

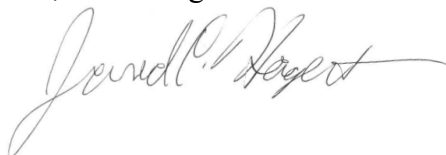
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

**Farmer Bridge Assistance Program
1-FBA**

Amendment 3

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reason for Amendment

Subparagraph 25 A has been amended to include blue and red corn types.

Subparagraph 25 D has been amended to add a note about late-filed acreage reports for blue and red corn.

Subparagraph 41 A has been amended to include the signup period for blue and red corn.

Subparagraph 42 D has been amended to update procedure for reviewing applications for blue and red corn.

Subparagraph 43 B has been added to include procedures for CCC-555's updated because of blue and red corn.

Exhibit 2 has been amended to update the definition of corn.

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25 Eligible Acreage

A Eligible Commodities, Types, and Intended Uses

The following table shows the eligible commodities, types, and intended uses for FBA.

Crop Name	Crop Code	Type Name	Intended Use
Barley	0091	All	FG, GR, SD
Canola	0711	All	GR, PR, SD
Chickpeas, Large	0047	Garbanzo, Large Kabuli (GAR)	DE, FG, FH, PR, SD
Chickpeas, Small	0047	- Garbanzo, Small Kabuli (GAS) - Garbanzo, Desi (GAD)	
Corn	0041	*--Blue (BLU) - Red (RED)--* - White (WHE) - Yellow (YEL) - Amylose (AMY) - Popcorn (POP) - Waxy (WXY) - High Amylase (AMA)	FH, GR, PR, SD, SG
Cotton	0021 0022	- Upland - ELS	
Crambe	0714		GR, SD
Flax	0031	All	GR, OL, PR, SD
Lentils	0401		DE, FG, SD
Mustard	0130	All	GR, PR, SD
Oats	0016	All	FG, GR, SD
Peanuts	0075	All	GP, HP, NP
Peas, Dry	0067	- Austrian (AUS) - Green (GRN) - Wrinkled (WSD) - Yellow (YEL)	DE, FG, SD
Rapeseed	0129		FG, GR, PR, SD
Rice	0018 0904	- Long Grain (LGR) - Medium Grain (MGR) - Short Grain (SGR) - Temperate Japonica (JCA) - Sweet	GR, PR, SD
Safflower	0079		FG, GR, PR, SD
Sesame	0396		GR, PR, SD
Sorghum	0051 0052	- All - Dual-Purpose	FG, GR, SD, SG
Soybeans	0081	All	FG, FH, GR, PR, SD
Sunflower	0078	All	FG, GR, PR, SD
Wheat	0011	All	FG, GR, SD

Note: Any type or intended use not listed in this table is not eligible for FBA.

25 Eligible Acreage (Continued)

B Acreage Requirements

Eligible acreage must be:

- physically located in the United States or territories
- certified on FSA-578 for program year 2025 by December 19, 2025.

Eligible acres of a commodity are equal to the sum of the acreage planted to an eligible commodity for harvest, haying, silage, or other similar purposes for the 2025 crop year.

Acreage that is certified in CARS will be used to calculate eligible acreage. If determined acres are present on certified fields, the determined acreage will be used in the calculation.

C Acreage Reports

Producers are required to file acreage reports for all crops for which they are requesting FBA benefits for program year 2025 by December 19, 2025. Registers were permitted according to 1-CM for any office that could not complete requested acreage reports by December 19, 2025. The automated CCC-555 will interface with CARS to pre-populate the producer's eligible acres on CCC-555.

Changes to the 2025 CARS data may adversely impact other program payments, such as ARC/PLC, LFP, NAP, or MAL's and LDP's.

D Late-Filed Acreage Reports

Acreage reports filed after December 19, 2025, unless on a register, are **not** accepted for the FBA program, regardless of meeting 2-CP requirements.

Late-filed acreage reports filed before the subsequent year ARD for the crop will be processed according to 2-CP.

Note: The use of CIMS data to support a late-filed acreage report as timely filed, as provided by 2-CP, is not applicable to FBA. Any acreage reported after December 19, 2025, is ineligible for FBA.

Acreage reports filed after the subsequent year ARD for the crop but before December 19, 2025, must meet the same farm visit verification or nonphysical evidence requirements required for late-filed acreage reports under 2-CP. However, no fee will be assessed in these cases, and the report will not be considered certified for all program purposes. A certification date will not be loaded in CARS since the report was filed after the subsequent year ARD and therefore does not fully conform to 2-CP requirements.

