

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice ARCPLC-28

For: State and County Offices

Unavailability of 2014 FAV Software

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Act of 2014 allows for FAV's and wild rice (WR) to be planted on payment acres enrolled in Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC); however, an acre-for-acre payment reduction will be applied for each acre of FAV and/or WR, or a portion thereof, planted on payment acres.

The software application that will be used to record acre-for-acre reductions will **not** be available before the October payment run for 2014 ARC and/or PLC contracts.

B Purpose

This notice informs County Offices of:

- a report being provided to identify potential FAV's planted on ARC and/or PLC payment acres for the 2014 crop year
- required steps needed to remove approval dates in the ARCPLC Contract Web Application to prevent erroneous payments.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2016 10-14-15	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Report of FAV Planted on 2014 ARCPLC Payment Acres

A Report Details

A report titled “2014 FAV Planted on Payment Acres” has been developed and placed on the ARC/PLC SharePoint site located at

<https://sharepoint.fsa.usda.net/mgr/dafp/PECD/arcplc/sitepages/home.aspx>.

This report contains the following.

Field	Description
State Code	2-digit FSA code for each State.
County Code	3-digit FSA code for each county.
Farm Number	Farm number from Farm Records.
Total FAV Planted Acres	Total FAV acres reported in the Crop Acreage Reporting System (CARS).
Base Acres	Total base acres for the farm number recorded in the Farm Records System (FRS).
Effective DCP Cropland	Effective DCP cropland recorded in FRS.
Payment Acres	85 percent of base acres for PLC and ARC-County Coverage (ARC-CO) elected farms, and 65 percent of base acres for ARC-Individual (ARC-IC) elected farms.
Free Acres	Difference between effective DCP cropland acres minus payment acres.
Potential FAV Planted on Payment Acres	Difference of total FAV planted acres minus free acres.

The report was generated using information from 2014 CARS and FRS to identify all farms, **not** just enrolled farms, that have FAV’s planted on payment acres.

The report contains the following 2 tabs:

- list of all farms that have FAV’s planted on payment acres, based on the payment acre factor of 85 percent of base acres for ARC-CO and PLC
- list of all farms that have FAV’s planted on payment acres, based on the payment acre factor of 65 percent for ARC-IC.

The same farm number may be displayed on both tabs because the report did **not** identify the election recorded in Farm Records for each specific farm. Therefore, an ARC-CO and/or PLC farm will be displayed on the “ARC-IC” tab, when the FAV’s planted on the farm are on payment acres subject to the ARC-IC payment acre calculation and vice-versa.

County Offices **must** determine the election of each farm on the report; that is, ARC-CO and/or PLC, or ARC-IC. Determine which report on which the farm should be listed on based on the election of that farm and then follow 4-CP, paragraph 22 to determine the required acre-for-acre reduction.

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B Action for Contracts Needing a FAV Reduction

Farms identified as needing an acre-for-acre reduction, according to subparagraph A, **cannot** have the approval date loaded in the ARC/PLC Contract Application. County Offices shall follow this table.

IF the...	THEN...
contract is currently not approved	offices shall not load the approval date until the FAV software is available.
approval date has already been loaded in the ARC/PLC Contract Web application	the County Office shall remove the approval date, according to subparagraph C, until the FAV software is available.

C Steps to Remove Existing Approval Dates

Users shall complete the steps in this table.

Step	Action
1	Access the "Original Approval Date" field for the farm according to 2-ARCPLC, Part 2, Section 1.
2	Delete the original approval date.
3	Submit the update.

After the update is submitted, the Contract Change Detected Screen will be displayed. Users must complete either of the following.

TO keep the contract in...	SELECT...	AND...
"Enrolled" status	"Modify Contract Dates"	reload only the enrollment date.
"Initiated" status	"Submit Initiated Contract"	the Farm Selection Screen will be displayed. No further action is needed.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall instruct all County Offices to follow the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices **must**:

- stop loading approval dates on CCC-861's or CCC-862's that will require an acre-for-acre reduction to be loaded in the FAV software
- withdraw the approval dates of any CCC-861 or CCC-862 that have already been approved that will require an acre-for-acre reduction to be loaded in the FAV software
- complete the removal of approval dates before the 2014 payment run, on or about **October 16, 2015**.