract terms.

# E. Plan to enroll underserved and small producers, including the estimated number of underserved and small producers participating and associated dollar amounts anticipated to go directly to producers in the form of technical and financial assistance.

The answer to this question was covered above. The Hispanic Climate Smart for Commodities proposed plan is for clients and participants who are underserved and small producers/landowners.

However, there are several mechanisms as a part of our outreach and community efforts that lead directly to the recruitment of participants. We believe in creating trusting relationships and building supportive environments within the communities we will be entering,

By establishing a minority farmer advisory committee, the Climate Smart Outreach Project can better support Hispanic underserved farmers in Puerto Rico and Florida by addressing their unique needs and challenges, fostering trust and credibility, and ensuring the program remains responsive and effective.

Minority Farmer Advisory Committee for Climate Smart Outreach Project Benefits of a Minority Farmer Advisory Committee:

- Representation: Ensures that the unique needs, challenges, and perspectives of underserved Hispanic farmers are considered and addressed in the development and implementation of the Climate Smart Outreach Project.
- Cultural Sensitivity: Provides insights into culturally appropriate communication, engagement strategies, and educational materials to enhance the effectiveness of outreach efforts.
- Trust Building: Establishes trust and credibility within the Hispanic farming community, making it more likely that farmers will adopt climate-smart practices and engage in the project.
- Networking: Facilitates connections and partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and government agencies that can provide additional resources and support to Hispanic farmers.
- 5. Continuous Improvement: Offers ongoing feedback and suggestions to improve the project's strategies, ensuring that the program remains responsive and adaptive to the evolving needs of the target audience.

### Potential Members to Select:

- Local Hispanic farmers from Puerto Rico and Florida with experience in pasture and forage farming.
- 2. Representatives from Hispanic farmer organizations, cooperatives, or associations.
- Agricultural extension agents or specialists with experience working climate-smart practices.
- 4. Experts in climate-smart agriculture and conservation practices.
- 5. Representatives from local government agencies involved in agriculture and environmental management.

### Council Function and Meeting Frequency:

- Establish a clear mission, goals, and objectives for the advisory committee to ensure focus
  and effectiveness—staff by the Climate Smart Project members, Victus PR and mano-Y-ola
  LLC.
- 2. Develop a meeting schedule, quarterly or twice per year, that balances the need for consistent engagement with members' availability.
- Create subcommittees or working groups to focus on specific aspects of the project (based on needs unique to PR and FL farmers), such as outreach strategies, educational materials, or climate-smart practice implementation.
- 4. Foster open communication and collaboration among members by encouraging active participation and providing opportunities for feedback and input. Focus on learning about climate-smart markets, practices, and networking.

Victus will also leverage this Council for an overall marketing strategy that relies heavily on outreach and connections in local communities. As this council is made up of local leaders, they will serve as thought partners with outreach specialists in making connections to farmers and spreading the word of the benefits and impact of this program. Recruitment and marketing efforts include but are not limited to:

1. Develop partnerships with local Hispanic farmer organizations, cooperatives, and

- associations to identify potential members and gain their support.
- 2. Utilize social media, local radio, and newspapers to advertise the opportunity to join the advisory committee and reach a wider audience.
- 3. Host informational meetings or workshops in communities with a significant Hispanic farming presence to raise awareness of the project and recruit potential members.
- 4. Reach out to local agricultural extension offices, universities, and research institutions to identify experts who may be interested in participating.
- 5. Engage in direct, personal outreach to potential members through phone calls, emails, or visits.

# A measurement/quantification, monitoring, reporting, and verification plan A. Approach to greenhouse gas benefit quantification, including methodology approach

# A. Approach to greenhouse gas benefit quantification, including methodology approach consistent with the section titled "Quantification Requirements" below

#### Overview

Biophysical crop simulation models have been developed in the scientific community over many decades. This class of models simulates crop growth from the first principles of chemistry, biology, and physics, codifying and synthesizing a wealth of biogeochemical and agronomic knowledge. Given these models' comprehensive representation of the agroecosystem, one can extract anticipated impacts of changing farm management practices (e.g. implementing climate-smart practices) in terms of both crop production as well as many dimensions of environmental performance (e.g. carbon sequestration, nitrous oxide emissions, water use efficiency, etc.).

Although biophysical crop models have been used extensively for impact quantification of climatesmart practices, there are technical and economic barriers to the practical use of these models outside of the scientific community in general, let alone for Hispanic farmers. The recent commercialization of agricultural biogeochemical models that were previously in the public domain is only increasing these barriers, making the development of novel and accessible quantification methods, particularly timely. Victus will contract with a crop simulation model technology expert in order to develop front and backend software for the purposes explained below.

The DSSAT crop simulation model (CSM) and Agricultural Production Systems sIMulator (APSIM) are two of the most widely utilized biophysical models in agriculture, with tens of thousands of users spanning farmers, Extension agents to global policymakers. At their core, they comprise mathematical representations of the crop - soil - atmosphere system to simulate crop growth and development, as well as soil water, carbon, and nitrogen dynamics. They utilize soil surface and profile information, daily weather data, and detailed crop management, including sowing dates, crop genetics, tillage, irrigation, and fertilization.

While powerful on their own, research has consistently shown that crop and soil simulation model ensembles tend to perform better than single models in predicting different key variables, such as <u>crop yields</u>, <u>carbon storage</u>, or <u>GHG emissions</u>.

As a key outcome of the project, we aim to develop an easy-to-use platform that will enable farmers to run field-level simulations from APSIM, DSSAT, and COMET-Farm (via the API, for Florida farms only) to estimate key crops (yield, crop mass, development, water, and nitrogen- use efficiency) and soil (carbon, nitrogen, water) metrics from their farming systems. Besides providing valuable information for farm management and planning, the soil metrics derived from these

models are increasingly used for the <u>estimation of carbon storage</u> and emissions of GHGs, <u>such as N2O</u>. Hence, the tool would present a novel, multi-model platform for the prediction of soil carbon storage dynamics in agricultural systems with improved accuracy and quantification of uncertainty within and between models. Critically, DSSAT and APSIM can be run in Puerto Rico, an area not currently covered by COMET.

A high-level overview of platform development phases

- Onboard APSIM and COMET-Farm (Api) to Praedictus platform
- · Add suite of DSSAT forage models
- . Develop front-end to allow (for APSIM and DSSAT):
- · User-defined soil inputs
- · Crop model parameter adjustment capabilities

Phase II. Model Calibration

Phase I.

**Model Acquisition** 

and Expansion

Calibrate APSIM and DSSAT for identified tropical and subtropical forage-based systems and climate-smart
practices, using standard calibration approaches and data collected from each of the 100 (Puerto Rico) and 50
(Florida) farmers selected (data collection methodology described in III-d, below).

Phase III. Model Ensemble

- Develop field-level simulations for each farm in the set from Calibrated APSIM and DSSAT models, as well as COMET-Farm
- Evaluate models and test alternative multi-model ensembles for improved prediction of crop yields and soil carbon.

Phase IV. Develop UI Develop simple UI (in English and Spanish) where results from each model, as well as selected ensemble
approach, can be presented to users with estimates of uncertainty.

Overall, we expect activities in Phase I to occur over year 1 as initial data is collected, with activities in Phase II-IV occurring in years 2-3 of the project. We will engage contractors who have expertise to assist in model onboarding, and in the development of the crop model and statistical analyses of the results.

More on DSSAT Crop Models. Biophysical crop simulation models are mathematical representations of how a crop grows in interaction with its environment, using insights from agronomic and plant physiology. The Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer (DSSAT) simulates growth and development of a crop growing as it responds to specific management and to the changes in weather, soil water, carbon, and nitrogen that take place under the cropping system over time. In use since the 1980's, DSSAT is one of the most widely used crop models, able to simulate over 42 crops and has been used for a wide range of topics from genetic modelling, to on-farm precision management and in regional assessments of impacts of climate change on agriculture (for more see <a href="here">here</a>). We will employ version 4.7 of DSSAT.

The main model outputs to be utilized relate to timing of key crop life cycle events, such as flowering and maturity dates, and crop growth (above-ground mass and harvestable yield). The parallel System for Integrating Impacts Models and Sectors (pSIMS) is a framework for efficient implementation of large-scale assessments of climate vulnerabilities, impacts, and

adaptations across multiple sectors and at unprecedented scales. The pSIMS framework has been used extensively with DSSAT (named pDSSAT in the literature) to study climate change and global food security, for crops such as corn, wheat, rice and soybean (For more, see <a href="here">here</a>). The platform to be incorporated uses pSIMS to efficiently simulate crops anywhere crops can be grown.

**Model structure, parameters and inputs.** DSSAT has a modular structure, comprised of: a Soil module, a Crop Template module which can simulate different crops, a Weather module, and a module for dealing with competition for light and water among the soil, plants, and atmosphere. Different inputs can be used for each module to simulate different cropping systems. The ones used for simulating crops on the platform to be utilized are:

- Weather data: DSSAT requires observations of daily precipitation (mm), solar radiation (MJ/m²-day), and maximum and minimum temperatures (°C). Sources utilized are:
  - ERA5: we utilize the <u>ERA5 reanalysis dataset</u> at its native 31 km resolution. Data is typically available 5 days behind real time.
- Soil data: the Global Soil Dataset for use in Earth System Models (GSDE), which provides soil
  information, such as soil particle-size distribution, organic carbon, and nutrients, and quality
  control information in terms of confidence level at a 30" grid for eight vertical layers to a depth
  of 2.3 m. The GSDE is based on the Soil Map of the World and various regional and national
  soil databases, including soil attribute data and soil maps.
- Crop template module: input files for each crop are based on those available in DSSAT 4.7.
  On a case-by-case basis, we will adjust crop parameters in order to best match the cropping
  cycle duration and yield dynamics provided by customers (when available), or typical expected
  inputs that can replicate regional crop growth and development dynamics as observed from
  official sources (e.g. USDA-NASS in the United States, StatsCan or state agriculture agencies
  in Canada), or regional available academic research.
- Cropping system management inputs: Given the constraints on farmer data, we would like a minimum dataset comprised of the crop name, central location coordinates, crop acreage, earliest/usual/latest sowing dates, expected yields, projected current year crop value, average crop cycle (from sowing to harvest maturity) and observed yields for the past five years. This allows the system to utilize inputs that can match the cropping system dynamics provided by the client. In situations where such information is not available, we would use the best available data from regional government or research institutions.

### Modelling process

Once the input information has been received from the client, the following steps are carried out to generate yield indices:

- 1. Simulate crops:
  - Starting from the central locations and area for each crop given for each farm, we would simulate crop growth in several points within the area of interest for the range of dates provided. Usually, a density of at least 1 point per 1000 acres is used. If only a central sowing date is provided and will simulate the central date plus a date 7 days later.
  - Model outputs are then checked for agreement with provided crop cycle duration and fiveyear yield dynamics. The main yield outcomes checked are average yield and each year's % difference from the average for the provided period.
  - If simulated yield dynamics do not agree with provided inputs, developmental and growth parameters are adjusted until values approach those provided.

### 2. Aggregate results

- With the provided results per farm □ point □ crop □ sowing date, yield values are averaged sowing dates per crop per farm. These results are then used to calculate an average per crop per farm.
- The results from the prior step can be used to generate composite indices across farm locations and crops as needed. Typically, combined indices are calculated as weighted means, weighted by client-provided crop value.

