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Notice ARCPLC-24

For: State and County Offices

Certification of Yields for Agriculture Risk Coverage-Individual (ARC-IC) on CCC-863

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

ARC-IC requires yield certification reporting components and requires participating producers to annually certify yields for each planted covered commodity.

B Purpose

This notice provides guidance to State and County Offices on:

- accepting yield certifications for ARC-IC on CCC-863
- completing CCC-863 (Exhibit 1).

2 Certification of Yield for Establishing the Benchmark Farm Yield

A Definition of Benchmark Farm Yield

Benchmark farm yield means, for years the covered commodity was planted, 5 years of actual average farm yields with a 70 percent of the county T-yield being substituted for in each year in the benchmark where the actual yield is less than 70 percent of the county T-yield. For years the covered commodity was not planted, the benchmark farm yield for the covered commodity will be assigned 100 percent of the county average yield for the applicable year.

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Distribution

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B ARC-IC Substitute Yields

To establish a benchmark farm yield for a covered commodity planted in the current year, a report of certified yield is required for the immediately preceding 5 crop years.

Because of situations where producers did **not** have control of the farm for the preceding 5 years when the covered commodity was planted, or the specific covered commodity was **not** planted on the farm in 1 or more of the preceding 5 crop years, substitute yields are **required** to be used in the benchmark database.

The following substitute yields are used for the ARC-IC benchmark for each covered commodity planted in the current year.

IF the crop was...	THEN...
planted in the benchmark year	the larger of the certified yield or 70 percent of T-yield is substituted.
not planted in the benchmark year	100 percent of the ARC-CO yield for each applicable year is substituted.

The ARC-IC substitute yields are found at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index. To access the:

- 70 percent of T-yield substitute yields, select the report titled, “70% of FSA T-Yields”
- 100 percent of the ARC-CO yield substitute yields, select the report titled, “County Yields for the ARC-CO Program”.

C Reporting Requirement

Benchmark yields **must** be certified by July 15 of the subsequent crop year.

Note: For the 2014 crop year, the deadline to certify to farm benchmark yields will be later than July 15, 2015, and will be announced in a separate notice or amendment.

All 5 years of the benchmark **must** be certified for the first year the covered commodity is planted. For the second and subsequent years, **only** the actual year yield is required to be certified.

When certifying to the benchmark year yields:

- enter the actual yield if the crop was planted and there is evidence to support the yield

Note: RMA yield data is considered production evidence for FSA program purposes.

2 Certification of Yield for Establishing the Benchmark Farm Yield (Continued)

C Reporting Requirement (Continued)

- enter “0” (zero) yield if the crop was planted and evidence is **not** available (missing or not determinable) to support a certified yield greater than zero
- leave the year and yield blank if the crop was **not** planted in that year.

3 Certification of Actual Yield for the Annually Planted Crops and Action

A Definition of Actual Yield

Actual yield, for the current year yield for ARC-IC, means the yield calculated by dividing the farm’s total production of the covered commodity by the total planted acres on the ARC-IC farm.

B Reporting Requirement

Actual farm yields for each planted covered commodity **must** be reported by July 15 of the subsequent crop year.

Note: For the 2014 crop year, the deadline to certify to farm yields will be established after July 15, 2015. FSA will announce the deadline in a separate notice or amendment.

The current year and each subsequent year the covered commodity is planted, the crop yield **must** be certified.

When certifying to the actual year yields:

- enter the actual yield if the crop was planted and there is evidence to support the yield

Notes: Records should be available to support yield certifications.

RMA yield data is considered production evidence for FSA program purposes.

- enter “0” (zero) yield if the crop was planted and evidence is **not** available (missing or not determinable) to support a certified yield greater than zero
- leave the year and yield blank if the crop was not planted in that year.

C State and County Office Action

State and County Office employees must follow this notice when collecting certified yields for ARC-IC.

Producer's Certification of Yield on CCC-863**A Certification of Yield on CCC-863**

The certification of benchmark and actual yields in the current year, or using the ARC-IC substitute yields for each covered commodity and each crop year, shall be documented by completing CCC-863 for each ARC-IC farm.

Note: Producers are certifying to yields and are **not** required to submit production evidence when filing CCC-863. However, evidence to support certified yields may be required at a later date according to 1-ARCPLC, Part 3.

