

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

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For: State and County Offices

Notification of Bases, Yields, Elections and Historical Irrigated Percentage (HIP) for ARCPLC

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

From November 17, 2014, through April 7, 2015 (the end of base reallocation, yield update and the ARCPLC election period):

- a current owner of a farm could make a 1-time decision to reallocate base acres using P&CP history from the 2009 through 2012 base period
- a current owner of a farm could make a 1-time decision to update counter-cyclical (CC) yields on a commodity-by-commodity basis equal to 90 percent of each commodity's 2008 through 2012 average yield for the years the commodity was planted
- all current producers on the farm could make a 1-time election of PLC or ARC-CO on a covered commodity by covered commodity basis or ARC-IC for the entire farm. The election would apply to the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Once the base reallocation, yield update, and ARCPLC election periods closed, ARPLC data was migrated to FRS for 2014 and MIDAS for 2015. A successful migration of ARCPLC data to 2014 and 2015 farm records was completed as of June 5, 2015.

Through the National Office and KC, FSA will now issue all farm operators, owners, and other producers of record a "Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC". The final base, yield, and election notification will include the covered commodity base acres, PLC yield, election per covered commodity or farm, as applicable, and HIP, if applicable.

On June 15, 2015, final notifications will begin to be mailed to the farm operator, owners, and other producers of record.

Note: The "Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC" will incorporate language for appeals from 1-APP. See subparagraph 2 C about appeals of errors in the notification.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2015 6-12-15	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

1 Overview (Continued)

B Purpose

This notice provides information about and a copy of the “Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC” that will be mailed to the operator, owners, and producers of record on a farm.

Note: Issuance of the notification by FSA constitutes notification to all persons, whether a person actually receives copy of the notification or not.

2 Final Base, Yield, & Election Notification

A Issuance of Final Base, Yield & Election Notification

Each farm that has covered commodities with base acres greater than zero, as well as farms with generic base acres, will have a notification issued to the operator, owners, and other producers of the farm.

A copy of the “Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC” will be posted for FSA access at <https://sharepoint.fsa.usda.net/mgr/dafp/PECD/arcplc/sitepages/home.aspx>.

One copy of the notification shall be printed and placed into the applicable farm folder.

If corrections are made, a revised notification must be created by the County Office and mailed to the operator, owners, and producers of record on the farm. County Offices will follow instructions in 1-ARCPLC for making corrections and issuing notifications.

B Example of Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC

See Exhibit 1 for a copy of the “Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC”.

2 Final Base, Yield, & Election Notification (Continued)

C Disagreements - Notifications of Bases and Yields

Within 30 calendar days of receipt of the notification, a farm operator, owner, or other producer on a farm can appeal to FSA in writing. Regardless of who actually receives the notification, the notification issued is considered notification to all persons about the base acres and yields of covered commodities on the farm.

According to 1-APP, the date an adverse decision is deemed received is the earlier of physical delivery by hand, actual stamped record of receipt on a transmitted document, or 7 calendar days following deposit for delivery by regular mail.

Notes: Receipt of the notification by anyone will start the 30-calendar-day clock from which a timely appeal of errors in the notification can be filed with FSA.

Appeals of errors in the notification are limited to errors only in the information contained on the notification and the accuracy of the same with respect to the specific farm. Appeals of election (or lack of election), base reallocation, or yield are not permitted as a result of this notification because the notification is not a determination by FSA on those matters.

3 State and County Office Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will ensure that County Offices are immediately notified of the contents of this notice.

State Offices will direct questions about the contents of this notice to Mike Walter by e-mail to michael.walter@wdc.usda.gov.

B County Office Action

County Offices:

- follow this notice and instructions in 1-ARCPLC for making corrections, if applicable
- process appeals that are submitted upon receipt of the final base and yield notice
- print and place one copy of the “Notification of Base and Yields for ARCPLC” into the farm folder.

Example of Notification of Base and Yields for ARC/PLC



United States Department of Agriculture

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Notification of Base and Yields for ARC/PLC

Farm and
Foreign
Agricultural
ServicesFSA County
123 Any Street
Any Town, Any State 12345Farm
Service
AgencyOwner A
123 Any Street
Possible 2nd line
Any Town, Any State, 12345

Crop	Base Acres	PLC Yield	Program Election	HIP %	Crop	Base Acres	PLC Yield	Program Election	HIP %
Barley			ARC-CO		Peanuts			PLC	
Beans-Large			ARC-CO		Peas			PLC	
Chickpea			ARC-CO		Rapeseed			ARC-CO	
Beans-Small			ARC-CO		Rice-Long			ARC-CO	
Chickpea			ARC-CO		Rice-Med			PLC	
Canola			ARC-CO		Safflower			ARC-CO	
Corn	23.52	145	PLC		Sesame			PLC	
Crambe			PLC		Soybeans	58.17	42	ARC-CO	20
Flax			ARC-CO		Sunflowers			ARC-CO	
Grain Sorghum	17.50	117	PLC		Wheat			PLC	
Lentils			ARC-CO		Generic	123	N/A	N/A	
Mustard Seed			ARC-CO						
Oats			ARC-CO						

Year 2014
Farm Number: 12345Operator: Producer A
Owner: Owner A
Farm Identifier: Split #1234

This notice is issued by the county FSA office. You may appeal the accuracy of information contained in this notice to the County Committee by filing a written request within 30 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the FSA appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 780. If you appeal to the County Committee, you have the right to an informal hearing which you or your representative may attend either personally or by telephone. If you appeal this notice to the County Committee, you may later appeal an adverse determination of the County Committee to the FSA State Committee or the National Appeals Division or request mediation. To appeal, write to the County Committee at your FSA service center address and explain why you believe this notice is erroneous. If you do not timely file a written appeal, this is the final administrative determination with respect to this matter according to the regulations at 7 CFR Part 780.

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