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State and County Offices

2015 Program Year Cotton Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) Signup

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1 Overview

A Background

CTAP, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, provided interim payments to cotton producers during the 2014 crop year until the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), a new insurance product also created by the legislation, is available. CTAP was authorized for the 2014 crop year, and for the 2015 crop year CTAP is available in counties where STAX is not available.

CTAP is administered by FSA; STAX is administered by RMA. Information on STAX can be found on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov.

With respect to a farm’s effective 2013 cotton base acres, as adjusted, CTAP payments will be issued to eligible 2015 producers who apply and meet all eligibility requirements and whose farms have cropland physically located in counties where STAX is not available.

Under CTAP, there is no requirement that producers plant cotton to be eligible for payment; however, eligible producers must have an adequate share in enough cropland acres to cover their claimed interest in cotton base acres on CCC-957.

B Purpose

This notice announces the 2015 program year application period for 2015 CTAP.

Note: The program is only being conducted in administrative County Offices servicing farms having cotton base acres where the farm has cropland physically located in a county and STAX was not available for purchase in 2015.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2016	Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 2015 CTAP

A Program Signup Dates

The 2015 application period is from **July 6, 2015**, through **September 30, 2015**, for CCC-957's.

B Program Guidance Regarding 2015 Applications

A forthcoming 1-CTAP amendment will contain policy and procedure for conducting signup during the 2015 application period.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will instruct all County Offices to:

- publicize the contents of this notice by available means
- issue announcements that will encourage producers on eligible farms in eligible 2015 CTAP counties to file CCC-957 for their farms.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- publicize the contents of this notice by press release, newsletters, or other available means
- begin accepting CCC-957's according to 1-CTAP on **July 6, 2015**.