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For: FSA Employees

Sweet Corn Crop Data Changes for 2017

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1 Overview

A Background

Crop data updates for the 2017 program year for sweet corn has resulted in significant changes for acreage reporting and for the National Crop Table (NCT), used to administer NAP.

Sweet corn, historically captured with 1 type of corn (SWT) for purposes of acreage reporting and NAP, has been removed and replaced with 4 new types of sweet corn for improved data matching and accuracy between FSA and RMA. This allows for proper insurable price updates in NCT, and also for accurate data transfer of acreage reporting data across agencies.

B Purpose

This notice provides National, State, and County Offices detailed information on:

- crop data changes for sweet corn
- State Office action needed in NCT to accommodate the changes.

C Contact Information

Contact the following for questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact their State Office NAP specialist
- State Offices shall contact Mary Carey by e-mail to **mary.carey@wdc.usda.gov**.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2017	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

2   Sweet Corn Acreage Reporting for 2017 and Subsequent Years

A   CVS/Product Master Changes

Beginning with the 2017 program year, the following changes have occurred in CVS/Product Master.

Program Year	Crop (Code)	Type (Code)	Action
2017 and subsequent	Corn (0041)	Sweet (SWT)	Type removed from crop beginning with 2017
		Sweet, Bicolor (SBI)	Type added to crop beginning with 2017
		Sweet, White (SWH)	
		Sweet, Yellow/Golden Early (SYE)	
		Sweet, Yellow/Golden Late (SYL)	

In CRM Product Master all five types of sweet corn are displayed; however, the validity periods reflect the program years for which the types are applicable. The Sweet (SWT) type has a validity period ending on December 31, 2016, while the 4 new types have a validity period beginning January 1, 2017.

B   Acreage Reporting for Sweet Corn in CARS

The validity periods associated to all types of sweet corn in Product Master do **not** impact data availability in CARS for acreage reporting before January 1, 2017. Upon 2017 CARS availability, the new corn types will automatically appear in the dropdown for crop type selection. The types of sweet corn available in CARS for 2017 will be different from what has historically been available under the crop type data field of "Sweet." Fields and/or subfields certified on 2016 FSA-578's with the Sweet (SWT) type of corn will **not** roll over if the user entered an end year on or after 2017 in CARS, because the SWT type no longer exists in 2017 CVS.

Note: Annual crops such as sweet corn typically should not have an end year date entered.

Producers who report sweet corn on FSA-578 shall specify the new type of sweet corn they are reporting. If a producer is reporting a yellow sweet corn variety, use the following table to determine which type shall be reported.

Crop (Code)	Type (Code), 2017 and Subsequent Years	Varieties Included
Corn (0041)	Sweet, Yellow/Golden Early (SYE)	Yellow varieties requiring 76 or fewer days to maturity
	Sweet, Yellow/Golden Late (SYL)	Yellow varieties requiring 77 or more days to maturity

3   NCT Action for 2017 and Subsequent Years

A   NCT Data Availability in 2017 for Sweet Corn

The crop, type, and use data available in NCT is determined by the CVS data present in the corresponding program year. Therefore, 2017 CVS data established for sweet corn is reflected in the 2017 NCT. As a result, the Sweet (SWT) type of corn available in the 2016 and prior years' CVS data tables is no longer available in the 2017 NCT.

In situations where the CVS data matches from one program year to the next, which is typical, active records are rolled over to the subsequent year's NCT without issue. However, in this situation, the records which had rolled over to 2017 NCT no longer had an exact CVS data match.

B   NCT Record Data Transfer for Sweet Corn

To retain the NCT data associated with the Sweet (SWT) type of corn, Kansas City transferred the 2017 data that had rolled over from 2016 SWT type to all 4 new types of sweet corn in 2017 NCT according to the following table.

Program Year	Crop (Code)	Type (Code)	Action
2017 and subsequent	Corn (0041)	Sweet (SWT)	Type **removed** from 2017 CVS and subsequently 2017 NCT
		Sweet, Bicolor (SBI)	NCT data associated with the SWT type was populated into NCT records for **all 4** new types.
		Sweet, White (SWH)	
		Sweet, Yellow/Golden Early (SYE)	
		Sweet, Yellow/Golden Late (SYL)	

3   NCT Action for 2017 and Subsequent Years (Continued)

B   NCT Record Data Transfer for Sweet Corn (Continued)

Following is an example of data transfer.

Original NCT Record	
State	Washington, D.C.
County	D.C.
Crop	Corn (0041)
Type	Sweet (SWT)
Use	Fresh (FH)
Practice	Irrigated (I)
Planting Period	01
Other Data	Prices, yields, price and yield sources, unit of measure, dates, factors, approval flags, etc.

