



**HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED
PRACTICE & INCENTIVE ACTIVITY
APPLICATION**



Applicant (Decision Maker):	Entity Name:
Address:	Email:
Telephone:	Receive Text Messages: Yes/No (optional):
County where Practice/Management Activity will be applied:	

1. Do you have a customer record with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)?

Yes No

2. Applicant Information:

Select the business structure and enter the legal name, and tax identification number for all applicants who will be participants on the contract or agreement including the decision maker.

Business Structure (Mark with an X)		Applicant Legal Name	Tax ID Number (last four digits)
Individual	Entity		
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a) If applicant is a legal entity or joint operation, do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity or joint operation?

Yes No N/A

b) Complete the table below for all applicants who meet the requirements for one or more of the historically underserved categories. Refer to the attached instructions to learn more about the requirements. If not applicable, leave blank. (optional)

Definitions can be found here: www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/underserved-farmers-ranchers

Applicant Legal Name	Limited Resource Farmer	Beginning Farmer	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer	Veteran Farmer	Veteran Discharge Date
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3. **Land Information.** The following questions apply to the land being offered for enrollment through this application.

a) **Land Ownership Type (check all that apply):**

- Privately Owned
- Lessee
- Heirs' Property
- Other

b) **Control of Land Documentation (check all that apply):**

- Written Lease Agreement
- Deed or other Evidence of Land Ownership
- Other Agreement or Legal Conveyance (describe):

c) **Is the land currently enrolled in other USDA conservation program(s)?**

- Yes No

If yes, which program(s) and practice(s):

d) **What is the Primary Crop Type(s)?**



Offered Acres Information

Entity Name: _____ Total Offered Acres: _____

Farm, Tract and Field Number(s): _____

Application State (check one):

Arkansas

Louisiana

Mississippi

Missouri/ Illinois

Texas

Initial Screening Questions

Conservation Practice Screening

If applicant answers No to any of the following five questions, they are not eligible for this program.

1. Have the offered acres been under rice production at least once within the last 7 years (2018 – 2024)
 Yes No (Not Eligible)

2. Will applicant provide farm production data*, work with Measurement, Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MMRV) contractors to quantify greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions, and allow this data to be aggregated and shared?
 Yes No (Not Eligible)

3. Does applicant(s) meet at least one HU definition & requirements?
 Yes No (Not Eligible)

4. Does applicant(s) have documentation demonstrating land control for the current production year?
 Yes No (Not Eligible)

5. Is the applicant(s) offering to apply at least one Tiers I – III practice (complete list of practices can be found at www.usarice.com/climate-smart)?
 Yes No (Not Eligible)

There can be no overlap on practice-field combination between any Climate-Smart project and another federally funded program (i.e. NRCS programs, etc.) For example, if a producer has an active NRCS contract to implement Irrigation Water Management on specific acres, they cannot sign up for Irrigation Water Management on those same acres under this project.

*Farm production data includes fertilizer, herbicide, and insecticide application information, irrigation, harvest and residue management information, and yield data for the offered acres. Additional management information to establish baselines may also be required. No personally identifiable information will be shared in this process.

For this signup, only one application per individual or entity will be accepted and considered for funding.

Along with this completed form, applicant must also submit the following documents:

- Copy of FSA maps of offered acres with farm, tract, and field listed.
- Copy of FSA Producer Farm Data Report (PFDR)
- Copy of FSA 578 Forms for offered acres from one of these two consecutive six-year periods.
FSA 578 Forms from 2018 – 2023, OR
FSA 578 Forms from 2019 - 2024

The applicant agrees not to start any financially assisted conservation practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified technical service provider before an agreement is fully executed by the Rice Stewardship for Climate-Smart Commodities administrator. The applicant understands that if they start a conservation practice or activity prior to executing an official agreement the applicant will be ineligible to receive payment for the conservation practice or activity. Applicants must provide the Rice Stewardship for Climate-Smart Commodities administrator with written authorization from the landowner(s) to install structural or vegetative practices on leased land included in this application.

Applicant Signature	Date
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