UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
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Stillwater, OK 74074

OK Notice PL-145

For: County Offices

2004 Payment Limitations for Combined State Producers

Approved by: **State Executive Director**

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1 Overview

A Background

All State agencies, divisions or political subdivisions, that receive tax revenue support or that have taxing authority are combined as one "person" for payment limitation purposes according to 1-PL, paragraph 256.

If this combined entity exceeds the applicable limitation in direct payments, or projected counter-cyclical payments, the participants shall be polled to determine the method of disbursement. If the combined State producers do not develop a payment method by the end of the 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) signup, a drawing shall be conducted by the control county (State Office) to determine the order of payment.

B Purpose

The purposes of this notice are to:

- remind County Offices of the procedure in 1-PL (Rev. 1), Paragraph 256, to notify producers affected by the rules for State agencies, divisions, and political subdivisions
- provide a list of known entities included in the combined state producer
- provide County Offices with a specific letter for notifying the combined state producers.

2 Action

A County Office Action

All counties shall:

- Honor the signup period for State agencies, divisions, and political subdivisions enrolling in the 2004 DCP through June 1, 2004.
- Send the letter in Exhibit 1 to all affected producers by May 1.

Disposal Date	Distribution
August 1, 2004	County Offices

2 Action (Continued)

A County Office Action (Continued)

- Follow 1-PL (Rev. 1) Paragraph 256 F, to ensure information is sent to the Production Adjustment Section no later than June 4. The State Office will conduct the drawing.
- Submit:
  - 2004 CCC-509
  - 2004 CCC-509 E for the combined state producer.

B State Drawing

According to 1-PL (Rev. 1), Paragraph 256 H, the Oklahoma State FSA Office will hold a drawing at 10:00 a.m. on June 11, 2004 (the second Friday after the end of signup). Counties will be notified of the drawing results.

3 Members of Combined State Producer

A Known Entities Included in the Combined State Producer

The following State agencies, divisions, and political subdivisions, are included in the combined state producer:

Producer	County	Producer	County
Boise City Public Works	Cimarron	City of Sayre	Beckham
City of Alva	Woods	City of Shattuck	Ellis
City of Blackwell	Kay	City of Stillwater	Noble and Payne
City of Chattanooga	Tillman	City of Tonkawa	Kay
City of Cushing	Payne	Cotton County Cons. District	Cotton
City of Elk City	Beckham	Garfield Co. Industrial Authority	Garfield
City of Enid	Garfield	Harmon County Cons. District	Harmon
City of Erick	Beckham	Lomega FFA Chapter	Kingfisher
City of Gage	Ellis	Miami Industrial Dev. Authority	Ottawa
City of Geary	Blaine	Northfork Red River Cons. District	Beckham
City of Guymon	Texas	OK Dept. of Corrections	Alfalfa, Greer, and Woodward
City of Hobart	Kiowa and Washita	Red Rock Conservancy District	Noble
City of Midwest City	Oklahoma	Town of Beaver	Beaver
City of Pond Creek	Grant		

B Additions

Additional State agencies, divisions, and political subdivisions may begin participating. If the County Office has questions or concerns about an entity in the county, contact Tona Huggins.

Exhibit 1

Producer Name
Rural Route or Street Address
City, State Zip Code

Dear Producer:

A State, including political subdivision and agencies thereof, is collectively considered as one "person" for payment limitation purposes, and therefore may not receive payment or "permitted entity" designations exceeding the amount afforded one "person." To be eligible for payment, each "person" must be determined "actively engaged in farming" and in compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions.

If you intend to participate in the 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, you must enroll by June 1, 2004. All combined State producers may develop a method for disbursing program payments subject to limitation and inform the Oklahoma State FSA Office, 100 USDA, Suite 102, Stillwater, OK 74074 by no later than June 1, 2004. If no method is given, the Oklahoma State FSA Office will conduct a drawing, open to the public, on Friday, June 11, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., for selecting a payment order in which participating combined State producers will receive payments subject to the limitation.

If a drawing is conducted, you will be notified of the results.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director