OVERVIEW

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program, which are administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). ARC/PLC provides revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Producers who participate in ARC/PLC are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when fruits, vegetables, and wild rice (FAV/Wild Rice) are planted on the payment acres of a farm.

APPLICABLE CROPS

FAV/Wild Rice planting provisions apply to the following commodities:

- Fruits (including nuts);
- Vegetables, other than mung beans and pulse crops (dry peas, lentils and chickpeas); and
- Wild rice.

FAV/WILD RICE PLANTING PROVISIONS ON NON-BASE ACREAGE

Planting FAV/Wild Rice on acres that are not considered base acres will not result in payment reductions.

FAV/WILD RICE PLANTING PROVISIONS FOR NON-ARC/PLC FARMS

If a farm is eligible to participate in ARC/PLC, but is not enrolled in ARC/PLC for a particular year, then:

- Unlimited FAV/Wild Rice can be planted and harvested for that year;
- The farm will not receive any ARC/PLC payments for the applicable year;
- The farm may be enrolled in ARC/PLC in succeeding years and be eligible for ARC/PLC benefits; and
- Production of loan commodities from the farm is eligible for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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