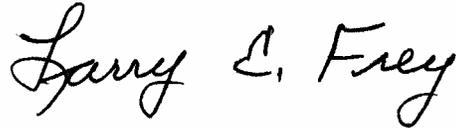


For: County Offices

Use of CLU Layer as Official USDA Photography

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

According to paragraph 501, 2CP, Rev 1, once all producers have been notified and determinations are final, the certified CLU shall be archived with the State Office and APFO. State Offices are to then notify the National Data Manager that the CLU layer is certified and Counties are to use the GIS acres as the official acres.

Prior to using the GIS acres as official acres, the 660 scale paper photography continues to be the source of official acres.

Some counties will be ready for certification during the time 2004 acreage reports are being taken using the official acreage from the 660 scale paper photography. It will be confusing and a source of possible errors if for the same crop year some farms have acreage reports taken from 660 scale photography and other farms have acreage reports taken from GIS.

B Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to clarify when GIS acreage shall be considered official acreage and when acreage from the 660 scale photography shall be considered official acreage. Acreage reported in a county in Oregon during 2004 will be either taken from the GIS acreage or from the 660 scale photography with the exceptions as described in paragraph 2.

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2 Action

A Finalizing CLU Determinations and Official Acreage

All counties that can complete the CLU certification process prior to taking any 2004 acreage reports shall do so and use the GIS acres as official acres for 2004 acreage reports.

Exception: Do not use GIS acreage as the official 2004 acreage for any farm that all of the following apply:

- The farm has an active CCC-509 DCP Contract at the time the CLU layer is certified
- CCC-505, Voluntary Permanent DCP Base Acreage Reduction is required because DCP crop bases exceed DCP cropland for the farm.

If any county will complete the CLU certification process after or during the time acreage reports are being taken, then 2004 acreage reports shall be taken using the 660 scale photography official acres. The CLU certification process shall be delayed until just prior to the 2005 crop year. See subparagraph 2B for acreage under CRP signup 26 and later signups.

Exception: If the CLU certification is expected to be complete before the vast majority of acreage reports have been taken, then the CED shall decide if acreage reports for 2004 will be taken from GIS acreage. This exception shall be used only when it is obvious that the certification process will be complete before a vast majority of acreage reports have been taken.

B CRP Signup 26 and all Later CRP Signups

GIS acreage shall be used for all acreage that became effective under CRP signup 26 and for all later CRP signups.