

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CP-706

For: State and County Offices

Entering Zero Acreage Reports in the Crop Acreage Reporting System (CARS)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

According to 2-CP, subparagraph:

- 313 A, beginning with the 2013 crop year, zero acreage reports are no longer required for NAP when a crop is not planted. To support the NAP zero acreage report requirement, the certification statement on the hardcopy FSA-578 was modified and the Record Farm Zero Acreage option was removed from CARS for 2013 and subsequent years
- 319 J, a zero acreage record is required when a spot check determines the producer reported the wrong crop on the acreage.

Note: In these cases, the reported acreage shall remain on FSA-578 and zero acres shall be entered as determined acreage in CARS. Additionally, a second line entry must be created to show the correct crop with zero reported acres and the acreage determined from the spot check shall be entered as determined acreage in CARS, according to 2-CP, subparagraph 319 J.

A recent review of CARS data has revealed numerous zero acreage records with no associated determined acreage. This does **not** meet current procedure.

Disposal Date

August 1, 2015

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County
Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

B Purpose

This notice:

- instructs State and County Offices to follow 2-CP, to record zero acreage records when applicable
- reiterate that zero acreage reports are no longer required for NAP.

C Contact Information

For any problems or concerns with this notice:

- County Offices shall contact their State Office compliance specialist
- State Office specialists shall contact Jantrice Williams by either of the following:
 - e-mail at jantrice.williams@wdc.usda.gov
 - telephone at 202-720-3637.

2 State and County Office Action

A State Office Action

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

B County Office Action

There is **no** required action by the County Office.