

For: State and County Offices

Updating Pulse Crop Base Acres

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice DCP-211 identified intended uses and types of pulse crops that could be used to add pulse base acres. A change in policy has added additional intended uses of dry peas that may be used to add pulse crop base acres.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides additional guidance to State and County Offices on adding pulse crop base acres
- obsoletes Notice DCP-217.

2 Pulse Crop Policy

A Eligible Pulse Crop Intended Use

The intended use and types of crops that are used to add pulse crop base acres are as follows.

Pulse Crop	Intended Use	Type
Chickpeas, Large	All	All
Chickpeas, Small	All	All
Lentils	All	All
Peas, Dry	All	Austrian Green Umatilla Wrinkled Seed Yellow

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2010	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

Notice DCP-218

2 Pulse Crop Policy (Continued)

B Participation in DCP or ACRE

Notice DCP-211 requires completing the pulse crop base acre election by **August 14, 2009**. That deadline is still applicable for pulse crops not affected by this notice. Farms that had dry peas planted from 1998 through 2001 with intended use of FG, GM, or GZ shall be allowed to complete ACRE election and DCP/ACRE contracts through close of business **September 30, 2009**, to:

- allow adequate time to receive base and yield election information
- make an informed decision about this new policy.

Producers adding pulse crop base acres to a farm that did not plant dry peas with intended use of FG, GM, or GZ shall **not** be allowed to complete the pulse crop base and yield election **after August 14, 2009**.

Note: For DCP/ACRE contracts updated according to this subparagraph and **after August 14, 2009**, contract enrollment and approval dates will have to be updated by the designated State Office employee who has DCP State Office Administrative Access. For ACRE elections, County Offices shall contact the National Office through the State Office.

C State and County Office Action

State and County Office employees shall:

- immediately inform producers of this new policy
- allow producers that planted dry peas from 1998 through 2001 with the intended use of FG, GM, or GZ to update base acres through **September 30, 2009**.