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AMENDMENT #1 TO THE AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION**

AND

**THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
NEBRASKA PLATTE-REPUBLICAN RESOURCES AREA CREP**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this amendment to the agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the State of Nebraska is to implement a modified Nebraska Platte-Republican Resources Area Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

II. AMENDMENT

Section II., General Provisions, the opening paragraph is restated without change to read:

The goals of the Nebraska Platte-Republican Resources Area CREP are to enroll up to 100,000 eligible acres to significantly reduce the amount of irrigation water consumptive use, and agricultural chemicals and sediment entering waters of the State from agricultural lands and transportation corridors. The reduction of ground and surface water use and of non-point source contaminants, through establishment of permanent vegetative cover, will also enhance associated wildlife habitat, both terrestrial and aquatic.

Section IV., Program Elements, items I. through L., are amended or restated to read:

I. For the Nebraska CREP, cropland and practices enrollment goals are as follows:

CP2, CP4D, and CP25 – up to 85,000 acres.

CP21 and CP22 – up to 10,000 acres.

CP23 AND CP23A – up to 5,000 acres.

J. For the Platte River Basin Area, above Lake McConaughy, there shall be a 5,000 acre limit on land served jointly by a groundwater well or wells and surface water allocation, or allocations or on land served by a surface water allocation or allocations only. This 5,000 acre limit does not include land served solely by a groundwater well or wells.

K. Participants may be allowed to apply not more than 1/3 acre foot of irrigation water to enrolled land during the first 12 months of a CREP contract, but only if/when necessary to establish the vegetative conservation cover as outlined in an approved conservation plan, as determined by CCC. Otherwise, no irrigation water may be applied to the land at any time during the term of the CREP contract except as further agreed to by CCC.

IT IS SO AGREED:

**FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION**

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