

For: County Offices

Alfalfa Quality Loss - CDP

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1 Overview

A Background

The CDP provides for quality loss for some crops if the loss was attributed to an eligible disaster condition. Refer to Paragraph 8, 5-DAP for eligible disaster conditions. Deterioration of the crop resulting from storage practices are not eligible for a quality adjustment.

2 Action

A Documentation

Producers must provide written verifiable documentation indicating both the quality loss and the amount of the affected production. The quality loss documentation must be specific for the affected quantity.

Example: A hay test taken for a specific field of hay will only be applicable to the production from that specific field and may not be used to document losses from other fields or cuttings.

The production must be documented using verifiable evidence, such as sales receipts or actual measurements. The documentation must be dated and contain specific production information related to the quality affected crop. COC shall determine whether the documentation provided substantiates the crop, production and year of the requested quality loss adjustment.

Documentation by certifications or maximum loss levels are not eligible. Actual measurements to verify production for a particular year, cutting, or field, must have been taken before the harvesting of subsequent hay. Refer to subparagraph 81D, 5-DAP, for eligible farm-stored measurements.

The documentation for quality must be a test provided by a licensed testing facility. The test at a minimum must indicate acid detergent fiber (ADF) and crude protein (CP). As per Notice DAP-169, the sample for the quality test must have been submitted to the testing facility on or before 8/25/2003.

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B STC Approved Level

As described in handbook 5-DAP, the STC has the option of establishing up to five loss levels for single market crops. The STC set criteria for alfalfa quality loss to have only one loss level. Any alfalfa hay that has either ADF or CP that meets the level 1 criteria described in the table below will be eligible (provided proper documentation has been provided).

Oregon Alfalfa Quality Criteria				
Level	ADF	CP		
0	Below 30	Above 20		
1	Above 30	Below 20		