***--Note:** No late-filed acreage reports are allowed for blue and red corn after December 19, 2025.--*

Part 3 Application Process**41 Signup****A FBA Signup**

Producers must submit a completed CCC-555 for their entire operation nationwide before the end of the application period. The application period for 2025 begins on February 23, 2026, *--and ends April 17, 2026. Applicants with blue or red corn may submit applications from August 27, 2026, through September 28, 2026.--*

Notes: Producers cannot alter prefilled data items on CCC-555. See paragraph 43 for policy on revising CCC-555's.

The CCC-555 initial data load used acreage reporting information as of January 31, 2026. Applications with acreage reports modified after January 30, 2026, must be refreshed according to 2-FBA before applicant signature.

Applications with acreage that did not meet 2-CP requirements must be modified through the other adjustment process before applicant signature.

B CCC-555 Other Adjustments

An "Other Adjustment" must be made for acreage when an acreage report was filed by December 19, 2025, and did not meet 2-CP requirements, but is eligible for FBA.

Note: All applications containing an "Other Adjustment" must be reviewed by SED designee before application approval.

Follow 2-FBA for instructions on entering adjustments.

C Signing CCC-555

By signing CCC-555, the applicant listed on CCC-555 is:

- applying for an FBA payment
- certifying that all information provided on CCC-555 is true and correct
- agreeing to comply with regulations in 28 U.S.C. and 18 U.S.C.

41 Signup (Continued)

D Required Forms

An application package includes the following for program year 2025:

- AD-1026 for applicants and all affiliates with farming interests
- AD-2047, if not previously filed
- CCC-901, if applicable and not previously filed
- CCC-902, if not previously filed
- CCC-941, if not previously filed
- CCC-555
- FSA-325, if applicable
- SF-3881, if not previously filed.

Note: The policy allowing hardship waivers of the EFT requirement applies to FBA. See 63-FI.

E Submitting CCC-555

A producer may submit one CCC-555 nationwide using any of the following methods:

- in person
- by mail
- electronically by 1 of the following:
 - online application at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fba>
 - FAX
 - e-mail with a scanned or photocopy of the signed CCC-555
 - BOX and One-Span
 - other authorized method that is provided by supplemental notice or other guidance.

Note: See 1-CM for policy on signature and electronic filing.

Notes: Submitting CCC-555 online requires an active Level 2 eAuthentication account through Login.gov. Individual producers can register for a Login.gov account at <https://login.gov/>.

Once an application has been submitted it is no longer able to be updated in the online application. Producers will have to contact the County Office.

Applications in BOX should use the following standard naming convention: “CCC-555 FBA 2025–Producer name–STCO (code)–application creation date–application number”.

42 **Reviews and Approvals (Continued)****C Delegation of Authority**

The authority to approve routine CCC-555's may be redelegated in writing by COC to CED, according to 16-AO, except forms and documents in which CED has a monetary interest.

Routine cases do not include CCC-555's related to acreage report corrections, acreage reports on file by December 19, 2025, that did not meet 2-CP requirements, or acreage reports on an FBA register.

IF the applicant is...	THEN approval authority is...
federal or non-federal State or County Office employee	CED.
COC member	
DD	
SED	
STC member	
CED	COC.
any producer in a recording County Office	

D Approval Process

If all program eligibility requirements are met and COC or delegate has determined that the information on CCC-555 is reasonable and accurate, COC or delegate will approve CCC-555 and thoroughly document approval in the COC meeting minutes.

Notes: COC may redelegate authority to CED to review and approve routine CCC-555's. All adverse actions must go to COC for review.

Before approval, any CCC-555 with an "other adjustment" must be reviewed and concurred by DD or State Office designee. This review and concurrence will be entered in the COC minutes with whoever provided concurrence and the date.

Completing eligibility forms (such as AD-1026, CCC-901, CCC-902, and CCC-941) is not a condition of approval. However, these forms must be filed by April 19, 2027, 1 year from the date of the application deadline. Failure to timely provide all eligibility forms may result in no payment or a reduced payment.

42 **Reviews and Approvals (Continued)**

D Approval Process (Continued)

If COC determines a COC adjustment is needed for the acreage on CCC-555, COC will enter the adjustment in item 13, document in the COC meeting minutes, and provide notification to the applicant (Exhibit 5). If the acreage is decreased with the adjustment, proper appeal rights must be given.

Example: A producer late files an acreage report before the December 19 deadline. COC does not find the supporting documentation acceptable, and determined that acres were not loaded into CARS. The decreased acreage is loaded into CCC-555, item 13 before COC signs the approval.

--When reviewing CCC-555's filed during the signup period for blue and red corn, the application must be evaluated and original adjustments must be updated if needed. Approvals are only allowed for blue and red corn acreage. Additions to crops other than blue and red corn must be downward adjusted by COC before approval.--

E Disapproval Process

COC may disapprove CCC-555 for any of the following reasons:

- person or legal entity applying for FBA is determined to be an ineligible producer according to subparagraph 24 A
- producer did not provide sufficient documentation to support the share of acreage claimed when requested by COC
- signature requirements were not met according to 1-CM
- CCC-555 was submitted or postmarked after the announced signup deadline.

