

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CRP INFORMATION REQUESTED**

The Jefferson County Appraiser's Office recently sent agricultural land questionnaires to landowners who are on record as being enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The Appraiser's Office is mandated to review agricultural use on an annual basis. In previous years, CRP data was acquired through the USDA Farm Service Agency, but due to Farm Bill revisions, the necessary data is no longer available for review. Therefore, it is asked that anyone that has land currently in CRP or land that has come out of the program, notify the Appraiser's Office of the status of his or her enrollment and current use. For agricultural use value purposes, the Appraiser's Office also needs to know if, after ground is taken out of the Program, if it will remain in grass or broken out and cropped again.

This information does affect your valuation for taxation and we have to depend on public response for the most current and correct data. So it is asked that landowners or tenants please notify the Appraiser's Office at (785) 863-2552 or stop by the office, which is located in the basement of the Jefferson County Courthouse if you have any CRP information to report on your agricultural land and did not receive a questionnaire.