Resulting NCT Record #1:	
State	Washington, D.C.
County	D.C.
Crop	Corn (0041)
Type	Sweet, Bicolor (SBI)
Use	Fresh (FH)
Practice	Irrigated (I)
Planting Period	01
Other Data	Prices, yields, price and yield sources, unit of measure, dates, factors, approval flags, etc.

Resulting NCT Record #2:	
State	Washington, D.C.
County	D.C.
Crop	Corn (0041)
Type	Sweet, White (SWH)
Use	Fresh (FH)
Practice	Irrigated (I)
Planting Period	01
Other Data	Prices, yields, price and yield sources, unit of measure, dates, factors, approval flags, etc.

Resulting NCT Record #3:	
State	Washington, D.C.
County	D.C.
Crop	Corn (0041)
Type	Sweet, Yellow/Golden Early (SYE)
Use	Fresh (FH)
Practice	Irrigated (I)
Planting Period	01
Other Data	Prices, yields, price and yield sources, unit of measure, dates, factors, approval flags, etc.

Resulting NCT Record #4:	
State	Washington, D.C.
County	D.C.
Crop	Corn (0041)
Type	Sweet, Yellow/Golden Late (SYL)
Use	Fresh (FH)
Practice	Irrigated (I)
Planting Period	01
Other Data	Prices, yields, price and yield sources, unit of measure, dates, factors, approval flags, etc.

Notes: This data transfer was performed regardless of whether or not the NCT record was State approved at the time of data transfer. Therefore, all active records for all Sweet (SWT) corn were transferred to all 4 new types.

All intended uses, practices, and planting periods associated with the Sweet (SWT) type 2017 NCT records were transferred in this process.

The pay groups associated with the new types of sweet corn remain the same as the pay group associated with the Sweet (SWT) type.

3   NCT Action for 2017 and Subsequent Years (Continued)

C   State Office Action for 2017 Sweet Corn Records

States with NCT records for sweet corn that plan to approve 2017 sweet corn records for the 2017 program year shall:

- load historical price and yield data for new sweet corn types in the 2017 NCT as would normally be performed for a new program year

- consult with their County Offices to identify which of the 4 new types of sweet corn are grown in their State and for which a need exists to maintain and approve 2017 NCT records

- edit and approve 2017 NCT sweet corn records for which the new type(s) are applicable in the State.

Example: Washington, D.C. producers normally grow, report crop acreage for, and/or purchase NAP coverage for Sweet, White and Sweet, Bicolor types of corn but **not** for Sweet, Yellow/Golden Early or Sweet, Yellow/Golden Late types of corn. The Washington, D.C. State NAP specialist will therefore only need to edit and approve 2017 NCT records for Sweet, White and Sweet, Bicolor types.

Note: NCT records that have been inactive for 3 or more years will **not** be rolled over to the subsequent year's NCT.

4   NAP Software Action for 2017 and Subsequent Years

A   2017 NAP Availability to 2017 NCT Sweet Corn

Before rollover of NCT data, as well as during the period of time given to State Offices to record and approve NCT data, NAP software reads prior program year NCT data. 2017 NAP software is currently reading 2016 NCT data and will continue to do so during this period of time. This will allow State Offices time to record and approve 2017 NCT data.

2017 NCT changes to sweet corn will **not** be reflected in 2017 NAP software at this time. As a result, only the 2016 Sweet (SWT) type of corn will be available for selection within 2017 NAP software until further notice.

4   NAP Software Action for 2017 and Subsequent Years (Continued)

B   NAP Coverage Data Conversion for Sweet Corn

To retain 2017 NAP data recorded for the Sweet (SWT) type of corn, Kansas City will convert the Sweet (SWT) type of corn to all 4 new types of sweet corn in NAP software, as applicable, based on approved 2017 NCT data. This conversion will take place as soon as 2017 NAP software starts to read 2017 NCT data.

Note: 2017 NAP data recorded for the Sweet (SWT) type of corn will automatically be cancelled and require user intervention if 2017 NCT records are not timely approved for the 4 new types of sweet corn, as applicable.

5   Action

A   State Office Action

State Offices will:

- ensure that County Offices are aware of the contents of this notice

- load data for and approve the 4 new types of sweet corn in the 2017 NCT, as applicable, and in a timely manner

- follow instructions as provided in subparagraph 3 C.

B   County Office Action

County Offices will:

- assist State NAP specialists, if needed, to identify and gather data associated with the 4 new types of sweet corn required for NCT record approval

- be able to assist producers to match sweet corn varieties reported for purposes of certifying an FSA-578 to the new types of sweet corn

- continue to select and record the Sweet (SWT) type of corn in NAP software until 2017 NAP software starts reading 2017 NCT data, at which time County Offices will be able to select from the 4 new types of sweet corn, as applicable, when recording 2017 and subsequent year NAP data.