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## AGI VERIFICATION PROCESS REQUIRES PRODUCERS TO SUBMIT A NEW FORM TO IRS

USDA and Internal Revenue Service will use an electronic information exchange process to ensure payments have not been issued to producers whose average adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. Instead, IRS will notify USDA whether a payment recipient appears to meet the AGI criteria.

Written consent is required from each producer or payment recipient for this AGI review process. ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES who received 2009 payments or who request 2010 payments must complete a consent form and provide it to IRS so the AGI data can be verified. For entities, a consent form must be submitted by the entity and by each shareholder in such entity, to the fourth level of ownership. Individuals will use form CCC-927 and entities will use form CCC-928.

These forms are available online at <a href="http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov">http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov</a> or may be obtained from any FSA office. Forms should be completed and submitted directly to IRS at:

Internal Revenue Service – USDA PO Box 24033 Fresno, CA 93779

Failure to provide this consent form to IRS will result in ineligibility for future FSA payments and refund of payments already received. FSA is NOT authorized to accept completed consent forms and FSA is NOT authorized to submit these forms to IRS on your behalf.