



Payment Limitations

OVERVIEW

A maximum dollar amount that can be received annually, directly or indirectly, under various programs by a person or legal entity is established by statute.

Such limitations on payments are controlled by direct attribution. Direct attribution means that program payments made:

- Directly or indirectly to a person are combined with the pro rata interest held in any legal entity that received payment, unless the payments to the legal entity have been reduced by the pro rata share of the person.
- Directly to a legal entity are attributed to those persons that have a direct and indirect interest in the legal entity, unless the payments to the legal entity have been reduced by the pro rata share of the person.

Payment attribution to a legal entity is tracked through four levels of ownership. If any part of the ownership interest at the fourth level is owned by another legal entity, a reduction in payment will be applied to the payment entity in the amount that represents the indirect interest of the fourth level entity in the payment entity.

For the purposes of the direct attribution of payments, ownership interest that a person or legal entity holds in a legal entity on June 1 of the current year is used. Direct attribution of payments is not applicable to cooperative associations of producers. The payments will instead be attributed to the members of the association that produced the commodities marketed by the association on behalf of the members.

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FACT SHEET

2014 Payment Limitations

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This table contains the annual payment limitations for a person or legal entity for programs that are subject to the provisions of the 2014 Act.

Program Payment Type	Limitation Amount
	2014 Through 2018
Commodity Programs	
Price Loss Coverage, Agricultural Risk Coverage, Loan Deficiency Program, and Marketing Loan Gain payments (other than Peanuts)	\$125,000
Price Loss Coverage, Agricultural Risk Coverage, Loan Deficiency Program, and Marketing Loan Gain payments for Peanuts	\$125,000
Transition Assistance for Producer of Upland Cotton	\$40,000 <u>1/</u>
Conservation Programs	
CRP annual rental payment and incentive payment.	\$50,000 <u>2/</u>
ECP (per disaster event)	\$200,000
EFRP (per disaster event)	\$500,000
CSP	\$200,000 <u>3/</u>
EQIP	\$450,000 <u>4/</u>
AMA	\$50,000 <u>5/</u>
Disaster Assistance Programs	
ELAP, LFP, LIP	\$125,000 <u>6/</u>
NAP	\$125,000
TAP	\$125,000
Price Support Programs	
LDP, MAL, and MLG	\$125,000 <u>1/</u>
Other Programs	
TAAF	\$10,000

- 1/ Transition Assistance for Producers of Upland Cotton is only available in the 2014 and 2015 program years.
- 2/ CRP contracts approved prior to October 1, 2008 may exceed the limitation, subject to payment limitation rules in effect on the date of contract approval.
- 3/ The \$200,000 limitation is the total limit under all CSP contracts entered into subsequent to the enactment of the 2014 Farm Bill during fiscal years 2014 through 2018.
- 4/ The \$450,000 limitation is the total limit under all EQIP contracts entered into subsequent to the enactment of the 2014 Farm Bill during fiscal years 2014-2018.
- 5/ The \$50,000 limitation is the total limit that a participant may receive under the AMA program in any fiscal year.
- 6/ Total payments received under LIP, LFP, and ELAP may not exceed \$125,000. A separate limitation applies to TAP payments. (Note: For SURE payments for losses on or before September 30, 2011, the payment limit regulations in effect when those losses occurred apply. The SURE limit is separate from the payment limitation amount applicable to LIP, LFP, TAP, and ELAP benefits authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill).