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Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance	
Program for 2001 and Subsequent Years	
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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 107 C has been amended to clarify that there can be no gaps in crop year data during the historical base period when calculating the county-expected yield.

Subparagraph 771 I has been added to define the record status codes in NCT.

Subparagraph 781 A has been amended to provide an updated Reports - Report Selection Screen.

Subparagraph 781 J has been added to provide instruction for retrieving the Single-County SURE Approved Records Report from NCT.

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Part 3 Crop Data Information

106 Crop Documentation

A Crop Data

County Offices shall provide crop data information identified in CCC-456 in Exhibit 17 to STC for each crop.

- *--For each crop year and commercial crop or agricultural commodity for which a report of acreage may be filed in the State, STC shall establish, at least 120 calendar days before the specific crop's application closing date, the following:
 - average market price
 - county-expected yield
 - applicable payment factors.

Notes: For secondary use, follow subparagraph 174 C.--*

Provide both price and yield of seed on the "clean" basis.

107 Expected Yield

A Definition of County-Expected Yield

[7 CFR 1437.102] The <u>county-expected yield</u> is the eligible crop yield for the administrative county established by STC * * *.

The county-expected yield should reflect the average production potential of the crop in the county by practice and intended use.

107 Expected Yield (Continued)

B Sources of Yield Information

The county-expected yield shall be based on the best available information provided by any of the following sources:

- NASS
- NIFA
- Rural Development
- County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
- local markets
- COC's knowledge
- yields in similar areas
- average APH by year
- other reliable sources, such as universities.

STC's shall:

- ensure that established county expected yields are comparable with previously approved county expected yields in the State or in surrounding States
- justify deviations from previously approved crop data.

Note: If NASS has data for the eligible crop, STC's must consider NASS information when establishing the crop data; however, STC's are not required to base the establishment only on NASS data.

C Establishing County-Expected Yield

If CAT insurance is not available for the crop in the administrative county or a contiguous county, the county-expected yield shall be calculated by using the Olympic average:

- obtaining the yields of the crop for the 5 consecutive crop years immediately preceding the previous crop year
- dropping the crop years with the highest and lowest yields
- averaging the yields for the remaining 3 crop years.
- *--Example: For the 2011 crop year, the historical base period is 2005 through 2009.--*

107 Expected Yield (Continued)

C Establishing County-Expected Yield (Continued)

If 5 crop years of data is not available for establishing the county-expected yield, STC shall:

- •*--use the best sources of information available to obtain data for as many consecutive crop years as possible within the 5 crop years immediately preceding the previous crop year, starting with the most recent historical base year (2009 in the previous example)
- establish a county-expected yield for those crops by computing a simple average of the data obtained
- leave no gaps in years following the first crop year for which a historic yield is available within the base period.

The following examples are pertinent to establishing a 2011 county-expected yield with crop years 2005 through 2009 as the historical base period.

- **Example 1:** NASS or other readily obtainable data is available for years 2005 and 2006 and not available for 2007 through 2009. STC **must** use best available information to fill in data for missing years 2007 through 2009. The Olympic average of years 2005 through 2009 will be used in this example.
- **Example 2:** NASS or other readily obtainable data is available for years 2007 and 2008 but not 2009. STC **must** use best available information to fill in data for missing year 2009. The simple average of years 2007 through 2009 will be used in this example.
- Example 3: NASS or other readily obtainable data is available for years 2006, 2007, and 2009. STC must use best available information to fill in data for missing year 2008. The simple average of years 2006 through 2009 will be used in this example.
- Example 4: NASS or other readily obtainable data is available for years 2008 and 2009. STC does **not** need to obtain additional years' data. The county-expected yield will be the simple average of years 2008 and 2009 because there are no gaps in years starting with the crop year immediately preceding the previous year.--*

107 Expected Yield (Continued)

C Establishing County-Expected Yield (Continued)

[7 CFR 1437.7 (a)] For planted annual crops, the county-expected yield must be based on the acreage planted for harvest. If yield information used by STC is for harvested acres only, STC shall convert the harvested acre yield to a planted acre yield.

