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(f) *Director* means the Director or Acting Director of the Farmer Programs Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture.

(g) *State* means any one of the States in the Appalachian Region.

(h) *State committee* means the persons in a State designated by the Secretary as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee under section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended.

(i) *County* means a political subdivision of a State identified as a county.

(j) *County committee* means the persons elected within a county as the county committee pursuant to regulations governing the selection and functions of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county and community committees under section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended.

(k) *Operator* means the person who is in charge of the supervision and conduct of the farming operations on the entire farm.

(l) *Occupier* means any person other than the owner or operator who has an interest as tenant or sharecropper in the acreage covered by the contract.

(m) *Farm* means that area of land defined as a farm under the regulations governing Reconstitution of Farms, Allotments, and Bases, part 719 of this chapter, as amended, or, for purposes of contracts entered into pursuant to §755.20, the land covered by the contract.

(n) *Cropland* means that land considered as cropland under the regulations governing Reconstitution of Farms, Allotments, and Bases, part 719 of this chapter, as amended.

(o) *Contract* means a Cost-Share Contract, Appalachian Land Stabilization and Conservation Program.

(p) *Commission* means the Appalachian Regional Commission which is composed of one Federal member (Federal Cochairman) and one member from each participating State in the Appalachian region.

(q) *Federal Cochairman* means the Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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(r) *State Cochairman* means the State Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission as elected by the State members of the Commission from among their number.

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§755.2 Purposes and objectives.

The general purposes and objectives of the Appalachian Land Stabilization and Conservation Program are to promote economic growth of the Region and to promote the conservation and development of the Region's soil and water resources. This program is a long-term program designed to carry out the policy of the Act by assisting landowners, operators, or occupiers through contracts providing for land stabilization, erosion and sediment control, reclamation through changes in land use, and the establishment of practices and measures for the conservation and development of the Region's soil, water, woodland, wildlife, and recreation resources.

§755.3 Geographical applicability.

The Appalachian Land Stabilization and Conservation Program will be limited to the States and counties designated as part of the Appalachian Region as defined in §755.1 of the regulations of this part, and then only in counties or areas specifically approved in the State program developed hereunder.

§755.4 General.

(a) The Appalachian Land Stabilization and Conservation Program will be administered in the field by State and county committees under the general direction and supervision of the Administrator. Members of county committees are hereby authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Secretary. State and county committees do not have authority to modify or waive any of the provisions of these regulations, or any amendment, supplement, or revision thereto.

(b) Landowners, operators, and occupiers desiring to share in the accomplishment of the purposes and objectives of the program will be given an