# B. Approach to the monitoring of practice implementation, including the anticipated number of farms and acres, reached through project activities

See the Project Plan section for the anticipated number of farmer contracts and acres. Monitoring and verification for this project will include the following components:

- Field inspections: Contracted staff from the agricultural ecosystems services market project developer will visit prioritized fields to document forage type, pasture conditions, grazing patterns, presence of conservation practices, animal population, ground coverage, and other information. Field visits will occur throughout the year. Photos and field notes are taken during the inspections, and all data is stored in the SWTS data management system and tied to each field's record.
- Farmer operational records: The farmer contract requires the retention of paper or
  electronic records of planned and actual farming practices, which the HCSCI staff can
  request to ensure contract compliance and accurate representation of data. This includes
  proof of practice documentation such as receipts, invoices, as-applied data, or other
  information.
- 3. **Soil sampling:** Soil sampling will be conducted on 10% of enrolled fields every year, with fields selected for sampling chosen at random using a GIS tool. Results of soil sampling are used to supplement and ground truth modeled soil carbon accumulation data and reduce uncertainty in modeled results in the long term. Details of the soil sampling program are:
  - a. Site selection: Three soil sampling areas, one area in each of the three predominant soil types, will be selected in each field designated for soil organic carbon (SOC) verification. If there are less than three soil types in a field, the number of sampling locations will match the number of soil types. A GIS script is used to position soil sampling areas at the centroid of each soil type. A GPS- enabled data collector application will be used to navigate to 20 by 20-foot sampling areas.
  - b. SOC sample collection: A composite sample of 12 individual soil cores, positioned within the 20-foot square soil sampling area, are collected from a depth of zero to 12 inches, a depth controlled by a soil probe. Sample collection willavoid fields that have been recently fertilized or applied with manure, surface residues, compacted, eroded, and other non-typical areas. The composite soil samples will be shipped to certified labs for analysis.
  - c. Bulk density sample collection: Soil bulk density samples will be collected using a 2-inch diameter by a 6-inch-long metal cylinder near where soil organic carbon samples are taken. The samples extracted from the cylinder will be taken, weighted, and dried in a laboratory oven and re-weighted again to estimate volumetric soil moisture content. All estimates of soil bulk density will be based on the dry soil and the specific volume of the cylinder used.
  - d. **Frequency of soil sampling:** Collection of soil samples for soil organic carbon and soil bulk density will be conducted every five years from the same sampling areas and during the same time of year to ensure consistency. Ten percent (10%) of the

enrolled fields will be selected for soil organic carbon and soil bulk density on a rolling basis.

# C. Approach to reporting and tracking greenhouse gas benefits including the anticipated GHG benefits per farm, per project, per commodity produced, per dollar expended, and the anticipated longevity of GHG benefits

HCSCI will use the SWTS platform which accounts for and tracks GHG data at the field level. This data can be reported separately or in aggregate as a total CO2e. Once the GHG outputs have been quantified and data verified via field inspections, they are reported and tracked using the following methodology:

- 1. Internal ledger assignment: All environmental metrics are associated with specific farmer contracts and unique field identifiers within the SWTS data system, allowing for internal and external data audits down to the field level. Once yearly quantification, soil sampling, and verification is completed, the data is locked, and no further changes can be made. The ledger assignment also ensures the environmental attributes can be shared, at the farmers' discretion, with qualified third parties who may place an economic value on them.
- 2. Reporting: HCSCI will provide a field-by-field report of potential and realized CO2e and water quality improvements to USDA and other Program partners once a year. The reports will demonstrate the environmental impact of current practices as well as the potential benefits resulting from climate-smart practice adoption. These will include but are not limited to CO2e and water quality outcomes.

### D. Approach to verification of greenhouse gas benefits

HCSCI will use the robust SWTS monitoring and reporting system developed by contracted services, provided at no cost to enrolled farmers. Where farmers have implemented climate-smart practices, this will ensure:

- Additionality: The GHG reduction would not have occurred if the agricultural system had
  operated under "business-as-usual" land management and not implemented the specific
  intervention for which the GHG benefits are being attributed. Additionality will be
  determined at the field level when the farmer first enrolls. Conservation agronomists will
  work with farmers to ensure practices meet additionality requirements.
- Verification of intervention: Implementation of agricultural land management interventions will be verified using a standardized process involving field visits, photos, receipts, and documentation.

# E. Agreement to participate in the Partnerships Network (see entry below in "Considerations for Successful Projects").

Victus Puerto Rico and the assembled partners agree to assign a participant to the Climate-Smart Partnerships Network. Additionally, this proposal will support the establishment of a Program Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will guide new MRV processes, review existing data collection and analysis protocols, and include membership that reflects relevant experience, inclusivity, and diversity. See Section II, Part E for more on the advisory council.

# IV. A plan to develop and expand markets for climate-smart commodities generated as a result of project activities

The Hispanic Climate Smart Commodities Initiative, a groundbreaking program dedicated to enhancing the economic benefits for Hispanic farmers in Florida and Puerto Rico, will optimize two essential commodities: beef and breadfruit. This initiative incorporates the principles of

silvopasture, an integrated approach that combines forestry with pasture, aiming to bolster these farming communities through sustainable, climate- resilient agricultural practices.

**Beef.** The Hispanic Climate Smart Program's commitment to training and supporting climate-smart practices, specifically through grass-fed methods, offers significant financial benefits to Hispanic farmers in Florida and Puerto Rico. By adopting these practices, farmers can tap into the growing consumer demand for grass-fed beef and capitalize on the premium prices it commands.

According to the May 2023 National Monthly Grass-Fed Beef Report, the retail prices for various cuts of grass-fed beef, including Ribeye Steak, Chuck Roast, Sirloin Steak, and Brisket, are consistently higher compared to conventionally raised beef. This price premium presents a lucrative opportunity for Hispanic farmers in climate-smart beef production.

For instance, the report highlights that the retail price for grass-fed Ribeye Steak is \$22.45 per pound, significantly higher than the conventional beef price of \$11.24 per pound. Similarly, grass-fed Chuck Roast sells for \$6.22 per pound compared to \$5.70 per pound for the conventionally raised counterpart. The premium prices continue for Sirloin Steak, which sells for \$12.68 per pound in the grass-fed category, compared to \$9.07 per pound for conventionally raised, and for Brisket, with a price of \$8.69 per pound versus \$3.53 per pound.

These figures demonstrate the potential financial benefit Hispanic farmers can gain by adopting climate-smart practices and producing grass-fed beef. Farmers can enhance their profitability and generate higher revenues from their beef production enterprises by leveraging the premium prices associated with grass-fed beef. This financial advantage strongly incentivizes Hispanic farmers to embrace climate-smart practices and contribute to sustainable agriculture while improving their economic well-being.

Through the Hispanic Climate Smart Program's training and support, these farmers can reduce their environmental impact and tap into a profitable market segment that values sustainably produced grass-fed beef. This economic boost creates a win-win situation where farmers can prosper financially while contributing to a more sustainable and resilient food system.

The following is a concrete explanation incorporating the equations and a specific example:

- To estimate the potential quantity of climate-smart commodities, such as beef, that could be produced during the Hispanic Climate Smart Commodities Initiatives Program, we can use the following equations:
  - Total pounds of climate-smart beef = Number of animals x Pounds of beef per animal

The number of animals can be estimated by dividing the estimated project acres by the average number per animal. However, please remember that this will provide a rough estimate because the number of animals may reflect something other than the actual harvest from the herd each year.

Let's consider a specific example to illustrate this estimation. Suppose the program covers 50 acres of land. On average, each animal requires 2 acres of grazing land. Therefore, the estimated number of animals would be:

• Number of animals = 50 acres / 2 acres per animal = 25 animals

Now, to determine the pounds of beef per animal, we can use the following equation:

• Pounds of beef per animal = 1,400 lb. steer x 63% dressing percent x 65% yield = 573 lbs. of boneless meat per animal

Hence, each animal would yield approximately 573 pounds of boneless meat.

By multiplying the number of animals by the pounds of beef per animal, we can estimate the potential quantity of climate-smart beef:

• Total pounds of climate-smart beef = 25 animals x 573 pounds of beef per animal = 14,325 pounds of climate-smart beef

Please note that this estimation is speculative and subject to variations in actual herd size and harvest outcomes.

Additionally, to extrapolate the potential financial benefits of climate-smart beef, we can assign a premium range to the estimated pounds of climate-smart beef and calculate the corresponding financial range. However, it is essential to consider that the actual premium prices and market conditions may vary. Therefore, this estimation provides a general idea of the potential quantity of climate-smart beef and speculative financial benefits that Hispanic farmers participating in the program could aim for.

We have already started coordination with Jona Bosques, County Extension Director in Hardee County, Florida and know this connection will be of mutual benefit and support in registering farmers for this program, leveraging their network.

**Breadfruit.** The silvopasture system recommended for the HCSCI participants meets the need to establish strategies for food security and the economic viability of their agricultural operations.

Trees recommended for this system are breadfruit trees due to:

- · extraordinary capacity to sequester carbon in the soil
- because of the economic opportunity they represent for the participants.
- the increase in wildlife it produces.
- the amount of biomass available
- additional income that serves as a safety blanket in case animals get sick or die.

Regarding its capacity to sequester carbon, approximately 3.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide are sequestered annually in Puerto Rico alone by wild breadfruit trees. According to a study by Hatermink and Buresh (2006), a breadfruit tree can sequester between 50 to 100 kilograms of carbon dioxide per year, which together, with the establishment of good quality pastures, could represent a significant amount of carbon sequestered per acre.

In economic terms, it is recommended to establish a maximum of 30 breadfruit trees per acre to have an effective silvopasture system (40 ft. by 40 ft. crop system). Since a breadfruit tree produces an average of 175 breadfruits per year, we can say that one acre can have up to 5,250 breadfruit per year. In Puerto Rico, the largest producer of breadfruit products is Amasar LLC (see <a href="https://amasar.net/">https://amasar.net/</a>). Its president Marisol Villalobos says they pay a pound of breadfruit at .30 cents. A breadfruit weighs an average of 3.5 pounds, so using the example of 5,250 breadfruits per acre, this could represent an annual income per acre of \$5,512.50:

- 5,250 breadfruits x 3.5 pounds/breadfruit = 18,375 pounds of breadfruit
- 18,375 pounds of breadfruit x .30 cents a pound = \$5,512.50 revenue per acre (We have attached a letter of endorsement from Marisol Villalobos who has access and a network that our project will benefit from)

# **Conservation Practices (Attachment)**

The project will consider designing a protocol to provide financial incentives directly to Hispanic farmers who transition to on-farm conservation practices that yield positive environmental outcomes like carbon sequestration and water quality improvement. Below is a list of possible conservation practices that we could incorporate, considering the unique needs of each producer and conditions where applicable. Our outreach specialists will work with participants to identify conservation practices.