Notes: County-expected yields for orchards shall be based on mature orchards, if the majority of this orchard crop acreage is mature. T-yield reductions shall be applied for individual producers having less than mature orchards.

The T-yield established for the administrative county will be the T-yield for the unit as defined in paragraph 28.

Example: Unit acreage is located in both County A and County B. County A is the administrative county. The T-yield established for County A will be the T-yield for the unit.

If CAT insurance is available for the crop in:

- the administrative county, STC shall establish the county CAT T-yield as the expected yield
- a contiguous county, STC shall ensure that the established county-expected yield is comparable to CAT T-yield in the county.

Note: If there is more than 1 contiguous county, average the T-yields for all contiguous counties.

Exception: CAT T-yields are not required to be used if STC establishes a different county-expected yield for different types or varieties of a crop where CAT makes no such distinction based on type or variety.

STC shall identify and document how the established county-expected yield was determined.

D County-Expected Yields for Different Farming Practices

The county-expected yield may take into consideration different yield variations because of diverse farming practices. Although NASS does not always establish separate yields based on practice, STC's shall establish irrigated and nonirrigated county-expected yields, if appropriate.

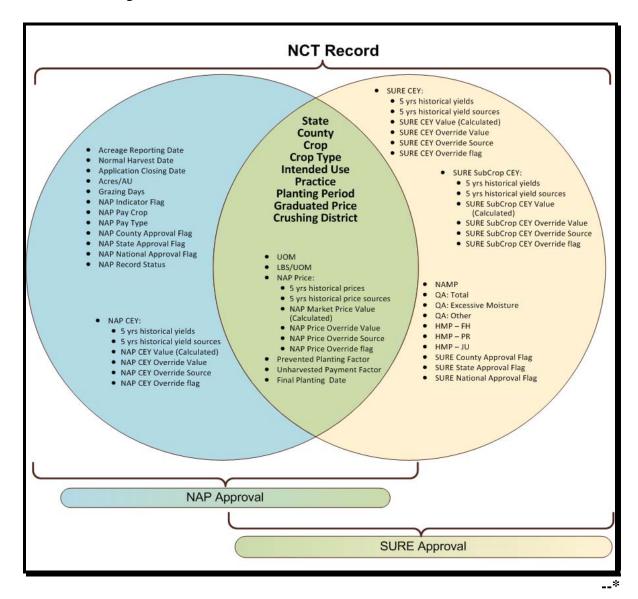
If a crop, using good farming practices, is being produced using more than 1 farming practice, STC shall establish approval of a county-expected yield based on each farming practice.

771 Overview (Continued)

*--F Crop Data Common to Two Programs

The "Common Data" elements are used and subject to approval by both programs, NAP and SURE. After the approval flag is set for 1 program, these data elements may not be modified for the other program unless an approval flag reset is performed. The "Common Data" elements include:

- Unit of Measure
- Pounds per Unit of Measure
- NAP Price (including Historical, Calculated and/or Override Prices and Sources)
- Prevented Planting Factor
- Unharvested Payment Factor
- Final Planting Date.



771 Overview (Continued)

G Multiple Approval Flags

For each program, NCT will capture an approval flag at 3 different levels, based on the approving user's eAuthentication role:

- county
- State
- National.

The County Office user is only permitted to modify yields, so the "County Approval" flags will only lock the yield data for whichever program the flag is set, NAP or SURE. State Offices are encouraged to use their County Offices to load and approve county yield data. The County Offices are more familiar with their regional yields, and allowing them to enter this data will free up time for the State Office to load all of the other crop data.

The "County Approval" flag will serve as an indicator to the State Office that the county has successfully loaded and approved the yields for their county. The State Office has the authority to modify these yields, if necessary.