B Completing CCC-863

Complete CCC-863 according to the following.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter program years for which CCC-863 is being used. Example: For 2014, enter "2009-2014".
2A	Enter FSA County Office name and address (optional).
2B and 2C	Enter FSA County Office phone and/or FAX number (optional).
3 and 4	Enter State and county code.
5	Enter FSN.
6	Complete this section to report yields at the farm level only in the years the covered commodity was planted in the benchmark years and enter a yield for the current year.
6 A	Enter covered commodity name that was planted in the current year on the farm.
6 B	Enter either of the following, as applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> certified yield for each year of the benchmark, for each of the covered commodities planted in the current year <p>Note: If the covered commodity was not planted for the particular year, leave blank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> actual yield for the actual year (current year) yield of the covered commodity planted. <p>Note: In the second and subsequent years, only the actual year yield of the covered commodity must be certified.</p>
6 C	Enter certified yield's "Record Type". Enter "1" for RMA data, "2" for production sold/commercial storage, "3" for on-farm storage, "4" for livestock feed records, "5" for FSA loan record, "6" for FSA NAP record, or "7" for other. Note: If "7" is entered, enter the other record type in the "Remarks" section.

Producer's Certification of Yield on CCC-863 (Continued)**B Completing CCC-863 (Continued)**

Item	Instructions
7	Enter remarks, if applicable.
8	Enter producer's name and address.
9A	Signature of producer completing the certification. Producer shall also be responsible for providing the evidence on request.
9B	If individual signing in item 9A is signing in a representative capacity for the participant, a title and/or relationship shall be entered. If the individual in item 9A is the signatory, then no entry is required.
9C	Enter date the producer or person signing in a representative capacity completes the certification.
10A	COC or representative signs after COC or representative reviews certified yields.
10B	Enter date COC or representative signed CCC-863.

Producer's Certification of Yield on CCC-863 (Continued)

C Example of CCC-863

The following is an example of CCC-863.

CCC-863 (06-18-15)												U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation				1. Program Years:				
AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE – INDIVIDUAL (ARC-IC) YIELD CERTIFICATION												2A. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including Zip Code)								
												2B. County FSA Office Telephone Number (Including Area Code)				2C. County FSA Office FAX Number (Including Area Code)				
												3. State Code		4. County Code		5. Farm Number				
<p>THE YIELD WORKSHEET is used to obtain yield information that may be used by producers participating in the Agriculture Risk Coverage – Individual (ARC-IC) program under Section 1113 of Public Law 113-79 and 7 CFR Part 1412. The yields provided in this worksheet for the previous five years the covered commodity was planted as well as the current crop year. The yields will be used to capture an ARC-IC Benchmark Farm Yield and the ARC-IC Actual Yield.</p> <p>Report the actual yields planted on the farm for each covered commodity planted for the current and prior five crop years. The higher of either the actual yield or 70% of the T-yield will be used for each year. If no crop was planted, the producer will receive the higher of 100% of the county yield or 70% of T-yield.</p> <p>TOTAL FARM YIELD WORKSHEET</p> <p>Complete this section ONLY for covered commodities that the owner may wish to report. If a covered commodity was not planted for a particular year, then leave that year blank. Enter the source of the data used to support the yield in Item 6C. Rec Type: 1 for "RMA data", 2 for "production sold/commercial storage", 3 for "on-farm storage", 4 for "livestock feed records", 5 for "FSA loan record", 6 for "FSA NAP record", or 7 for "other". Please enter the other record type in the remarks section on the form. This is ONLY a worksheet. It is NOT the yield update. This form may be used by any current owner of the farm if the current owner decides to update a yield using CCC-858 during the yield update period.</p>																				
6. Farm Yields																				
6A. Commodity	Benchmark Crop Year:		6C. Rec Type		Benchmark Crop Year:		6C. Rec Type		Benchmark Crop Year:		6C. Rec Type		Benchmark Crop Year:		6C. Rec Type		Actual (Current) Crop Year:		6C. Rec Type	
	6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield		6B. Yield			
7. Remarks																				
<p>The undersigned certifies that all the information entered on this form, whether personally entered by the undersigned or not, or by someone else, the attachments to this form, related acreage reports, production certifications, statements, etc., are each and all true and correct. The undersigned certifies that the production on this form is accurately identified to the farm and represents total production for the year shown. The undersigned understands this report is subject to spot-check, and if FSA finds that this certification contains any erroneous information, FSA will render a new determination. This may include a refund of unearned payments as a result of the errors. Failure to accurately certify any of the information on this form could result in a loss of program benefits. Additionally, by signing this form, the undersigned directs the purchaser, warehouse operator, ginner, or any person who otherwise, stores or purchases crop production listed on this form to disclose the production records of such crops to USDA representatives for the purpose of verification.</p>																				
8. Producer's Name and Address (Including Zip Code)																				
9A. Signature of Producer (By)										9B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity					9C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)					
10A. Signature of CCC Representative															10B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)					

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