### \*CORE PRACTICES related to Silvopasture and Climate Smart

## \*\* Secondary Core practices recommended

| NRCS Code<br>number | Name   | Definition  | Conditions where applicable   |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| 311                 | **Alley cropping<br>(Siembra en callejones)                                  | Trees or shrubs are planted in sets of single or multiple rows with agronomic, horticultural crops or forages produced in the alleys between the sets of woody plants that produce additional products. | On all cropland and hayland where trees, shrubs, crops, and forages can be grown in combination.  |
| 314                 | *Brush management<br>(Manejo de malezas<br>leñosas)                          | The management or removal of woody (nonherbaceous or succulent) plants including those that are invasive and noxious.   | On all lands except active cropland where<br>the removal, reduction, or manipulation of<br>woody (nonherbaceous or succulent)<br>plants is desired.           |
| 382                 | *Fence (Cercas)  | A constructed barrier to animals or people.   | This practice may be applied on any area where management of animal or human movement is needed.  |
| 511                 | *Forage harvest<br>management (Manejo de<br>cosecha de forrajes)             | The timely cutting and removal of forages from the field as hay, green-chop or ensilage.  | This practice applies to all land uses where machine harvested forage crops are grown.  |
| 548                 | *Grazingland mechanical<br>treatment (Tratamiento de<br>tierras de pastoreo) | Modifying physical soil and/or plant conditions with mechanical tools by treatments such as pitting, contour furrowing; and chiseling, ripping, or subsoiling.  | This standard may be applied on pastureland, grazed forest, and native pastures where the slopes are less than 30 percent.                                    |
| 422                 | **Hedgerow planting<br>Siembra de setos vivos)                               | Establishment of dense vegetation in a linear design to achieve a natural resource conservation purpose.  | Providing at least one of the following conservation functions: • Habitat, including food, cover, and corridors for terrestrial wildlife • To enhance pollen, |

|     |   |   | nectar, and nesting habitat for pollinators • Food, cover, and shade for aquatic organisms that live in adjacent streams or watercourses • To provide substrate for predaceous and beneficial invertebrates as a component of integrated pest management • To intercept airborne particulate matter • To reduce chemical drift and odor movement • Screens and barriers to noise and dust • To increase carbon storage in biomass and soils • Living fences • Boundary delineation and contour guidelines |
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| 575 | **Trails and walkways   | A constructed path with a vegetated, earthen, gravel, paved, or other hard surface to facilitate the movement of animals, people, or off-road vehicles. | On all lands where management of animal, human, or off-road vehicle movement is needed.   |
| 315 | **Herbaceous weed<br>treatment (Manejo de<br>malezas herbáceas) | The removal or control of herbaceous weeds including invasive, noxious, and prohibited plants.  | On all lands except active cropland where removal, reduction, or manipulation of herbaceous vegetation is desired.  |
| 516 | *Livestock pipeline<br>(Tubería para sistemas<br>ganaderos)     | A pipeline and appurtenances installed to convey water for livestock or wildlife.   | This standard applies to the conveyance of water through a closed conduit, from a source of supply to a watering facility, for use by livestock or wildlife.  |
| 512 | *Pasture and hay planting<br>(Siembra de pastos y<br>henares)   | Establishing adapted and compatible species, varieties, or cultivars of perennial herbaceous plants suitable for pasture or hay production.             | This practice applies on all lands suitable for the one-time establishment of perennial species for forage production that will likely persist for 5 years. This practice does not apply to the establishment of annually planted and mechanically harvested food, fiber, or oilseed crops planted on designated cropland.  |
| 528 | *Prescribed grazing<br>(Pastoreo rotacional)                    | Managing the harvest of vegetation with grazing and/or browsing animals with the  | This practice applies to all lands where grazing and/or browsing animals are managed.   |

|     |  | intent to achieve specific ecological, economic, and management objectives.   |  |
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| 391 | **Riparian forest buffer<br>(Bosque ribereño de<br>conservación)                               | An area predominantly covered by trees and/or shrubs located adjacent to and upgradient from a watercourse or water body. | Apply riparian forest buffers on areas adjacent to permanent or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands where channels and streambanks are sufficiently stable  |
| 381 | *Silvopasture<br>(Silvopastoreo)   | Establishment and/or management of desired trees and forages on the same land unit.                                       | This practice may be applied on any area that is suitable for the desired forages, trees, and livestock.   |
| 490 | *Tree-Shrub site<br>preparation (Preparación<br>de área para siembra de<br>árboles y arbustos) | Treatment of areas to improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs.                                       | On all lands needing treatment to establish trees and/or shrubs.   |
| 660 | *Tree-Shrub pruning<br>(Poda de árboles y<br>arbustos)   | The removal of all or parts of selected branches, leaders, or roots from trees and shrubs.                                | This practice applies on any area with trees or shrubs.  |
| 614 | *Watering facility<br>(Instalaciones para agua-<br>Bebederos)                                  | A watering facility stores or provides drinking water to livestock or wildlife.   | This practice applies to all land uses where there is a need for a watering facility for livestock or wildlife, where there is a source of water that is adequate in quantity and quality for the purpose, and where soils and topography are suitable for a facility. |
| 380 | **Windbreak-Shelterbelt<br>establishment<br>(Estableimiento de<br>rompevientos)                | Windbreaks or shelterbelts are single or multiple rows of trees or shrubs in linear configurations.                       | Apply this practice on any areas where linear plantings of woody plants are desired and suited for controlling wind, noise, and visual resources. Use other tree/shrub practices when wind, noise and visual problems are not concerns.                                |
| 340 | **Cover crop (Cultivo cobertor temporal)   | Grasses, legumes, and forbs planted for seasonal vegetative cover   | All lands requiring seasonal vegetative cover for natural resource protection or improvement.  |
| 394 | **Firebreak (Rompe-<br>fuegos)   | A permanent or temporary strip of bare or vegetated land planned to retard fire.  | This practice applies on all land uses where protection from wildfire is needed or prescribed burning is applied.  |

| 383 | **Fuel break (Reducción<br>o eliminación de<br>combustibles)                  | A strip or block of land on which the vegetation, debris and detritus have been reduced and/or modified to control or diminish the risk of the spread of fire crossing the strip or block of land. | This practice applies on all land where protection from wildfire is needed. |
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| 590 | **Nutrient management<br>(Manejo de nutrientes)                               | Manage rate, source, placement, and timing of plant nutrients and soil amendments while reducing environmental impacts.  | All fields where plant and soils amendments are applied.                    |
| 595 | **Integrated pest<br>management (Sistema<br>integrado de manejo de<br>plagas) | A system that combines an integrated management (IPM) decision-making process with natural resource conservation to address pest and environmental impacts.  | On lands where pests are managed.   |

# Project Timeline: Hispanic Climate-Smart Commodities Initiative (HCSCI)

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| Outreach Specialists Check-in w/ Participants      |        |      |     |     |      |       |          |          |     |    |   |     |   |     | Н   | Н    |     |     |      | П   |     |   | Н |     |     |   |        |    |    |           |         |      |     | П    |      |          |     |    |
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| Partnership Development                            |        |      |     |     |      |       |          |          |     |    |   |     |   | ΠŰ  |     | П    |     |     |      |     |     |   | П |     | Ď.  |   |        |    | į  |           |         | П    |     | П    |      |          |     |    |
| Outreach & Education                               |        |      |     |     |      |       |          |          |     |    |   |     |   |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |   |   |     |     |   |        |    |    |           |         |      |     |      |      |          |     |    |
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| Develop Bilingual Instructional Materials          |        |      | П   |     | Т    | П     |          |          |     |    |   | Т   |   |     |     | П    |     |     |      |     | П   | П   | П |     |     |   |        |    |    | П         | П       | П    | Т   | П    |      |          |     |    |
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| Teaching benefits of climate smart practices       |        |      | П   | П   | Т    |       |          |          |     |    |   | Т   | П |     |     | П    |     |     |      |     |     |   | П | Т   |     |   |        |    |    |           | П       | П    | Т   | П    |      |          |     |    |
| Developing Models to Quantify Outcomes             |        |      |     |     | П    | П     |          |          |     |    |   |     |   |     |     | П    | П   |     | Ţ    |     |     |   | П |     |     |   |        |    |    |           |         |      |     | П    |      |          |     |    |
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| Model Ensemble                                     |        | 1    |     |     |      |       |          |          |     |    |   | Π   |   | 0 ( |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |   |   |     | j i |   |        |    |    |           |         | П    |     | П    |      |          |     |    |
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| Climate-Smart Practices Implementation             | $\Box$ |      | П   |     |      |       | П        |          |     |    |   |     |   | 1   |     | П    |     | Т   |      |     | П   |   | П |     |     |   |        |    |    |           |         |      |     |      |      |          |     | Г  |
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| Quarterly Reports to USDA (Progress and Financial) | T      | T    | П   | T   | T    | T     | П        |          |     |    | T | T   |   | T   | T   |      | T   | Т   |      |     | П   |   | П | T   |     | П |        |    |    | T         | Т       |      | T   | П    | Т    | П        | Г   | Г  |
| Semi-Annual Reports to USDA                        | +      | +    | H   | 1   | +    | +     | Н        |          |     |    | + | +   |   | +   | +   | П    | +   | +   |      |     | H   |   | H | +   |     | Н | $\neg$ |    |    | $\top$    | $\top$  |      | +   | H    | +    | $\vdash$ | t   | t  |
| Final Report to USDA                               | ++     | +    | H   | -   | +    | +     | Н        | $\dashv$ | 72. |    | + | +   |   | +   | +   | H    | +   | +   |      | 1   | H   | +   | Н | +   |     | Н | -      |    | -  | -         | +       |      | +   | H    | +    | +        | 1   |    |

## Attachment B: Outreach, Training, Measurement Descriptions based on HCSCI Objectives

The "what, who, how, where, and when" of the HCSCI outreach, training/education, and measurements/outcomes focus on the fulfillment of the program objectives.

### The HCSCI Project objectives include:

- Develop the capacity of Puerto Rico and Florida Hispanic pasture and forage farmers to diversify and increase production while managing climate-smart methods and quantifying environmental outcomes.
- Develop Hispanic farmers' climate-smart knowledge, practices, and quantification analysis to help them develop self-sufficiency knowledge, gain land and production value, and expand networks in culturally trustworthy and relevant situations.
- 3. Adopt and test modeling ecosystems on-farm for climate-smart practices that yield positive environmental outcomes like carbon sequestration and water quality improvement.
- 4. Design and implement a culturally appropriate procedure to certify climate-smart commodities produced by Hispanic farmers to expand their markets and develop new revenue streams.

| Activity  | Accountability/Location   | Responsible   |
|---|---|---|
| Develop a Spanish/bilingual<br>Learning Network where<br>farmers and coaches can<br>bring ideas and questions<br>related to grasslands.<br>(Objectives 1-2) | Conduct surveys, on-site visits (for Florida and Puerto Rico Farmers) | Victus, mYo,<br>Praedictus,<br>SWOF, Bien-<br>estar, Fundación<br>Santa Elena |
| Site visits to observe and select farms (Objectives 1-2)  | Conduct surveys, on-site visits (for Florida and Puerto Rico Farmers) | Victus, mYo,<br>Praedictus,<br>SWOF, Bien-<br>estar, Fundación<br>Santa Elena |
| Site selection (Objectives 1)   | Conduct surveys, on-site visits (for Florida and Puerto Rico Farmers) | Victus, mYo,<br>Praedictus,<br>SWOF, Bien-<br>estar, Fundación<br>Santa Elena |
| Establish evaluation sites (plots) (Objectives 1-2-3)   | On-site visits (for Florida and Puerto Rico Farmers)                  | Bien-estar,<br>Fundación Santa<br>Elena                                       |

| Bilingual Training Basics or<br>fundamentals of biodiversity<br>focused on local agro-<br>ecological systems at the<br>Instituto de Inteligencia<br>Climática in Ponce PR.<br>(Objectives 1-2) | On site visit/Zoom (for Florida and Puerto Rico Farmers) | Victus, Bien-<br>estar, Fundación<br>Santa Elena |
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Conduct training and evaluation of Climate-smart practices (BMPs in tropical pasture and forage management) (Objectives 1-2) Adopting the CPPE: The Conservation Practices Physical Effects (CPPE) matrix, and associated planning tools, describe how NRCS's conservation practices effect the Natural Resource and Human-Economic Environments. CPPE can be used to describe the environmental and economic effects of each conservation practice. A qualitative statement describes the conservation practice's impact on Soil, Water, Air, Plants, Animals, Energy and Land, Labor, Capital, and Risk. Effects means the magnitude of the practice effect on the resource concern assuming the practice is fully functional. Effects can be negative (-1 to -5) when the concern is WORSENING or positive when the concern is IMPROVING - when the practice imposed on the resource concern becomes beneficial (1 to 5).

