

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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Notice SURE-3

For: State and County Offices

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program Signup

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-234, as amended by Pub. L. 110-398 and Pub. L. 111-005 authorizes the SURE Program beginning with the 2008 crop year ending with losses incurred on or before September 30, 2011.

SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production losses and/or crop quality losses during the crop year
- any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than the normal production of the farm.

B Purpose

This notice provides application signup start dates for the SURE Program and additional program procedure references.

C Program Signup Dates

Signup for the SURE Program for 2008 crop losses will begin January 4, 2010.

Note: An ending date for the 2008 signup period has **not** yet been established.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2010	State Offices: State Offices relay to County Offices

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D Interim Signup

This notice announces the availability of the "interim" process for applying for SURE. This process will be available until the "full" process is implemented. Producers are **not** required to participate in or apply under the interim process to be eligible for the full SURE program.

E Crops Requiring Special Processing

There are a few crops that require additional processing because of available crop insurance options. Producers who have crop insurance on 1 or more of the following crops and insurance options cannot have their applications finalized until the additional processing procedure is finalized:

- peanuts
- barley with option code MA or MB, indicating malting barley
- potatoes with option code CL or CH, indicating certified seed.

The additional procedure will provide guidance on calculating the SURE guarantee using the RMA data provided on the SURE Interim Report.

F SURE Intranet Web Address

A SURE Intranet web site is available to provide helpful tools that will assist users with the SURE Program.

Some of the tools that can be found on the SURE web site include the following:

- SURE Interim Workbook
- question and answer documents
- forms and handbook links.

The SURE web site can be accessed at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/fsa/sure>.

All SURE training materials, including a new Q&A video taped December 17, 2009, are available on the DAFP training web site at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/fsa/dafp/training>.

G Program Provisions and Regulations

Program provisions are included in a new handbook, 1-SURE. The handbook can be accessed on the FSA Intranet at ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/manuals/1-sure_r00_a01.pdf.

Program regulations are included in 7 CFR 760.600. The final rule was published on December 28, 2009.

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2 State and County Office Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall instruct all County Offices to:

- publicize the contents of this notice
- widely publicize the SURE signup start date
- ensure that County Release No. 682 has been loaded
- ensure that the SURE Interim Workbook has been downloaded and installed.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- publicize the contents of this notice by press releases, newsletters, etc.
- ensure that County Release No. 682 has been loaded
- download and install the SURE Interim Workbook according to 1-SURE, paragraph 514
- on January 4, 2010, start accepting FSA-682, “Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program Application”, for 2008 crop losses according to 1-SURE.