



**Production Flexibility Contract
Data -- Fiscal Year 1997**

Production Flexibility Contracts are administered by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Farm Service Agency. Participating producers receive fixed payments and are also eligible for commodity loans for the agricultural crops listed below.

Farms eligible to receive payments under Production Flexibility Contracts are those enrolled in the

7-year program when a one-time sign-up was held, except for farms with CRP contracts expiring after the sign-up, which may be enrolled when the CRP contract expires. The one-time sign-up was held in 1996, and contracts began with the 1996 crop and extend through the 2002 crop. Data for 1996 and 1997 are shown below.

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Table 1: Contract Enrollment Data: 1996 and 1997

Crop	1996			1997			Enrolled Number of Farms	Enrolled Contract Acres
	Total	Enrolled	Percent	Total	Enrolled	Percent		
Wheat	1,042,042	953,995	91.6	77,345,101	76,673,982	99.1	966,349	76,662,592
Corn	1,389,100	1,235,795	89.0	82,084,594	80,726,420	98.3	1,250,326	80,911,431
Sorghum	368,948	343,724	93.2	13,246,904	13,093,078	98.8	347,607	13,097,711
Barley	234,881	216,309	92.1	10,640,419	10,528,502	98.9	219,898	10,537,870
Oats	572,017	513,334	89.7	6,364,769	6,176,378	97.0	520,984	6,186,042
Cotton	169,655	164,632	97.0	16,302,861	16,202,154	99.4	166,623	16,212,964
Rice	22,669	22,382	98.7	4,176,420	4,157,904	99.6	22,930	4,157,215
Total	1,887,194	1,681,921	89.1	210,161,068	207,558,418	98.8	1,699,702	207,765,825

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Crop	Units	1996				1997			
		Payment Rates			Total Payments (Millions)	Payment Rates			Total Payments (Millions)
		Advance	Final	Total		Advance	Final	Total	
Wheat	cents/bu	31.0	56.4	87.4	\$1,940	30.5	32.6	63.1	\$1,395
Corn	cents/bu	12.0	13.1	25.1	\$1,745	29.5	19.1	48.6	\$3,380
Sorghum	cents/bu	15.5	16.8	32.3	\$201	30.5	23.9	54.4	\$338
Barley	cents/bu	11.5	21.7	33.2	\$137	12.5	15.2	27.7	\$113
Oats	cents/bu	1.0	2.3	3.3	\$9	1.5	1.6	3.1	\$8
Cotton	cents/bu	3.875	5.007	8.882	\$700	3.7	3.9	7.625	\$593
Rice	dollars/cwt	1.390	1.376	2.766	\$455	1.37	1.34	2.710	\$448
Total					\$5,186				\$6,275

**Table 3:
Loan Rates**

Crop	Units	1996	1997
Wheat	dollars/bu.	2.58	2.58
Corn	dollars/bu.	1.89	1.89
Soybeans	dollars/bu.	4.97	5.26
Sorghum	dollars/bu.	1.81	1.76
	dollars/cwt.	3.23	3.14
Barley	dollars/bu.	1.55	1.57
Oats	dollars/bu.	1.03	1.11
Upland Cotton	cents/lb.	51.92	51.92
ELS Cotton	cents/lb.	79.65	79.65
Rice	dollars/cwt.	6.50	6.50
Minor Oilseeds	cents/lb.	8.91	9.30

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Table 4:
Production Flexibility Contracts by State

(\$Thousands)

State	1996	1997	State	1996	1997
Alabama	40,465	38,522	Nebraska	303,301	489,637
Alaska	113	96	Nevada	1,293	977
Arizona	48,640	38,753	New Hampshire	299	553
Arkansas	270,227	255,299	New Jersey	2,283	3,503
California	214,377	194,186	New Mexico	20,722	22,044
Colorado	99,031	101,251	New York	23,105	38,753
Connecticut	658	1,281	North Carolina	59,213	70,673
Delaware	4,079	5,775	North Dakota	309,708	244,071
Florida	7,693	8,609	Ohio	124,607	193,246
Georgia	79,113	77,036	Oklahoma	186,629	144,850
Idaho	87,997	66,774	Oregon	45,909	34,022
Illinois	336,919	591,793	Pennsylvania	17,652	30,304
Indiana	167,665	292,025	Rhode Island	23	43
Iowa	350,248	680,334	South Carolina	29,482	31,444
Kansas	422,204	416,543	South Dakota	151,832	183,086
Kentucky	44,130	68,704	Tennessee	54,063	58,266
Louisiana	142,442	135,690	Texas	487,799	498,324
Maine	635	1,094	Utah	8,218	7,067
Maryland	13,187	19,542	Vermont	1,023	1,944
Massachusetts	419	804	Virginia	19,541	25,422
Michigan	77,457	122,242	Washington	117,276	87,789
Minnesota	261,529	382,684	West Virginia	1,632	2,789
Mississippi	141,269	127,799	Wisconsin	86,511	159,254
Missouri	153,284	191,418	Wyoming	9,063	8,591
Montana	161,613	119,811	Total US	5,186,551	6,274,714