Led by Bienestar, Fundación Santa Elena

BMPs adopted by USDA NRCS focused on pasture and forage lands with CPPE higher than 3:

- Brush management (314). The management or removal of woody (no herbaceous or succulent) plants including those that are invasive and noxious.
- Fence (382). A constructed barrier to animals or people.
- Forage harvest management (511). The timely cutting and removal of forages from the field as hay, green-chop, or ensilage.
- Grazing land mechanical treatment (548).
   Modifying physical soil and/or plant conditions with mechanical tools by treatments such as pitting, contour furrowing; and chiseling, ripping, or subsoiling.
- Hedgerow planting (422). Establishment of dense vegetation in a linear design to achieve a natural resource conservation purpose.
- Herbaceous weed treatment (315). The removal or control of herbaceous weeds including invasive, noxious, and prohibited plants.
- Nutrient management (590). Manage rate, source, placement, and timing of plant nutrients and soil amendments while reducing environmental impacts.

- Pasture and hay planting (512).
   Establishing adapted and/or compatible species, varieties, or cultivars of herbaceous species suitable for pasture, hay, or biomass production.
- Pest management conservation system (595). A system that combines an integrated pest management (IPM) decision-making process with natural resource conservation to address pest and environmental impacts.
- Prescribed grazing (528). Managing the harvest of vegetation with grazing and/or browsing animals with the intent to achieve specific ecological, economic, and management objectives.
- Silvopasture (381). Establishment and/or management of desired trees and forages on the same land unit.
- Watering facility (614). A watering facility stores or provides drinking water to livestock or wildlife.

| Plot sampling (Objectives 2-3)                      | Follow Praedictus & SWOF protocols  | Victus   |
|---|---|--|
| Field Inspections (Objectives 2-3)                  | Carried out by SWOF Monitoring-Verification-<br>Reporting Specialist and or trained specialist, with<br>data collected and verified using phone-based app<br>or tablet  | Led by SWOF  |
| Provide financial incentives<br>(Objective 4)       | Farmers will be provided with financial incentives based on their verified engagement in educational curriculum, participation in outreach programs, and annual farm and field-level data collection. Farmers with under 100 acres under management, will receive a flat \$1,000/year based on the above. Farmers with over 100 acres will have the option to be paid \$10/ac or the flat fee.  | Victus   |
| GHG Quantification<br>(Objective 1-2-3-4)           | Develop an easy-to-use platform that will enable farmers to run field-level simulations from APSIM, DSSAT, and COMET-Farm (via the API, for Florida farms only) to estimate key crops (yield, crop mass, development, water, and nitrogen-use efficiency) and soil (carbon, nitrogen, water) metrics from their farming systems. Besides providing valuable information for farm management and planning, the soil metrics derived from these models are increasingly used for the estimation of carbon storage and emissions of GHGs, such as N2O. | Led by<br>Praedictus   |
| Interpretation Tech Transfer<br>(Objective 1-2-3-4) | Project partners will work together to develop a culturally appropriate online tool set designed for engaging Hispanic farmers in climate-smart practices, data collection, and reporting.  | SWOF, mYo,<br>Praedictus, Bien-<br>estar, Fundación<br>Santa Elena |

## **Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations**

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

| NRCS Practice Code | Practice Name                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 311                | Alley Cropping                      |
| 314                | Brush Management                    |
| 315                | Herbaceous weed treatment           |
| 340                | Cover Crop                          |
| 380                | Windbreak-Shelterbelt Establishment |
| 381                | Silvopasture                        |
| 382                | Fence                               |
| 383                | Fuel Break*                         |
| 391                | Riparian Forest Buffer              |
| 394                | Firebreak*                          |
| 422                | Hedgerow Planting                   |
| 490                | Tree/Shrub Site Preparation         |
| 511                | Forage Harvest Management           |
| 512                | Pasture and Hay Planting            |
| 516                | Livestock Pipeline*                 |
| 528                | Prescribed Grazing                  |
| 548                | Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment   |
| 575                | Trails and Walkways*                |
| 590                | Nutrient Management                 |
| 595                | Integrated Pest Management          |
| 614                | Watering Facility                   |
| 660                | Tree-Shrub Pruning                  |

<sup>\*</sup>Only in combination with other climate-smart practices on the list above and necessary for the production of climate-smart commodities.

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

N/A



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## Overview of Reporting Requirements

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

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

**Project level**: Information about activities and impacts at a whole project/aggregate level (i.e., reflecting all activities under the grant agreement). Some project-level reporting is further subdivided by commodity type or a combination of commodity and CSAF practice(s) (commodity x practice).

**Partner level:** Information about activities related to a single organization (recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or other partner) within a project.

**Producer level**: Information about individual producers who have one or more farms enrolled in a project. **Field level**: Information about individual fields enrolled in a project.

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

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

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

## **Project Summary**

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

Table 1. Project Summary elements

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

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

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## 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 |

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#### **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        |

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## 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)                            |

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## 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 |

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#### 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 |

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#### 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                           | 202       |
| 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    |
|                              |  |           |

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## 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    |

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## 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    |
| Туре                         | 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    |

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## 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.

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## **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

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# **Project Summary**

| Project Summary  |  |
|--|--|
| Commodity type   |  |
| Data element name: Commodity type  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What climate-smart commodity types are produced by this project?  |
| Description: Type of commodity incentivize   | zed by the project. These commodities include those for whom   |
| farmers are directly receiving incentives o  | r other types of marketing support. See full list of commodity options   |
| in Appendix B. List one commodity per rov  | W.   |
| 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 commod  | ity(ies) related to project activities. If sales are reported, complete the  |
|  | is part of the quarterly performance report.   |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
|  | <ul> <li>Yes</li> </ul>  |
|  | • No   |
| Logic: None – all respond  | Required: Yes  |
| Data collection level: Project   | Data collection frequency: Quarterly   |
| Farms enrolled   |  |
| Data element name: Farms enrolled  | <b>Reporting question:</b> Did the project enroll any producers or fields this quarter?  |
|  | rolled producers or fields. If enrollment activities occurred this quarter, eld Enrollment worksheets (Tables 4 and 5) as part of the quarterly  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
| provide and described when the obstacle of the described and described and the descr | • Yes  |
|  | No   |
| Logic: None – all respond  | Required: Yes  |
| Data collection level: Project   | Data collection frequency: Quarterly   |
| GHG calculation methods  |  |
| Data element name: GHG calculation   | Reporting question: What methods is the project using to   |
| methods  | calculate GHG benefits?  |
|  | efits are being measured and calculated by the project this quarter.   |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
|  | Models   |
|  | Direct field measurements     Roth   |
| Logic: None – all respond  | Both  Required: Yes  |
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| Data collection level: Project   | Data collection frequency: Quarterly   |

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GHG cumulative calculation

Data element name: GHG cumulative Reporting question: What method(s) was used to calculate the

calculation total cumulative GHG benefits reported here?

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

project this quarter.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Models

Direct field measurements

• Both

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

**Cumulative GHG benefits** 

Data element name: Cumulative GHG Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total GHG

benefits emission reductions (CO2eq) to date?

Description: Total cumulative estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation.

This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>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 Reporting question: How much carbon has the project

stock 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 CO2eq.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>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 CO2 Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total

benefit cumulative CO2 emission reductions to date?

Description: Estimated total cumulative carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation.

This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

**Cumulative CH4 benefit** 

Data element name: Cumulative CH4 benefit Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total

CH4 emission reductions to date?

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

of CH<sub>4</sub> = 25 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

CO<sub>2</sub>eq

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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Cumulative N20 benefit

Data element name: Cumulative N2O benefit Reporting question: What are the project's estimated total

N2O emission reductions to date?

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

**Description:** Estimated total cumulative nitrous oxide reduction based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no updated numbers enter the same number as the previous quarter.

Conversion rate is one ton of  $N_2O = 298$  tons of  $CO_2eq$ .

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in

CO<sub>2</sub>eq

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Offsets produced

Logic: None - all respond

Data element name: Offsets produced Reporting question: How many carbon offsets have been

produced in the project?

Required: Yes

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 CO2eq 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?

Allowed values: 0-500

**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

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<sub>2</sub>eq Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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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: DecimalSelect multiple values: NoMeasurement unit: DollarsAllowed values: \$0-\$50,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

MMRV cost

Data element name: MMRV cost Reporting question: What is the total amount that has been

spent on MMRV activities?

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

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No
Measurement unit: Dollars Allowed values: \$0-\$50,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

**GHG** monitoring method

Data element name: GHG monitoring 1-5 Reporting question: How did the project monitor GHG benefits?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Drones

Ground-level photos and videos

On-farm visit

Plot-based sampling

Producer records or attestation

Satellite monitoring or remote sensing

Soil metagenomics

Soil sensors

Water sensors

Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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#### **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
- Fmail
- 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

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#### Partner Activities

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Partner ID Unique Project ID for each partner

Partner name

Data element name: Name of partner organization Reporting question: What is the official name of the

recipient or partner organization?

Description: Legal name of recipient or partner organization

Data type: Text

Measurement unit: NA

Allowed values: Text

Allowed values: Text

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation

Partner type

Data element name: Type of partner organization Reporting question: What type of organization is this?

Description: Legal/financial structure of recipient or partner organization

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Commodity groups (501c5)

For-profitIndividualNonprofit

State or local agency

Tribal agencyUniversityRequired: Yes

Data collection level: Partner Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation

**Partner POC** 

Logic: None - all respond

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

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| 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   | I 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?  |
| Data type: List Measurement unit: Category  | Select multiple values: No Allowed values:  |
| Logic: No response for recipient  | <ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>I don't know</li> </ul> Required: Yes   |
| Logic: No response for recipient  | <ul><li>No</li><li>I don't know</li><li>Required: Yes</li></ul>   |
| Data collection level: Partner  | <ul><li>No</li><li>I don't know</li></ul>   |
|   | No     I don't know Required: Yes Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation  Reporting question: What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this  |
| Data collection level: Partner  Partner total requested  Data element name: Partner total requested  Description: Cumulative (total) amount of funds tha recipient from the start of the partnership to the envalue must be the sum of all previous entries plus the there are no changes, report the value from the previous entries.                                | No     I don't know Required: Yes Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation  Reporting question: What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this project?  It the partner has requested reimbursement for from the d of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the amount of funds requested in the reporting quarter. If vious quarter.   |
| Data collection level: Partner  Partner total requested  Data element name: Partner total requested  Description: Cumulative (total) amount of funds tha recipient from the start of the partnership to the envalue must be the sum of all previous entries plus the there are no changes, report the value from the previous type: Decimal                           | No     I don't know Required: Yes Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation  Reporting question: What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this project?  It the partner has requested reimbursement for from the d of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the eamount of funds requested in the reporting quarter. If vious quarter.  Select multiple values: NA                                  |
| Data collection level: Partner  Partner total requested  Data element name: Partner total requested  Description: Cumulative (total) amount of funds tha recipient from the start of the partnership to the envalue must be the sum of all previous entries plus the there are no changes, report the value from the predata type: Decimal  Measurement unit: Dollars | No     I don't know Required: Yes Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation  Reporting question: What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this project?  If the partner has requested reimbursement for from the d of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the amount of funds requested in the reporting quarter. If vious quarter.  Select multiple values: NA Allowed values: \$0-\$100,000,000 |
| Data collection level: Partner  Partner total requested  Data element name: Partner total requested  Description: Cumulative (total) amount of funds tha recipient from the start of the partnership to the envalue must be the sum of all previous entries plus the there are no changes, report the value from the previous type: Decimal                           | No     I don't know Required: Yes Data collection frequency: Partnership initiation  Reporting question: What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this project?  It the partner has requested reimbursement for from the d of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the eamount of funds requested in the reporting quarter. If vious quarter.  Select multiple values: NA                                  |

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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

Logic: None - all respond

**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:

Allowed values:

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

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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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:

Allowed values.

