

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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Notice SURE-40

For: State and County Offices

Closing the 2011 and 2012 SURE Programs

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1 Overview

A Background

The application period for the 2011 SURE program closed on June 7, 2013. The application period for the 2012 SURE Program closed on August 29, 2014. The last day crop insurance companies have to submit policy data to RMA was October 9, 2015. County Offices received the final RMA download for the 2011 and 2012 SURE Report (SIR) process on October 13, 2015.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- notification that the final RMA download for the 2011 and 2012 SIR was October 13, 2015
- actions to be taken by State and County Offices to close out the 2011 and 2012 SURE.

2 Preparing for Final 2011 and 2012 RMA Downloads

A Final RMA Download

The last day crop insurance companies have to submit policy data to RMA, which will be made available to FSA related to the 2011 and 2012 SURE Programs, was October 9, 2015. County Offices received the final RMA download for the 2011 and 2012 SIR on October 13, 2015. This download will include changes RMA received from the insurance companies. There will be no further updates processed by RMA for 2011 and 2012.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2016 10-8-15	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Preparing for Final 2011 and 2012 RMA Downloads (Continued)

B Timely Signed Applications Waiting for RMA Corrections to 2011 or 2012 SIR Data

Producers should have contacted their agents if questions arose about data on the 2011 or 2012 SIR. Any corrections from the insurance companies should have been provided to RMA, so those changes would show up timely on SIR. In special cases, State Offices have requested that the FSA National Office contact RMA about questions on why an anticipated data change has not appeared on SIR.

County Offices shall contact the State Office through the DD immediately when there is a producer who meets all of the following criteria:

- the producer has:
 - timely signed the 2011 application, including all required forms according to 1-SURE, subparagraph 321 A
 - timely signed the 2012 application, including all required forms according to 1-SURE, subparagraph 360 A
 - contacted their agent about a correction to SIR
- the agent indicated that the data would change but the change has not appeared on SIR.

For each case meeting all of the criteria in this subparagraph, State Offices shall send an explanation of the issue and an encrypted PDF file of the most recent SIR to Rick Blackwood, PECD, by e-mail to **rick.blackwood@wdc.usda.gov**, by October 30, 2015.

3 SURE Policy Reminders

A Data Discrepancies

The last day crop insurance companies have to submit policy data to RMA, which will be made available to FSA related to 2011 and 2012 SURE, was October 9, 2015.

Data from RMA may not match FSA records. The basic rule is that RMA data shall be used if it meets the requirements of the SURE program. COC's must use the most accurate data, and if warranted, make changes to RMA data according to the following provisions.

- When acreage discrepancies exist, follow the tolerance rules in 1-SURE, paragraph 100.
- If other discrepancies exist, such as producer of record, shares, or harvested versus unharvested, follow guidance in 1-SURE, paragraph 292.

3 SURE Policy Reminders (Continued)

A Data Discrepancies (Continued)

- 1-SURE, subparagraph 292 B provides procedures to follow when RMA concurs with FSA shares, yet the RMA data will not be changed. County Offices are required to submit AD-2007; however, SURE applications may be processed without RMA concurrence as long as the guarantee reflects the lesser of RMA share or FSA share.
- If RMA 2011 data needs to be adjusted and loaded into the 2011 SURE Workbook, follow procedure in 1-SURE, paragraph 668.
- If RMA 2012 data needs to be adjusted and loaded into the 2012 SURE Workbook, follow procedure in 1-SURE, paragraph 693.

B RMA Production Information

A producer may use RMA production information provided on SIR in the L (loss) record or the SY (subsequent year) acre and yield record for their production certification on FSA-682. As indicated in 1-SURE, subparagraph 201 D, a producer is required to report production for all insurable and NAP coverable crops on FSA-682.

If RMA production information is missing or incorrect, for specific justifiable circumstances for the producer to make their production certification, SURE applications are not to be held. The application should be processed with production evidence provided by the producer following the guidelines in 1-SURE, subparagraphs 201 G through K rather than await corrections from RMA.

C Applications Missing All Required Forms

Follow 1-SURE, subparagraph 321 A for 2011 applications that did not include all required documentation by the signup deadline.

Follow 1-SURE, subparagraph 363 A for 2012 applications that did not include all required documentation by the signup deadline.

4 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall notify State Offices of producers waiting for 2011 or 2012 RMA data changes according to subparagraph 2 B.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that:

- the National Office is notified of all SURE producers who met criteria in subparagraph 2 B
- County Offices follow 1-SURE when processing 2011 and 2012 SURE applications.