Approval Flag	Approves	Set By	May Only Be Reset By
NAP County Approval		County Office	State Office
NAP State Approval	All NAP Data Elements	State Office	National Office
	(NAP-Only and Common Data)		
NAP National	All NAP Data Elements	National Office	National Office
Approval	(NAP-Only and Common Data)		
SURE County	SURE Yields	County Office	State Office
Approval			
SURE State Approval	All SURE Data Elements	State Office	National Office
	(SURE-Only and Common Data)		
SURE National	All SURE Data Elements	National Office	National Office
Approval	(SURE-Only and Common Data)		

H Mandatory Crop Data Load

For 2010 and subsequent years, State Offices are required to load crop data for NAP and SURE into NCT, as it is essential for application and payment software and calculation workbooks. The data collection will greatly reduce County Office input/load time and decrease typographical errors from manual data loads into several systems.

771 Overview (Continued)

*--I Status Codes

Each NCT record contains a status code, which defines the status of the data within the record.

Status		
Code	Description	Action Required
R	Record has rolled from previous year,	Enter current year crop data for NAP
	without any additional crop data	and SURE, as applicable.
	entries for current year. See	
	subparagraph 773 C.	
S	Record contains the required crop data	Additional NAP data is required before
	to be considered a NAP shell record, and transmit to the county System 36.	setting the State approval flag for NAP in NCT.
	See subparagraph 777 C.	miner.
U	Record contains crop data required for	No action is necessary, if the crop is not
	the SURE Program, without crop data	covered by NAP in the county.
	required for NAP.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
{blank}	Active record contains NAP or	If record is complete and accurate, the
	NAP+SURE crop data.	State Office may set NAP and/or SURE approval flags.
I	Record is inactive and was dropped	No action is required.
	because of inactivity for 3 consecutive	
	years. Although visible within NCT,	
	the record will not transmit to the	
	county System 36 Crop Table.	
D	Record has been deleted. Although	No action is required.
	visible within NCT, the record will not	
	transmit to the county System 36 Crop	
	Table.	

772 NCT Pay Groupings

A Background

Each year the National Office updates a NAP pay grouping file to include approved NAP crop definition changes. The pay grouping file is used to validate whether crops added to NCT are approved for NAP. Crops added to NCT that do **not** match the NAP pay grouping file **cannot** be flagged "Y" for approval and will **not** be downloaded to the County Office.

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781 NCT Reports

A Report Options

Users can print reports of crop data previously entered. From the Main Menu, CLICK "**Reports**". The Reports - Report Selection Screen will be displayed. The reports can be printed for a specific record (crop, type, practice, intended use, planting period, etc.) or numerous records, depending on the selections entered on the query screen.

*--Important: There are 9 different reports the user can generate. All reports are accessible from the "Reports" section of the Main Menu.



After a report is created, the report will be displayed on the screen and the user is given the following options:

- view on-screen (not recommended for printing)
- **Back** return to search query
- Export to PDF
- Export to CSV.

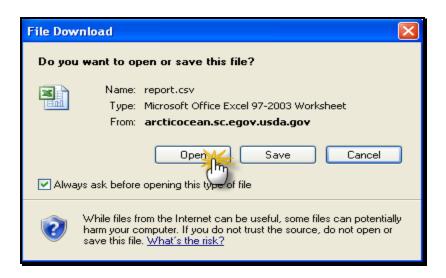


If the user clicks "**Export to PDF**", the report will have the same appearance as the screen view, however, the user will be able to zoom in and out and print the report.

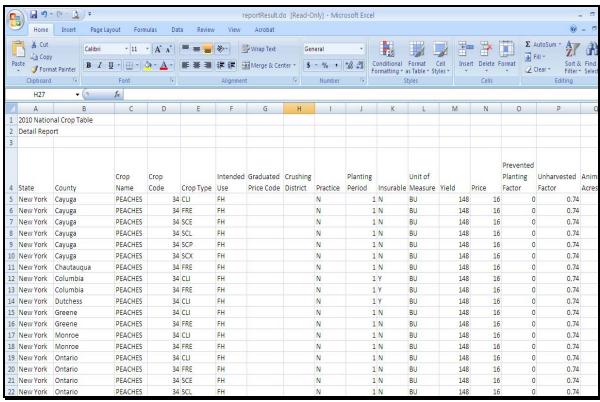
If the user clicks "**Export to CSV**", the report will be exported into a comma separated values file, which can be opened and manipulated in Microsoft Excel. This option gives the user the most flexibility with the data and is strongly encouraged.