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

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Partner Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Activity by partner

Logic: None - all respond

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

- 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

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**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

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#### 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. Select multiple values: No Data type: List

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 Reporting question: What type of marketing channel is used to

sell this commodity?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Agricultural marketing board

Biorefinery

Commodity broker

Direct to consumer

Direct to institution

Direct to restaurant

Distributor (including grain elevators)

Food hub or cooperative

Food processor

Non-food byproducts processor

Retailer

USDA

Other (specify)

Logic: None - all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Number of buyers

Data element name: Number of buyers Reporting question: How many buyers are there in this

marketing channel?

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

Data type: Integer Select multiple values: No Allowed values: 1-500 Measurement unit: Count

Logic: None - all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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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 Reporting question: What is the primary geography of the

geography 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:

LocalRegionalNationalGlobal

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

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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

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Price premium to producer

Data element name: Price premium to Reporting question: What percent of the price premium is producer

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 Allowed values: 0-100 Measurement unit: Percent

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

Allowed values: Measurement unit: Category

- 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

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#### 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)
   Required: Yes

Logic: None – all respond

Data collection level: Project Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Traceability method

Data element name: Traceability method

**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

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#### Producer Enrollment

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

Producer data change

Data element name: Producer data change Reporting question: Is there new/updated

information for a producer who is re-enrolling in the

project?

Description: Indicates that there is new or updated information for a producer who had previously enrolled in

the project and is re-enrolling.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes
 No

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Re-enrollment

Producer start date

Data element name: Producer start date Reporting question: When did the producer enroll in

the project?

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

Data type: Date Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY Allowed values: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

**Producer name** 

Data element name: Producer name Reporting question: What is the name of producer

enrolled in the project?

Description: Name of the producer enrolled in the project; the name must match the name contained in the

customer's Business Partner record and the Farm Operating Plan in FSA Business File for that Farm ID.

Data type: Text Select multiple values: NA

Measurement unit: NA Allowed values: Text

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

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

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

Logic: None - all respond

### 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

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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 Reporting question: What amount of the current operation is used for

area 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

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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

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- 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)

Required: Yes

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

Livestock head

Data element name: Livestock head 1-3

Logic: Respond if 'Total livestock area' >0

Data collection level: Producer

**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

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Data element name: Organic farm

Reporting question: Is any part of the farm currently USDAcertified 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

Allowed values: Measurement unit: Category

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.

Select multiple values: No Data type: List

Measurement unit: Category

Allowed values:

Financial benefit

Environmental benefit

New market opportunity

Partnerships or networks

Other

Logic: None - all respond

Data collection level: Producer

Required: Yes

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

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Data element name: Producer outreach 1- 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

Data collection level: Producer

Required: Yes

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

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CSAF federal funds

Data element name: CSAF federal funds Reporting question: Were prior CSAF practices supported by

federal funds?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

No

I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience' Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF state or local funds

Data element name: CSAF state or local Reporting question: Were prior CSAF practices supported by

unds state or local funds?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

No

I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience' Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

CSAF nonprofit funds

Data element name: CSAF nonprofit funds Reporting question: Were CSAF practices supported by

nonprofit funds?

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

organization to a producer.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

• No

I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

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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

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#### Field Enrollment

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| Farm ID                       | Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA   |
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| 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:

YesNo

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

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# USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Data Dictionary for Recipients February 2023

| Commodity category   |  |
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| Data element name: Commodity category  | Reporting question: What category of   |
| MOVE ON DIESE SECTION MADE ORGANIC DE 10 DE 1000 MENOLULE  | commodity(ies) is (are) produced from this field   |
| <b>Description:</b> Category of commodity(ies) produced in fie   | ld enrolled in the project   |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
|  | <ul> <li>Crops</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Livestock</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Trees</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Crops and livestock</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Crops and trees</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Livestock and trees</li> </ul>  |
| 5 2 W W  | <ul> <li>Crops, livestock and trees</li> </ul>   |
| 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  |
| D  | produced from this field?  |
| <b>Description:</b> Type of commodity produced in field enroll worksheet provides a drop-down list of the allowed value.   |  |
| commodities in subsequent rows.  | es. Choose the appropriate value, Enter additional   |
| 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  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the baseline yield of this field?   |
| Description: Average annual yield of commodity in 3 year   | rs prior to enrollment. Provide yield for the enrolled   |
| field if possible. If not at field level, provide average annu   | The state of the first of the state of the s |
| Data type: Decimal   | Select multiple values: No   |
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| Measurement unit: Production per acre or animal  | Allowed values: .01-100,000  |
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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 acreTons per acre

Other (specify)
 Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

**Baseline yield location** 

Logic: None - all respond

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

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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:

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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

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Field tillage

Logic: None - all respond

Logic: None - all respond

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

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

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| Practice p | ast exten | t - ' | farm |
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Data element name: Practice past extent - Reporting question: What percent of the farm has

farm implemented this CSAF practice (combination) previously?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Never used

Used on less than 25% of operation

Used on 25-50% of operation
 Used on 51-75% of operation

· Used on more than 75% of operation

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Field any CSAF practice

Data element name: Field any CSAF practice Reporting question: What is this field's prior experience with

CSAF practices?

Description: Prior to enrollment, have any CSAF practice or practices been used in this field in the past 3 years?

CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

YesNo

I don't know
 Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

Practice past use - this field

Logic: None - all respond

Data element name: Practice past use - this R

ield

Reporting question: Have this CSAF practice (combination)

been implemented previously in this field?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

• Yes

SomeNo

I don't know

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Initial enrollment

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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 Reporting question: What year is the CSAF practice planned to

implementation year 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

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Practice extent unit

Data element name: Practice 1-7 Reporting question: Unit for extent of practice implementation

extent unit

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.

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#### Farm Summary

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| 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 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 Allo

#### 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)
   Required: Yes

Logic: None – all respond

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Quarterly

#### Producer incentive amount

Data element name: Producer incentive Reporting question: What is the total value of financial

amount 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: DecimalSelect multiple values: NAMeasurement unit: DollarsAllowed values: \$0-\$5,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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#### 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.

Select multiple values: No Data type: List

Allowed values: Measurement unit: Category

- 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)

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Quarterly

#### Incentive structure

Logic: None - all respond

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

Allowed values: Measurement unit: Category

- 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

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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.

Select multiple values: No Data type: List

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)

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Payment on enrollment

Logic: None - all respond

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 Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer

Logic: None - all respond

Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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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 paymentPartial 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 paymentPartial paymentNo payment

Logic: None – all respond

Data collection level: Producer

Required: Yes

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 paymentPartial paymentNo payment

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Producer Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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#### Field Summary

| Unique IDs | Uni | qu | e l | Ds |
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| 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

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Contract end date

Data element name: Contract end date Reporting question: Contract end date

Description: End date listed on the contract that enrolls the field in the project. If contract end date changes,

submit updated end date during the next quarter's reporting.

Data type: Date Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: MM/DD/YYYY Allowed values: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

MMRV assistance provided

Data element name: MMRV assistance provided Reporting question: Was MMRV assistance provided?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

No

I don't know

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Marketing assistance provided

Data element name: Marketing assistance provided Reporting question: Was marketing assistance

provided?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

• No

I don't know

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Incentive per acre or head

Data element name: Incentive per acre or head Reporting question: Is this field receiving a per-acre or

per-head incentive?

Description: Is this field receiving an incentive payment to implement a specific CSAF practice or set of practices

on a per-acre or per-head (livestock) basis?

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

No

I don't know

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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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

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field commodity volume unit

Logic: None - all respond

Data element name: Field commodity volume Reporting question: What is the unit of volume?

unit

Description: The unit associated with the volume of the commodity produced on the enrolled field. If "other" is

Required: Yes

chosen, enter the appropriate value in the additional column.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Bushels

Carcass weight pounds

GallonsHead

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

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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

no because

Per linear foot

Per pound

Per ton

Other (specify)

Logic: None – all respond

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

Required: Yes

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 Reporting question: How were GHG impacts monitored in this

1-3 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

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#### Field GHG reporting

**Data element name:** Field GHG reporting **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

**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

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Field GHG calculations

Data element name: Field GHG Reporting question: What methods are used to calculate GHG

calculations benefits in this field?

**Description:** List the method(s) used to calculate GHG benefits in this field. If yes to direct physical

measurements, submit result reports (see Supplemental Data Submission - Field direct GHG measurement

results).

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Models

Direct field measurements

Both

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field official GHG calculation

Data element name: Field official GHG Reporting question: What method was used to calculate the

calculation official GHG benefits in this field?

Description: List the method used to calculate the official GHG benefits in this field that are reported as part of

the project's aggregate impact.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Models

Direct field measurements

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field official GHG ER

**Data element name:** Field official GHG Reporting question: What are the estimated total GHG emission

emission reductions reductions (CO2eq) in this field?

**Description:** Estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion

or annually, as appropriate.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>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 Reporting question: How much carbon has been sequestered in

stock 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 CO₂eq.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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Field official CO2 ER

Data element name: Field official CO2 Reporting question: What are the estimated total CO2 emission

emission reductions 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<sub>2</sub> 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 Reporting question: What are the estimated total CH4

reductions 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

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

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<sub>2</sub>eq

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

Field official N20 ER

Data element name: Field official N2O emission Reporting question: What are the estimated total N2O

reductions emission reductions in this field?

**Description:** Estimated total nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice

completion or annually, as appropriate. Conversion rate is one ton of  $N_2O = 298$  tons of  $CO_2eq$ .

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in

CO₂eq

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<sub>2</sub>eq Allowed values: 0-10,000,000

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Quarterly

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Field insets produced

Data element name: Field insets produced Reporting question: How many carbon insets have been

produced in this field?

