

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice ARCPLC-20

For: State and County Offices

Restoring CCC-505 Base Acres Reduced for CRP Before October 1, 2014

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) was enacted on February 7, 2014. The 2014 Farm Bill provides that base acres reduced because of CRP may be restored to the farm if 1 of the following applies to the CRP contract:

- expired
- voluntarily terminated
- was early released.

B Purpose

This notice provides guidance to State and County Offices when:

- CRP contracts expired or were voluntarily terminated or early released in FY 2014
- the applicable farm had base acres eligible to be restored in FY 2014 or a prior year.

2 Restoring Base Acres

A Determining Base Acres to Restore

When reviewing files, County Offices have reported finding instances where CRP contracts expired, were voluntarily terminated, or early released by October 1, 2014, and some or all of the base acres (CCC-505 CRP reduction acres) protected on CCC-505 or CRP-15 were **not** restored to the farm.

In these situations, base acres were eligible to be restored to the farm by October 1, 2014, but were not restored.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

2 Restoring Base Acres (Continued)

B Determining When to Restore Base Acres

Authority is provided to restore and load into 2014 Farm Records System (FRS) and 2015 MIDAS, base acres represented on CCC-505 or CRP-15 from expired, voluntarily terminated, or early released CRP contracts that were eligible to be returned to the farm by October 1, 2014.

Note: County Offices **must** restore base acres in 2014 FRS and 2015 MIDAS farm records. The records must be restored in both systems as 2015 rollover has already occurred.

Base acres are **not** eligible to be restored to a farm in any year before 2014. As a result, actions taken in this notice have no bearing on any DCP or ACRE contract for any year before the 2014 crop year.

Exception: Base restoration corrections for years before 2014 are authorized according to 1-DCP, subparagraph 405 F.

C Authority to Restore Base Acres

DAFP has delegated to SED's the authority to approve base acre restoration requests when the criteria in this notice has been met.

D Using Restored Base Acres

Corrected base acres will be used in both the base acre reallocation and program election processes.

3 Action

A County Office Action

COC will submit to SED request to restore base acres to farms with expired, voluntarily terminated, or early released CRP contracts where base acres were **not** timely restored to the farm by October 1, 2014. Requests must be submitted to SED by the end of ARCPLC election.

B State Office Action

SED's will approve requests for base acre restoration, as applicable, as outlined in this notice. Action will only be taken when SED and/or the State Office specialist is thoroughly satisfied that the base acres:

- existed on the farm before any CRP contract being executed
- should be restored to the farm according to this notice.