A Report Options (Continued)

*--When selecting "Export to CSV", CLICK "Open" on the File Download dialog box.



The report will open in Microsoft Excel.



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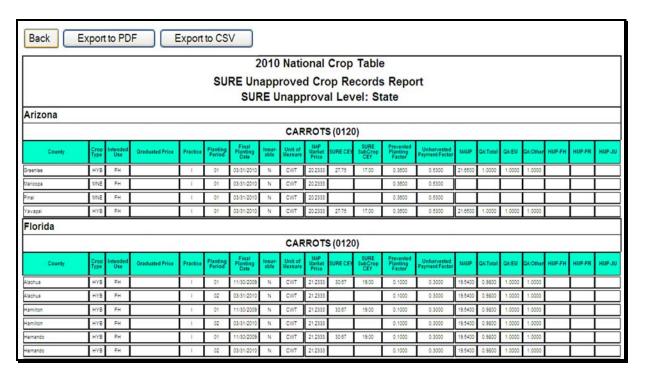
*--I SURE Unapproved Records Report (Continued)

After users CLICK "**Search**", the Reports - State Selection Screen will be displayed. Only States that contain data requested in the query will be displayed. Users may select up to 5 States in which to view unapproved records. CLICK "**Process Selections**" to obtain the report.

NCT Menu NCT Main Menu	Program Year 2010 -	Reports - State S	election	
Program Year 2010 Main Menu	Select up to five (5) states to display. Record total must be no more than 7,000.			
Add New Record(s) Search/Modify Records	Select	State	# of Results	
Mass Update Records		Alabama	208	
Mass Approve Records	V	Arizona	4	
Mass Approval Reset		Arkansas	78	
Reports		California	44	
		Colorado	15	
		Connecticut	8	
	V	Florida	8	
		Georgia	331	

I SURE Unapproved Records Report (Continued)

After users CLICK "**Process Selections**", the SURE Unapproved Records Report will be displayed.



See subparagraph A for report viewing and exporting options.

*--J Single County SURE Approved Records Report

The Single County SURE Approved Records Report:

- allows users to access crop records that are approved at the State level for the SURE Program
- is designed specifically for County Office users to assist in data-loading the SURE Workbook with State-approved SURE crop data.

Note: County Office users shall export and print this report as a .pdf file to use while data-loading SURE Workbooks in their County Offices.

To access the Single County SURE Approved Records Report from the:

- Main Menu, CLICK "Reports"
- Reports Report Selection Screen, CLICK "Single County SURE Approved Records Report".

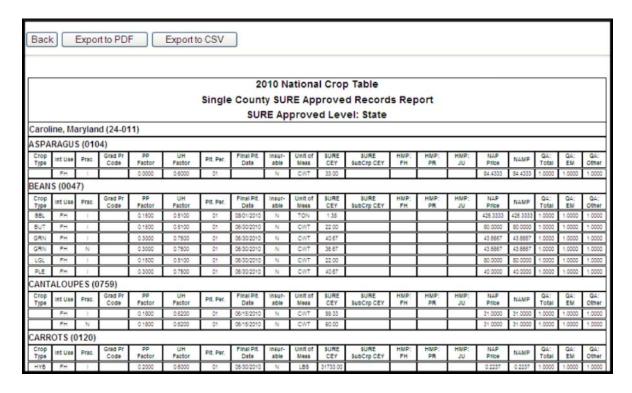
Note: The Reports - Report Criteria Screen will be displayed.--*

*--J Single County SURE Approved Records Report (Continued)

The user must enter the desired State and county on the Reports - Report Criteria Screen **before** clicking "**Search**".



After users CLICK "Search", the Single County SURE Approved Records Report will be displayed.



Note: See subparagraph A for report viewing and exporting options.--*

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