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Flood-affected Landowners Urged to Apply for Conservation Programs

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Eligible landowners are being urged to enroll cropland affected by the 2011 Missouri River flood into two federal land conservation programs to take advantage of flood habitat recovery funds.

The Missouri River Post Flood Habitat Recovery Program provides eligible landowners incentives for enrolling cropland into the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program.

All lands eligible for CRP and CCRP located on the 500-year Missouri River Floodplain are eligible for the flood recovery program. There will be a one-time incentive payment of \$100 per acre for each CRP acre enrolled with Farm Services Agency.

The next general signup is May 20-June 14. Landowners interested should contact Scott Luedtke at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission at 402-471-5561 or scott.luedke@nebraska.gov.

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