If COC disapproves CCC-555, COC must:

- thoroughly document the reason for the disapproval in the COC meeting minutes
- notify the producer of the disapproval in writing
- provide applicable appeal rights according to 1-APP.

42 Reviews and Approvals (Continued)

F Withdrawing CCC-555

A producer:

- may withdraw CCC-555 any time after submission until the end of the application period; however, copies of all submitted CCC-555's must be kept in the file
- must request a withdrawal in writing and submit the request to the recording County Office.

Note: The recording County Office must date-stamp the request and provide a receipt for service to the applicant.

All actions must be thoroughly documented in the COC meeting minutes. Any payment issued before withdrawing must be refunded.

G Letter Notifying Applicant of Disapproval

Send a letter notifying the applicant that their CCC-555 has been disapproved and provide appeal rights (Exhibit 7). A Microsoft Word version of this letter is available as a template on [SharePoint](#).

43 Revising CCC-555

A CCC-555 Acreage Revisions

CCC-555 may be revised through April 17, 2026. Revisions requested after April 17, 2026, will be considered a late-filed CCC-555. The only allowed manual revisions are to the Other Adjustment field for acreage that was reported before December 19, 2025, and did not meet 2-CP requirements or acreage that was on a register for the December 19, 2025, deadline. All other corrections to acreage must be completed through CARS with modifications to the applicant's FSA-578's.

If an applicant files a revised CCC-555:

- the original CCC-555 must be kept on file
- COC is required to review, document, and take action on the revision.

If a change is made on an applicant's FSA-578 and CCC-555 has already been filed, a revised CCC-555 must be created and signed by the applicant by April 17, 2026. Follow 2-FBA for instructions on revised and suspended CCC-555's.

If a change is made and the producer does not request an updated CCC-555, the County Office should **not** automatically send the producer the updated CCC-555. Any new application sent because of a revision or suspension must be returned by April 17, 2026. Failure to return will result in the producer refunding the entire payment.

43 Revising CCC-555***--B CCC-555 Revisions Because of Blue and Red Corn**

CCC-555's revised because of blue and red corn must be signed by September 28, 2026. Original applications must be kept on file with the revised application. If the producer does not request to sign or return a revised signature by September 28, 2026, the National Office will revert the acreage to the originally filed and approved acreage and re-load signature and approval dates. No action will be required at the County office level.--*

44 Late-Filed CCC-555**A Registers**

Registers will be authorized according to 1-CM when deemed necessary. The County Office will maintain a copy of the FBA register for future reference.

B CCC-555 Received After the Application Deadline

If CCC-555 is received after the application deadline, notify the applicant with appeal rights included in the example letter (Exhibit 8). Provide appeal rights according to 1-APP.

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Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook

Application

Application means CCC-555.

ARC

ARC means Agriculture Risk Coverage provided in 7 U.S.C. 9017.

Corn

--Corn means only blue, red, white, yellow, amylose, popcorn (excluding strawberry popcorn),-- waxy, and high amylase corn.

Cotton

Cotton means ELS cotton and upland cotton.

Crop Year

Crop year means the calendar year in which commodities were intended for harvest.

Deputy Administrator

Deputy Administrator means FSA DAFP.

Determined Acreage

Determined acreage means acreage that is established by an FSA representative by 1 of the following:

- using official acreage
- digitizing areas on a photograph or other imagery
- making computations from scaled dimensions or ground measurements.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Double Cropping**

Double cropping means, as determined by the Deputy Administrator on a regional basis, consecutive planting of 2 specific crops that have the capability to be planted and carried to maturity for the intended uses, as reported by the producer, on the same acreage within a 12-month period. To be considered double cropping, the planting of 2 specific crops must be in an area where STC has determined that producers are typically able to repeat the same cycle successfully in a subsequent 12-month period under normal growing conditions.

Dry Peas

Dry peas mean Austrian, green, wrinkled seed, and yellow peas, excluding peas grown for the fresh, canning, or frozen market.

Eligible Commodities

Eligible commodities mean barley, canola, corn, cotton, crambe, dry peas, flax, large chickpeas, lentils, mustard, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rice, safflower, sesame, small chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and wheat.

ELS Cotton

ELS cotton means cotton that follows the standard planting and harvesting practices of the area in which the cotton is grown, and meets all the following conditions:

- American-Pima, Sea Island, Sealand, all other varieties of the Barbandense species of cotton and any hybrid thereof, and any other variety of cotton in which 1 or more of these varieties is predominant
- acreage is grown in a county designated as an ELS county by the Secretary
- production from the acreage is ginned on a roller-type gin.