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Market Facilitation Program 1-MFP	Amendment 5
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Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 15 B and 46 B have been amended to revise the MFP signup deadline to December 20, 2019.

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Part 2 MFP Policy and Procedures Provisions

Section 1 MFP General Program Policies and Provisions

15 Eligible Commodities and Signup Period

A Eligible Commodities

MFP provides direct payments to eligible producers or owners of the following eligible 2019 commodities that have been impacted by trade actions of foreign governments.

Commodity Category	Commodity		
Non-Specialty Crops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfalfa hay • Barley • Canola • Chickpeas – Large and Small • Corn • Cotton – Upland and Extra Long Staple • Crambe • Dried Beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry Peas • Flaxseed • Lentils • Millet • Mustard Seed • Oats • Peanuts • Rapeseed • Rice – Long and Medium Grain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rye • Safflower • Sesame Seed • Sorghum • Soybeans • Sunflower Seed • Temperate Japonica Rice • Triticale • Wheat
Specialty Crops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almonds • Cranberries • Cultivated Ginseng • Fresh Grapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazelnuts • Macadamia Nuts • Pecans • Pistachios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh Sweet Cherries • Walnuts
	Note: Only fruit or nut bearing plants are eligible for MFP.		
Livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy • Hogs 		

B MFP Signup Period

Producers who had an ownership share interest in the designated MFP commodities for the 2019 crop year can file CCC-913 for the MFP payment in any USDA Service Center from ***--July 29 through December 20, 2019.**

CCC-913's submitted or postmarked after December 20, 2019, will be disapproved.--*

16 MFP Payments and Payment Rates

A MFP Payments

The MFP payment is:

- available to persons and legal entities who had an ownership interest in 1 or more of the designated eligible commodities
- **not** subject to sequestration.

MFP payments for 2019 will be provided in up to 3 payments.

For livestock and specialty crops, the first payment will be 50 percent of the total calculated payment.

For non-specialty crops, the first payment will be determined as follows:

- 50 percent of the total calculated payment, if the payment rate is greater than \$30 per acre
- \$15 per acre, if the payment rate is \$30 per acre or less.

If CCC determines any other payments are to be disbursed, then they will be disbursed as follows:

- if a second payment is warranted, it will be up to 75 percent of the total calculated payment less the amount received in the first payment and the second payment period will begin in November 2019
- if a final payment is warranted, it will be for the remaining amount of the total calculated payment, unless otherwise adjusted by CCC, and the last payment period will begin in January 2020.

The following persons or legal entities are **ineligible** for MFP payments:

- Federal, State, and local governments, including public schools as defined in 5-PL
- persons or legal entities who did not have a reported ownership interest in any of the designated commodities
- foreign persons who do not satisfy the requirements of regulations to be eligible for payments according to 5-PL.

46 Reviewing and Approving CCC-913's

A Reviewing CCC-913's for Reasonableness

Acreage of non-specialty crop acreage will be determined according to 2-CP and is subject to spot check. COC's may request additional documentation from an MFP applicant to support a producer's certification of production of specialty crops or livestock commodities. The following table provides a list of examples of production evidence.

Note: If a producer fails to submit additional documentation in response to a request to substantiate production of any specialty crop or livestock on the application, COC will disapprove the application for the specialty crop or livestock, as applicable.

Commodity	Source of Production Evidence
Specialty Crops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sales receipts • ledgers of income • income statements of deposit slips • register tapes • invoices for custom harvesting • records to verify production costs • contemporaneous measurements • truck scale tickets • contemporaneous diaries – determined acceptable by COC • other.
Dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPP production records • for dairy operations not enrolled in MPP, see 1-MPP • other. <p>Note: Production evidence received in pounds must be converted to cwt. and must show the dairy operation was in business as of June 1, 2019.</p>
Hogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breeding records • feeding records • inventory records • rendering receipts • sales receipts • veterinary records • other. <p>Note: Production evidence must show the number of live hogs claimed and were owned and in inventory from April 1 through May 15, 2019.</p>

46 Reviewing and Approving CCC-913's (Continued)

B Recording COC Determinations on CCC-913D

Record COC determinations for 2019 MFP payment requests on CCC-913D. CCC-913D is a manual form (Exhibit 37), and it is not generated from the MFP application process system. County Offices can obtain a copy of CCC-913D from the FSA Intranet at <https://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/dam/ffasforms/forms.html>. After CCC-913 has been date stamped and verified by the County Office, the recording County COC or CED will sign and date CCC-913D, and record the COC determination according to the guidance in this table, and file CCC-913D with the applicable CCC-913 signed by the applicant.

ON CCC-913D, select...	IF the data on CCC-913 indicates...
<p>approved</p>	<p>that the reviewing official has determined all of the following conditions have been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an authorized person, according to FSA-211 or other acceptable authorization according to 1-CM, and signed CCC-913 in Part F • acreage report has been certified and is reasonable or has been adjusted by COC • production is reasonable or has been adjusted by COC for livestock commodities <p>•*--CCC-913 was received or postmarked by FSA by December 20, 2019.--*</p>
<p>disapproved</p>	<p>any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence that applicant did not have a reported ownership share interest in the commodity or animal • dairy operation was not in business as of June 1, 2019 • number of live hogs claimed as owned and in inventory is unreasonable • person or legal entity applying for MFP on hogs is a contract grower <p>Note: If CCC-913 was completed but never signed by the producer or someone on behalf of the producer, take no action on CCC-913. It is not considered filed unless it is signed.</p> <p>•*--CCC-913 was submitted or postmarked after December 20, 2019.--*</p>