**Description:** Total carbon insets produced in the field during the quarter (not cumulative). Insets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and accounted for within Scope 3 emissions for a

firm.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq 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 Reporting question: Were data collected from the field for

measurement 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

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#### GHG Benefits - Alternate Modeled

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| Farm ID Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA |   |  |
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| 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

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#### **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
- CultivateAl'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

Data collection level: Field

Required: If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods

Data collection frequency: Annual

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| Model start date  |  |
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| Data element name: Model start date   | <b>Reporting question:</b> For what time period are the GHG benefits modeled (model start date)?   |
| Description: Date that the model parameter  | rs 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   | <b>Reporting question:</b> For what time period are the GHG benefits modeled (model end date)?   |
| Description: Date that the model parameter  | rs 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   | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the alternate estimate of the field's total GHG emission reductions?  |
| <b>Description:</b> Total greenhouse gas emission using an alternate model.   | reductions from practice implementation in the field estimated   |
| Data type: Decimal  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Metric tons 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 carbon stock estimated  |  |
| Data element name: Total carbon stock estimated Description: Total change in carbon stock ba alternate model. Conversion rate is one ton Data type: Decimal | Reporting question: What is the alternate estimate of how much carbon has the field has sequestered? ased on practice implementation in the field estimated using an of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO₂eq.  Select multiple values: No |
| Measurement unit: Metric tons 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 CO2 estimated   |  |
| Data element name: Total CO2 estimated  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the alternate estimate of the field's total CO2 emission reductions?  |
| <b>Description:</b> Total carbon dioxide emission rusing an alternate model.  | reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated   |
| Data type: Decimal  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Metric tons CO <sub>2</sub>   | Allowed values: 0-10,000,000   |
| Logic: None – all respond   | Required: If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods  |
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| Total CH4 estimated   |  |  |  |
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| Data element name: Total CH4 estimated  | Reporting question: What is the alternate of the field's total CH4 emission reductions?          |  |  |
| <b>Description:</b> Total methane emission reductions based on praction an alternate model. Conversion rate is one ton of CH <sub>4</sub> = 25 tons |  |  |  |
| Data type: Decimal  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO <sub>2</sub> 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  |  |  |
| otal field N20 estimated  |  |  |  |
| Data element name: Total N2O estimated  | Reporting question: What is the alternate estimate of the field's total N2O emission reductions? |  |  |
| <b>Description:</b> Total nitrous oxide emission reductions based on using an alternate method. Conversion rate is one ton of $N_2O$ =              | N  |  |  |
| 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  |  |  |

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### GHG Benefits - Measured

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| Farm ID Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA |   |  |
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| 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

Logic: None - all respond

Data element name: GHG measurement method

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

Description: Field-based measurement method used to calculate GHG benefits. If "other" is chosen, enter the

appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

 Emissions measurement unit

Flux towers

Litterbags

Plant measurements

 Portable emissions analyzers

Soil flux chambers

Soil samplesSoil 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

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

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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

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

Total CO2 reduction calculated

Data element name: Total CO2 reduction calculated Reporting question: What are

the total measured CO2 emission reductions?

Description: Total annual CO2 emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated

from in-field measurements.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> 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 Reporting question: What is the total amount of

measured carbon sequestered based on repeat measurements

in this field?

**Description:** Change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in the field calculated from repeat soil sampling in this field. (Results for initial field soil samples should be reported in the 'Soil sample result' and

'Measurement type" columns.) Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq 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

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| Total CH4 reduction calculated   |  |
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| Data element name: Total CH4 reduction calculated  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What are the total measured CH4 emission reductions?  |
| <b>Description:</b> Total annual methane emission reductions b                                   |  |
| from in-field measurements. Conversion rate is one ton o   |  |
| Data type: Decimal   | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO <sub>2</sub> eq                                  | Allowed values: 0-10,000,000   |
| Logic: None – all respond  | Required: If a project conducts soil samples or takes<br>carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission<br>measurements in this field |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |
| Total N20 reduction calculated   |  |
| Data element name: Total N2O reduction calculated  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What are the total measured N2O emission reductions?  |
| Description: Total annual nitrous oxide emission reductio  | 5 5  |
| calculated from in-field measurements. Conversion rate is  | S S S  |
| Data type: Decimal   | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Metric tons N2O reduced in CO <sub>2</sub> eq                                  | 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  |
| 81 W 8 1 1 8 8 1   | measurements in this field   |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |
| Soil sample result   |  |
| Data element name: Soil sample result  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the numeric result from this soil sample?   |
| <b>Description:</b> Results of measurement(s) taken to determine in a specified volume of soil). | ne the carbon stock of a soil (the tons of carbon found  |
| Data type: Decimal   | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Amount   | Allowed values: .00001-100,000   |
| Logic: None – all respond  | <b>Required:</b> If a project conducts soil samples in this field  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |

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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:

PercentPpmGrams

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 matterTotal organic carbonBulk 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

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#### Additional Environmental Benefits

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| Farm ID                     | Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA                    |  |
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| 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 Reporting question: Are environmental benefits other than

penefits GHGs being tracked in the field?

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

that can quantify benefits.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes
 No

I don't know

Logic: None – all respond Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

Reduction in nitrogen loss

Data element name: Reduction in nitrogen Reporting question: Are reductions in nitrogen losses being

ss tracked in the field?

Description: Tracking reductions in nitrogen losses in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using

some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes

No

I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental

benefits'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

Reduction in nitrogen loss amount

Data element Reporting question: How much reduction in nitrogen losses

name: Reduction in nitrogen loss amount 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

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| 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? uction in nitrogen losses that is measured and reported in the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.  Select multiple values: No   |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:   |  |
|  | Kilograms   |  |
|  | Metric tons   |  |
|  | • Pounds  |  |
|  | Other (specify)   |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the purpose of tracking reduction in nitrogen losses?  |  |
| appropriate value as free text in the addition   |   |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:   |  |
|  | Commodity marketing   |  |
|  | Producing insets  |  |
|  | <ul><li>Producing offsets</li><li>I don't know</li></ul>  |  |
|  | Other (specify)   |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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  | Reporting question: Are reductions in phosphorus losses being   |  |
| phosphorus loss  | tracked in the field?   |  |
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| using some form of monitoring and reporting<br>Data type: List   | Select multiple values: No  |  |
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| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  • Yes  |  |
|  | • No  |  |
|  | I don't know  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'   | Required: Yes   |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual   |  |
| Reduction in phosphorus loss amount  | <u> </u>  |  |
| Data element name: Reduction in  | Reporting question: How much reduction in phosphorus losses   |  |
| phosphorus loss amount   | have been measured in the field?  |  |
| Description: Total amount of reduction in ph   | osphorus losses that is measured in the field.  |  |
| Data type: Decimal   | Select multiple values: No  |  |
| Measurement unit: Amount   | Allowed values: 0-1,000,000   |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'   | Required: Yes   |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual   |  |

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| Reduction in phosphorus loss amount unit   |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Data element name: Reduction in  | Reporting question: What is the unit for the reduction in               |  |
| phosphorus loss amount unit  | phosphorus losses measured in the field?                                |  |
|  | duction in phosphorus losses that is measured in the enrolled field. If |  |
| "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate val   | ue as free text in the additional column.                               |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:   |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Kilograms</li> </ul>   |  |
|  | Metric tons   |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Pounds</li> </ul>  |  |
|  | Other (specify)   |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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  | Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking reductions          |  |
| phosphorus loss purpose  | in phosphorus losses?   |  |
| Description: Purpose of tracking reduction i   | n phosphorus losses in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter  |  |
| the appropriate value as free text in the add  | ditional column.  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:   |  |
|  | Commodity marketing   |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Producing insets</li> </ul>                                    |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Producing offsets</li> </ul>                                   |  |
|  | I don't know  |  |
|  | Other (specify)   |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduction in   | Required: Yes   |  |
| phosphorus loss'   | ·   |  |
| 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 reportir   |   |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:   |  |
| and the second the second of t | • Yes   |  |
|  | • No  |  |
|  | I don't know  |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental  | Required: Yes   |  |
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Data collection frequency: Annual

benefits'

Data collection level: Field



| Other water quality type                                  |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Data element name: Other water quality                    | Reporting question: What type of other water quality metric  |  |
| type have been measured in the field?                     |  |  |
| measured in the field. If "other" is chosen, e            | tric (besides nitrogen loss and phosphorus loss reductions) that is enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.   |  |
| Data type: List   | Select multiple values: No   |  |
| Measurement unit: Category                                | Allowed values:  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Sediment load reduction</li> </ul>  |  |
|   | Temperature  |  |
| 5.50 3.3  | Other (specify)  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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                    | <b>Reporting question:</b> How much reduction in other water quality metrics have been measured in the field?  |  |
| Passerintian: Total amount of reduction in of             | ther water quality metrics that is measured in the enrolled field.   |  |
| - 176 or or 50  | Select multiple values: No   |  |
| Data type: Decimal  | and the second s |  |
| Measurement unit: Amount                                  | Allowed values: 0-1,000,000  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'     | Required: Yes  |  |
| Data collection level: Field                              | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |
| Other water quality amount unit                           |  |  |
| <b>Data element name:</b> Other water quality amount unit | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the unit for the reduction in other water quality metrics measured in the field?  |  |
|   | duction in other water quality metrics that is measured in the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.  Select multiple values: No  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category                                | Allowed values:  |  |
| incasarement unit category                                | Degrees F  |  |
|   | Kilograms  |  |
|   | Kilograms per liter  |  |
|   | Metric tons  |  |
|   | • Pounds   |  |
|   | Other (specify)  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'     | Required: Yes  |  |
| Data collection level: Field                              | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |

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| Other water quality purpose  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Data element name: Other water quality   | Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking other water                                  |  |  |
| purpose  | quality benefits?  |  |  |
|  | r quality benefits in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the                        |  |  |
| appropriate value as free text in the addition   |  |  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|  | Commodity marketing  |  |  |
|  | Producing insets     Producing effects   |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Producing offsets</li> <li>I don't know</li> </ul>                                      |  |  |
|  | Other (specify)  |  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'  | Required: Yes  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |
| Water quantity   | - E  |  |  |
| Data element name: Water quantity  | <b>Reporting question:</b> Is water conservation being tracked in the field?                     |  |  |
| <b>Description:</b> Tracking of water conservation   | or reduction in use in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a                                   |  |  |
| minimum using some form of monitoring an   | nd reporting that can quantify benefits.   |  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|  | • Yes  |  |  |
|  | • No   |  |  |
|  | I don't know   |  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'   | Required: Yes  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |
| Water quantity amount  |  |  |  |
| Data element name: Water quantity  | Reporting question: How much water conservation has been   |  |  |
| amount   | measured in the field? ation or reduction that is measured in the field.                         |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Data type: Decimal   | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Amount   | Allowed values: 0-1,000,000  |  |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'  | Required: Yes  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |
| Water quantity amount unit   |  |  |  |
| Data element name: Water quantity amount unit  | Reporting question: What is the unit for the amount of water conservation measured in the field? |  |  |
| 그리면 교통으로 2016 10대 이름은 10대는 10대를 5명하게 5명하는 10대는 10대를 10대는 10대는 10대를 10대는 10대를 10대는 10대를 10대를 10대로 10대를 10대로 10대를 10대로 10대로 10대로 10대로 10대로 10대로 10대로 10대로  | ater conservation or reduced use that is measured and reported in                                |  |  |
| The state of the s | the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.                                     |  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|  | Acre-feet  |  |  |
|  | Cubic feet   |  |  |
| Lasia Dassand if was to Office a constitut   | Other (specify)  Required Yes  |  |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'  | Required: Yes  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |

