

For: AK, FL, HI, and PR, State and County Offices

**Announcing Signup for FY 2014 Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment (RTCP-V)
Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in
Alaska, Hawaii, and Insular Areas**

Approved: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 FY 2014 RTCP-V Signup

A Background

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2014 authorized \$1.996 million for FY 2014 to assist geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers according to The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill), Section 1606. The 2014 Farm Bill re-authorized the RTCP Program for each succeeding FY subject to appropriated funding.

To be eligible for RTCP-V Program benefits, the geographically disadvantaged farmer or rancher must meet the eligibility requirements provided in 7 CFR 755.4 and submit FSA-218 during the announced FY 2014 signup period.

The following are forthcoming:

- 2-SP with updated RTCP-V policy and procedures
- software to enter calculated payment amount and process RTCP-V payments.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with the signup period for RTCP-V.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Dani Cooke, PSD by either of the following:

- e-mail to danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov
- telephone at 202-720-1919.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2014	AK, FL, HI, and PR State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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D Period for Accepting FSA-218's

County Offices shall begin accepting FSA-218's on **July 21, 2014**, and will end on **September 8, 2014**. Eligible applicants may file FSA-218 for benefits any time during the application period.

Completed FSA-218's must be submitted to either of the following:

- County Office where the agricultural operation is located
- producer's administrative County Office.

Note: Multi-county producers must return the completed FSA-218 to their administrative County Office.

For areas where FSA County Offices do not exist, FSA-218's may be submitted to the respective State Office.

FSA-218's received by mail after the application deadline date must have a postmark date no later than **September 8, 2014**, to be considered timely filed.

Note: Late-filed provisions will **not** apply to the RTCP-V Program. FSA-218's received after the deadline date will **not** be approved.

2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- immediately publicize the contents of this notice by all available means
- see 2-SP, for RTCP-V policy and procedure
- forward any RTCP-V Program questions to the National Office according to subparagraph 1 C.

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B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- immediately notify producers, by all available means, of the RTCP-V Program signup period
- forward questions about the contents of this notice to their State Office Price Support specialist.