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| Water quantity purpose   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Data element name: Water quantity  | Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking water  |  |  |
| purpose  | conservation?  |  |  |
| and an analysis and the first and the second of the second | ervation or reductions in water use in the enrolled field. If "other" is   |  |  |
| chosen, enter the appropriate value as free  |  |  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|  | Commodity marketing  |  |  |
|  | Producing insets   |  |  |
|  | Producing offsets  |  |  |
|  | <ul><li>I don't know</li><li>Other (specify)</li></ul>   |  |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'  | Required: Yes  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |
| Reduced erosion  | Data concetton requestey. Annual   |  |  |
| Data element name: Reduced erosion   | Reporting question: Is reduced soil erosion being tracked in the   |  |  |
|  | field?   |  |  |
|  | n in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some  |  |  |
| form of monitoring and reporting that can q  | Washing to the conference of t |  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|  | • Yes  |  |  |
|  | • No   |  |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental  | I don't know  Required: Yes  |  |  |
| benefits'  | nequired. 1es  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |
| Reduced erosion amount   | 27 59  |  |  |
| Data element name: Reduced erosion   | Reporting question: How much erosion reduction has been  |  |  |
| amount   | measured in the field?   |  |  |
| Description: Total amount of erosion reduct  | ion 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  | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the unit for the amount of erosion reduction measured?  |  |  |
| Description: Unit for the total amount of ero  | osion reduction from enrolled fields that is measured and reported   |  |  |
|  | e appropriate value as free text in the additional column.   |  |  |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|  | • Tons   |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'   | Required: Yes  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

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Data collection frequency: Annual

Data collection level: Field

| Reduced erosion purpose   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Data element name: Reduced erosion  | Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking reduced  |  |  |
| purpose   | erosion in the field?  |  |  |
| and the many and the control of the | osion 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  |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Producing insets</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Producing offsets</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|   | I don't know   |  |  |
| Legis Passand if yas to (Raducad arasian)   | Other (specify)  Required: Yes   |  |  |
| 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   | <b>Reporting question:</b> Is reduced energy use being tracked in the field?   |  |  |
|   | in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some  |  |  |
| form of monitoring and reporting that can q   | Water and the control of the control |  |  |
| Data type: List   | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category  | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|   | • Yes  |  |  |
|   | • No   |  |  |
| V V DI TOP STREET SV  | I don't know   |  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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   | Reporting question: How much energy use reduction has been   |  |  |
| amount  | measured in the field?   |  |  |
| Description: Total amount of energy use rec   | duction that is measured in the enrolled field.  |  |  |
| Data type: Decimal  | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Amount  | Allowed values: 0-1,000,000  |  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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   | Reporting question: What is the unit for the energy use  |  |  |
| unit  | reduction measured in the field?   |  |  |
| 100   | ergy use reduction that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other"  |  |  |
| is chosen, enter the appropriate value as fre   |  |  |  |
| Data type: List   | Select multiple values: No   |  |  |
| Measurement unit: Category  | Allowed values:  |  |  |
|   | Kilowatt hours   |  |  |
|   | Other (specify)  |  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'  | Required: Yes  |  |  |
| Data collection level: Field  | Data collection frequency: Annual  |  |  |

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Reduced energy use purpose

Data element name: Reduced energy use Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking reduced

urpose energy use in the field?

Description: Purpose of tracking reduced energy use in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the

appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Commodity marketingProducing insetsProducing offsets

I don't knowOther (specify)

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy

use'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion

Data element name: Avoided land Reporting question: Is avoided land conversion being tracked in

conversion the field?

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

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Yes
 No

I don't know

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental

benefits'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion amount

Data element name: Avoided land Reporting question: How much avoided land conversion has

conversion amount been measured in the field?

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

Data type: Decimal Select multiple values: No Measurement unit: Amount Allowed values: 0-1,000,000

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Avoided land

conversion'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

Avoided land conversion amount unit

Data element name: Avoided land Reporting question: What is the unit for the amount of avoided

conversion unit land conversion measured in the field?

Description: Unit for the total amount of avoided land conversion that is measured in the enrolled field. If

"other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

Data type: List Select multiple values: No

Measurement unit: Category Allowed values:

Acres

Other (specify)

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Avoided land

conversion'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

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|--|--|
| Avoided land conversion purpose  |  |
| Data element name: Avoided land conversion purpose  Description: Purpose of tracking avoided la appropriate value as free text in the addition | Reporting question: What is the purpose of tracking avoided land conversion in the field?  nd conversion in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the onal column. |
| Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
|  | Commodity marketing  |
|  | <ul> <li>Producing insets</li> </ul>   |
|  | Producing offsets  |
|  | I don't know     Other (applies)   |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Avoided land   | Other (specify)  Required: Yes   |
| conversion'  | Required. Tes  |
| Data collection level: Field   | Data collection frequency: Annual  |
| Improved wildlife habitat  |  |
| Data element name: Improved wildlife   | Reporting question: Are improvements to wildlife habitat being   |
| habitat  | tracked in the field?  |
| - 112-   | wildlife in and around the enrolled field. Tracking means at a   |
| minimum using some form of monitoring an<br>Data type: List  | Select multiple values: No   |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
| weasurement unit. Category   | • Yes  |
|  | • No   |
|  | I don't know   |
| Logic: Respond if yes to 'Environmental  | Required: Yes  |
| benefits'  Data collection level: Field  | Data collection frequency: Annual  |
|  | Data collection frequency. Affilial  |
| Improved wildlife habitat amount  Data element name: Improved wildlife   | Reporting question: How much improved wildlife habitat has   |
| habitat amount   | been measured in the field?  |
| Description: Total amount of improved wild   | dlife 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  |
| <b>Logic:</b> 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?  proved wildlife habitat that is measured in and around enrolled     |
|  | priate value as free text in the additional column.  Select multiple values: No  |
| Measurement unit: Category   | Allowed values:  |
|  | Acres  |
|  | Linear feet  |
|  | Other (specify)  |
| Legia, Dospond if ups to (Improved wildlife  | Denvised Voc   |

Logic: Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife

habitat'

Required: Yes

Data collection level: Field Data collection frequency: Annual

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Data collection level: Field

| mproved wildlife habitat purpose                            |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Data element name: Improved wildlife habitat purpose        | <b>Reporting question:</b> What is the purpose of tracking improved wildlife habitat in the field? |  |
|   | wildlife habitat in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the nal column.                |  |
| Data type: List   | Select multiple values: No   |  |
| Measurement unit: Category                                  | Allowed values:  |  |
|   | Commodity marketing  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Producing insets</li> </ul>   |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Producing offsets</li> </ul>  |  |
|   | I don't know   |  |
|   | Other (specify)  |  |
| <b>Logic:</b> Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife habitat' | Required: Yes  |  |
|   |  |  |

Data collection frequency: Annual

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

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

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| Conservation Crop Rotation<br>(CPS 328)   | Conservation crop type  | Brassica Broadleaf Cool season Grass Legume Warm season   |
|---|---|---|
|   | Change implemented  | Added perennial crop Reduced fallow period Both   |
|   | Conservation crop rotation tillage type                                     | Conventional (plow, chisel, disk) No-till, direct seed Reduced till Strip till None Other (specify) |
| :   | Total conservation crop rotation length in days                             | 1-120   |
|   | Strip width (feet)  | 1-100   |
| Contour Buffer Strips (CPS 332)   | Species category  | Grasses<br>Forbs<br>Mix   |
|   | Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one) | Brassicas Forbs Grasses Legume Non-legume broadleaves   |
| Cover Crop (CPS 340)  | Cover crop planned management   | Grazing<br>Haying<br>Termination  |
| Total State | 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   |
|   | Fat (percent)   | 0-100   |
| Feed Management (CPS 592)   | Feed additives/supplements  | Chemical Edible oils/fats Seaweed/kelp Other (specify)  |
| Field Border (CPS 386)  | Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one) | Forbs<br>Grasses<br>Mix<br>Shrubs   |

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|                                       | Strip width (feet)  | 20-1,000  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Filter Strip (CPS 393)                | Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one) | Forbs<br>Grasses<br>Mix<br>Shrubs   |
| Forest Farming (CPS 379)              | Land use in previous year   | Forest Multi-story cropping Pasture/grazing land Row crops Other agroforestry   |
| Forest Stand<br>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<br>412)         | Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one) | Flowering Plants Forbs Grasses  |
| Hedgerow Planting (CPS                | Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one) | Grasses<br>Shrubs<br>Trees  |
| 422)                                  | Species density (number of trees planted per acre)                          | 1-10,000  |
| Herbaceous Wind<br>Barriers (CPS 603) | Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one) | Forbs<br>Grasses<br>Mix<br>Shrubs   |
|                                       | Barrier width (feet)  | 1-1,000   |
|                                       | Number of rows  | 1-100   |
| Mulching (CPS 484)                    | Mulch type  | Gravel<br>Natural<br>Synthetic<br>Wood  |
|                                       | Mulch cover (percent of field)  | 0-100   |
|                                       |   |   |

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

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|  |  | Forbs                           |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
|  | Species category (select most                      | Grasses                         |
| Range Planting (CPS 550)                           | common/extensive type if using more than           | Legumes                         |
|  | one)   | Shrubs                          |
|  | 8437.1   | Trees                           |
| Residue and Tillage                                | 5 Z 9 W  | None                            |
| Management – No-till<br>(CPS 329)                  | Surface disturbance                                | Seed row only                   |
| M M  |  | None                            |
| Residue and Tillage                                |  | Seed row/ridge tillage for      |
| Management – Reduced                               | Surface disturbance                                | planting                        |
| Till (CPS 345)                                     | Surface distarbance                                | Shallow across most of the soil |
| 1111 (cr 3 343)                                    |  | surface                         |
|  |  | Vertical/mulch                  |
|  | Species category (select most                      | Coniferous trees                |
| Riparian Forest Buffer                             | common/extensive type if using more than           | Deciduous trees                 |
| (CPS 391)  | one)   | Shrubs                          |
| (0.3331)   | Species density (number of trees planted per acre) | 1-10,000                        |
|  |  | Ferns                           |
|  | Consider anti-construction for first and and       | Forbs                           |
| Riparian Herbaceous                                | Species category (select most                      | Grasses                         |
| Cover (CPS 390)                                    | common/extensive type if using more than           | Legumes                         |
| N 262  | one)   | Rushes                          |
|  |  | Sedges                          |
|  |  | Concrete                        |
| D - f 1 C 1 CDC                                    |  | Flexible geomembrane            |
| Roofs and Covers (CPS                              | Roof/cover type                                    | Metal                           |
| 367)   |  | Timber                          |
|  |  | Other (specify)                 |
|  | Species category (select most                      | Coniferous trees                |
|  | common/extensive type if using more than           | Deciduous trees                 |
| Cilvonacturo (CDC 201)                             | one)   | Forage                          |
| Silvopasture (CPS 381)                             | S  | Shrubs                          |
|  | Species density (number of trees planted per acre) | 1-10,000                        |
|  | Strip width (feet)                                 | 1-1,000                         |
|  |  | Erosion resistant crops         |
| Stripcropping (CPS 585)                            | Crop category (select most common/extensive        | Fallow                          |
| CARLOTTERS AND MARKS TO CARDON LOSS. SE ESSECTE SE | type if using more than one)                       | Sediment trapping crops         |
|  | Number of strips                                   | 2-100                           |
|  | Species category (select most                      | Coniferous trees                |
| Tues (Charles Carelly)                             | common/extensive type if using more than           | Deciduous trees                 |
| Tree/Shrub Establishment                           | one)   | Shrubs                          |
| (CPS 612)  | Species density (number of trees planted per acre) | 1-10,000                        |
|  | Species category (select most                      | Grasses                         |
| Vegetative Barrier (CPS                            | common/extensive type if using more than           | Grass forb mix                  |
|  |  |                                 |
| 601)   | one)   | Grass legume mix                |

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|                             | Separation type   | Chemical (e.g., salts, polymers) Mechanical (e.g., screens, presses) |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Waste Separation Facility   | <u> </u>  | Settling basin   |
| (CPS 632)                   | Most common use of solids                                       | Bedding  |
|                             |   | Field applied  |
|                             |   | Other (specify)  |
|                             |   | 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)  |
| Waste Storage Facility (CPS | Waste storage system prior to                                   | Covered lagoon with energy generation                                |
| 313)                        | installing your waste storage facility                          | Covered lagoon with flaring  |
| 313)                        | mstalling your waste storage facility                           | 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  |
| 1999 AS 155 PER 1993        |   | Biological   |
| Waste Treatment (CPS 629)   | Treatment type  | Chemical   |
|                             |   | Mechanical   |
|                             |   | Aerobic lagoon   |
|                             |   | Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with                                |
|                             |   | energy generation  |
|                             |   | Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with                                  |
|                             | Waste storage system prior to installing waste treatment lagoon | energy generation  |
|                             |   | Anaerobic lagoon   |
|                             |   | Composting   |
|                             |   | Covered lagoon (no energy generation                                 |
|                             |   | or flaring)  |
|                             |   | Covered lagoon with energy generation                                |
|                             |   | Covered lagoon with flaring  |
| Waste Treatment Lagoon      |   | Daily spread   |
| (CPS 359)                   |   | Deep bedding pack  |
| A State South Section 1     |   | Deep pit   |
|                             |   | Dry lot  |
|                             |   | Dry stacking/solid storage   |
|                             |   | Pasture/Range/Paddock  |
|                             |   | Poultry with bedding   |
|                             |   | Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise)                            |
|                             |   | Slurry tank/basin  |
|                             | S   | Yes  |
|                             | Is there a lagoon cover/crust?                                  |  |
|                             |   | No   |
|                             | Is there lagoon aeration?                                       | Yes  |
|                             | (80)  | No   |

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

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### 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

420, Wildlife Habitat Planting 327, Conservation Cover 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,

332, Contour Buffer Strips Plain Concrete

333, Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products 428B, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining,

334, Controlled Traffic Farming Flexible Membrane 336, Soil Carbon Amendment 428C, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, 338, Prescribed Burning Galvanized Steel 340, Cover Crop 430, Irrigation Pipeline

342, Critical Area Planting 432, Dry Hydrant 345, Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till 436, Irrigation Reservoir

348, Dam, Diversion 441, Irrigation System, Microirrigation

350, Sediment Basin 442, Sprinkler System

443, Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface 351, Well Decommissioning 447, Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery 353, Monitoring Well 355, Groundwater Testing 449, Irrigation Water Management

450, Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application 356, Dike and Levee

359, Waste Treatment Lagoon 453, Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment 360, Waste Facility Closure 455, Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control

362, Diversion 457, Mine Shaft and Adit Closing

366, Anaerobic Digester 460, Land Clearing

367, Roofs and Covers 462, Precision Land Forming and Smoothing

368, Emergency Animal Mortality Management 464, Irrigation Land Leveling 371, Air Filtration and Scrubbing 466, Land Smoothing

372, Combustion System Improvement 468, Lined Waterway or Outlet

373, Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces 472, Access Control 374, Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation 484, Mulching

375, Dust Management for Pen Surfaces 490, Tree/Shrub Site Preparation 376, Field Operations Emissions Reduction 500, Obstruction Removal

378, Pond 511, Forage Harvest Management

379, Forest Farming 512, Pasture and Hay Planting 380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation 516, Livestock Pipeline

520, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment 381, Silvopasture

382, Fence 521, Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or 383, Fuel Break Geosynthetic Clay Liner

384, Woody Residue Treatment

521A, Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane 386, Field Border 521B, Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant 388, Irrigation Field Ditch 521C, Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant

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521D, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment

522, Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete

527, Sinkhole Treatment 528, Prescribed Grazing 533, Pumping Plant

543, Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land 544, Land Reclamation, Currently Mined Land 548, Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment

550, Range Planting

554, Drainage Water Management

555, Rock Wall Terrace 557, Row Arrangement 558, Roof Runoff Structure

560, Access Road

561, Heavy Use Area Protection 562, Recreation Area Improvement

566, Recreation Land Improvement and Protection

570, Stormwater Runoff Control

572, Spoil Disposal 574, Spring Development 575, Trails and Walkways 576, Livestock Shelter Structure

578, Stream Crossing

580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection

582, Open Channel

584, Channel Bed Stabilization

585, Stripcropping

587, Structure for Water Control

588, Crosswind Ridges 589, Cross Wind Trap Strips 590, Nutrient Management

591, Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste

592, Feed Management

595, Pest Management Conservation System

600, Terrace

601, Vegetative Barrier 602, Equitable Relief

603, Herbaceous Wind Barriers

604, Saturated Buffer 605, Denitrifying Bioreactor 606, Subsurface Drain 607, Surface Drain, Field Ditc

607, Surface Drain, Field Ditch 608, Surface Drain, Main or Lateral

609, Surface Roughening

610, Salinity and Sodic Soil Management

612, Tree/Shrub Establishment

614, Watering Facility 620, Underground Outlet 629, Waste Treatment 630, Vertical Drain 632, Waste Separation Facility

633, Waste Recycling 634, Waste Transfer

635, Vegetated Treatment Area 636, Water Harvesting Catchment 638, Water and Sediment Control Basin

640, Waterspreading 642, Water Well

643, Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities

644, Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management 645, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

646, Shallow Water Development and Management 647, Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt

649, Structures for Wildlife

650, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

654, Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment

655, Forest Trails and Landings 656, Constructed Wetland 657, Wetland Restoration 658, Wetland Creation 659, Wetland Enhancement 660, Tree-Shrub Pruning 666, Forest Stand Improvement

670, Energy Efficient Lighting System 672, Energy Efficient Building Envelope 736, Crop By-Product Transfer, interim 724, Water Treatment Facility, interim 735, Waste Gasification Facility, interim

737, Reduced Water and Energy Coffee Conveyance

System, interim

740, Pond Sealing and Lining, Soil Cement, interim

751, Individual Terrace, interim 753, Infiltration Ditch, interim 755, Well Plugging, interim

770, Livestock Confinement Facility, interim 775, Drainage Ditch Covering, interim 782, Phosphorus Removal System, interim 800, Controlling Existing Flowing Wells, interim

803, Water Well Disinfection, interim

805, Amending Soil Properties with Lime, interim

808, Soil Carbon Amendment, interim

809, Conservation Harvest Management, interim 810, Annual Forages for Grazing Systems, interim

812, Raised Beds, interim

815, Groundwater Recharge Basin or Trench, interim

817, On-Farm Recharge, interim

818, Water Conservation System, interim

821, Low Tunnel Systems, interim 823, Organic Management, interim

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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 CINNAMON HYBRID POPLAR TREES

ALFALFA CLOVER IDLE ALMONDS COCONUTS INDIGO

AMARANTH GRAIN COFFEE ISRAEL MELONS
APPLES CORN JACK FRUIT

APRICOTS COTTON ELS JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES

ARONIA (CHOKEBERRY) **COTTON UPLAND JICAMA ARTICHOKES CRANBERRIES JOJOBA ASPARAGUS** CRENSHAW MELON JUJUBE **ATEMOYA** CRUSTACEAN **JUNEBERRIES AVOCADOS CUCUMBERS** KENAF **BAMBOO SHOOTS** KHORASAN **CURRANTS BANANAS** DASHEEN **KIWIBERRY** BARLEY DATES **KIWIFRUIT** 

BEANS DURIAN KOCHIA (PROSTRATA)

BEETS EGGPLANT KOHLRABI

BIRDSFOOT/TREFOIL EINKORN KOREAN GOLDEN MELON

**BLUEBERRIES ELDERBERRIES KUMQUATS BREADFRUIT** LAMBS EAR **EMMER** BROCCOFLOWER FIGS LEEKS BROCCOLI **FINFISH LEMONS** BROCCOLINI FLAX **LENTILS BRUSSEL SPROUTS FLOWERS LESPEDEZA** FORAGE SOYBEAN/SORGHUM **BUCKWHEAT** LETTUCE CABBAGE GAILON LIMES GARLIC CACAO LONGAN **CACTUS GENIP** LOQUATS CAIMITO **GINGER** LYCHEE CALABAZA MELON GINSENG MANGOS **CALALOO** GOOSEBERRIES **MANGOSTEEN** 

CAMELINA GOURDS MAPLE SAP
CANARY MELON GRAPEFRUIT MAYHAW BERRIES
CANARY SEED GRAPES MEADOWFOAM
CANEBERRIES GRASS MILKWEED
CANISTEL GREENS MILLET

CANOLA GROUND CHERRY MIXED FORAGE
CANTALOUPES GUAMABANA/SOURSOP MOHAIR

CARAMBOLA (STAR FRUIT) **GUAR** MOLLUSK **CARROTS GUAVA** MORINGA **CASHEW GUAVABERRY MULBERRIES GUAYULE CASSAVA MUSHROOMS** CAULIFLOWER HAZEL NUTS MUSTARD CELERIAC **HEMP NECTARINES CELERY HERBS** NIGER SEED NON CHERIMOYA **HESPERALOE CHERRIES** HONEY OATS CHESTNUTS **HONEYBERRIES** OKRA CHICORY/RADICCHIO HONEYDEW **OLIVES ONIONS** CHINESE BITTER MELON HOPS

CHRISTMAS TREES HORSERADISH ORANGES
CHUFAS HUCKLEBERRIES PAPAYA

**TURKEYS** 

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**PARSNIP STRAWBERRIES PASSION FRUITS** SUGAR BEETS **PAWPAW** SUGARCANE LIVESTOCK **PEACHES SUNFLOWERS ALPACAS PEANUTS** SUNN HEMP **BEEF COWS PEARS TANGELOS BEEFALO** 

PEARS TANGELOS BEEFALO
PEAS TANGERINES BUFFALO OR BISON
PECANS TANGORS CHICKENS (BROILERS)
PENNYCRESS TANGOS CHICKENS (LAYERS)
PEPPERS TANNIER DAIRY COWS

PERENNIAL PEANUTS TARO DEER TEA **DUCKS** PERIQUE TOBACCO TEFF **PERSIMMONS ELK** PINE NUTS TI **EMUS PINEAPPLE** TOBACCO CIGAR WRAPPER **EQUINE PISTACHIOS TOBACCO BURLEY GEESE TOBACCO BURLEY 31V GOATS** 

PITAYA/DRAGONFRUIT **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** 

**TOBACCO FLUE CURED** 

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 WAMPEE RHUBARB RICE WASABI RICE SWEET WATERMELON WAX JAMBOO FRUIT RICE WILD

RUTABAGA WHEAT

RYE WILLOW SHRUB
SAFFLOWER WINTER MELON
SAPODILLA WOLFBERRY/GOJI

SAPOTE YAM

SCALLIONS SESAME SHALLOTS SORGHUM

SORGHUM DUAL PURPOSE

SORGHUM FORAGE

**POTATOES SWEET** 

SOYBEANS SPELT SQUASH

STAR GOOSEBERRY

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

### I. Overarching Statement

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

### II. Eligibility and Highly Erodible Lands and Wetlands Compliance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### III. Other Environmental and Cultural Resources Reviews

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by USDA NRCS on August 26, 2022. A copy of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities is available at <a href="https://www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities">www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities</a>. 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:

- 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 <a href="https://www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities">www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities</a> or an alternative location provided to the recipient by the National Program Officer. USDA may provide updates to the PCSC Project Reporting Workbook or submission methods to streamline the data collection process and/or reduce the burden on the recipient throughout the grant period. Generally, these updates will be provided at least 3 months in advance of any required changes. The recipient must not transfer any data to foreign governments or foreign entities without prior approval from USDA.

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

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

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

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

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

- 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.