Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Paragraph 50 has been amended to be consistent with 7 CFR Part 1437 and provide policy on the NAP growing history requirement to obtain buy-up coverage.

Subparagraph 51 A has been amended to match 7 CFR Part 1437.

Subparagraph 51 E has been amended to clarify that an inadequate supply of irrigation water at the beginning of the planting period for annual crops or beginning of the coverage period for perennial crops is an ineligible cause of loss.

Subparagraph 53 A has been amended to remove the bullet which stated, “crop acreage for which COC determined good farming practices are not being applied.” Failure to follow good farming practices is an ineligible cause of loss which is addressed in Subparagraph 51 E.

Subparagraph 54 B has been amended to correct the maple sap coverage period that coverage ends the date the trees go into dormancy for 2020 and subsequent years.

Paragraph 106 has been amended to clarify when the COC is required to make a determination on a producer’s ability and intent to harvest, transport, and market approved yield.

Subparagraph 150 A has been amended to that beginning with crop year 2020, WFRP is exempt from the multiple benefit exclusion.

Subparagraph 152 A has been amended to add the 7 CFR Part 1437 and be consistent with the basic provisions.

Subparagraph 200 A has been amended for clarity.

Subparagraph 201 A has been amended to clarify the note.

Subparagraph 202 D has been amended for clarity.
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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 203 A has been amended to remove juice.

Subparagraph 275 A has been amended for clarity.

Subparagraph 278:

- A has been amended to be consistent with 7 CFR Part 1437
- E has been amended to remove an invalid link.

Subparagraph 300 A has been amended to update application closing date requirements.

Subparagraph 301 E has been amended to update language on when coverage will start if programmatic relief is approved by COC.

Subparagraph 376 C has been amended to correct the reference to subparagraph 51 E for ineligible causes of loss.

Subparagraph 377 C has been amended to update guidance on when coverage will be reduced for late planting.

Subparagraph 379:

- A has been amended to communicate the crop years that are applicable to Exhibit 40
- F has been amended to explain how to implement the manually determined de minimis native sod determinations for crop years 2019 and subsequent years.

Subparagraph 380 B has been amended to correct a misspelling from traps to taps.

Subparagraph 402 D and E have been updated to match policy throughout handbook and to update approved yield software capability.

Subparagraph 481 A has been amended to remove the Exhibit 40 reference.

Subparagraph 483 C has been amended to remove juice.

Subparagraph 575 A has been amended to remove the bullet for record of production.

Subparagraphs 575 B and 675 A have been amended to update policy on filing requirements for grazed forage for 2020 and subsequent years.

Subparagraph 675 D has been amended to clarify COC review and action on CCC-576, Part I.
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A Reasons for Amendment (Continued)

Subparagraph 700 H has been amended for clarity on prompt payment interest applicability on grazed forage losses using independent assessments.

Subparagraph 876 D has been amended to update the application closing date for tropical regions to December 31.

Subparagraph 904 O has been amended to clarify policy on applying the unharvested payment factor to ginseng (roots only).

Subparagraph 976:

- A has been amended to update eligible colonies
- D has been amended to update policy for reporting honey
- H has been amended to clarify policy for reporting honey
- I has been amended to include lack of a floral source as an ineligible cause of loss
- J has been amended to update policy for use of the honey unharvested payment factor.

Paragraph 978 has been added to provide eligibility information for hemp.

Exhibit 35 has been amended to update title and letter verbiage to reflect the new coverage period.

Exhibit 40 title has been amended to explain that it is applicable for crop years 2015 through 2018 because annually tilled determinations applicable to applicable native sod acreage for 2019 and subsequent crop years are maintained in the NCT.

Exhibit 64, instruction 8A has been added to include crop year on the CCC-576-1.

Exhibit 64, instruction 15 has been amended to clarify that determined acres should be entered and what steps to take if they differ more than 5 percent from reported acres.

Exhibit 64, example has been updated to use CCC-576-1 (3-23-20).
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50  Coverage Options

A  Overview

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 re-authorized FSA to offer basic 50/55 and NAP buy-up coverage. Buy-up NAP coverage levels require payment of a premium in addition to the NAP service fee.

B  Coverage Levels

[7 CFR 1437.5] Coverage levels.

(a) NAP coverage for prevented planting is provided for approved prevented planting of an eligible NAP covered crop due to an eligible cause of loss in the coverage period. Payment is based on the approved prevented planted acreage in excess of 35 percent of the total intended acres to be planted.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, NAP coverage is equal to 50 percent of the yield or inventory value specified in paragraph (c) of this section at 55 percent of the average market price established by FSA.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, to be eligible for a NAP payment a producer must have suffered a yield or inventory value loss greater than 50 percent as the result of an eligible cause of loss in the coverage period as follows:

(1) For yield-based crops, a yield loss in excess of 50 percent of the approved yield;

(2) For value loss crops, a loss of value in excess of 50 percent of the total value of eligible inventory at the time of disaster;

(d) Subject to paragraph (e) of this section, producers eligible NAP crops, other than crops and grasses intended for grazing, may elect buy-up coverage at 100 percent of the average market price in amounts of 50 percent to 65 percent, in 5 percent increments, of:

(1) For yield-based crops, the approved yield; and--
B Coverage Levels (Continued)

(2) For value loss crops, the lesser of the total value of eligible inventory at the time of disaster or the maximum dollar value for coverage sought.

*--(e) A producer cannot obtain buy-up coverage for a crop if the producer has not successfully produced the crop in a previous year for which documentation exists and that documentation shows that the crop can be successfully grown by the producer in the county. Production of the crop is considered to be successful if the producer produced at least 50 percent of the county expected yield for the same county for which buy-up coverage is sought, unless the producer suffered a loss on the crop due to an eligible cause of loss in § 1437.10. If not already provided to FSA for any reason including NAP coverage or assistance, the producer must submit documentation showing successful growing of the crop in a previous year and, in the event a loss due to an eligible cause of loss was sustained, submit documentation of that loss satisfying the requirements of §1437.11.--*

(f) The quantity or value of any eligible NAP crop will not be reduced for any quality consideration unless a zero value is established based on a total loss of quality, except as specified in §1437.105.

(g) For crop acreage intended to be grazed, to be eligible for a NAP payment, a producer must have suffered a loss of AUD in excess of 50 percent of expected AUD determined on the basis of acreage, carrying capacity, and grazing period.
Coverage Options (Continued)

---C Available Coverage Levels---*

Before the 2014 Farm Bill, NAP provided only 1 level of coverage, equivalent to CAT level protection available under Federal Crop Insurance Act, Section 508(b), referred to by FSA as **basic 50/55 NAP coverage**. Under basic 50/55 NAP coverage:

- NAP payments for low yield are calculated based on the amount of loss that exceeds 50 percent of expected production at 55 percent of the average market price for the crop

- prevented planting is calculated **not** on a loss of expected yield, but based on acreage prevented from being planted based on total acreage intended to be planted in a crop year

- a NAP-prevented planting payment is issued based on the eligible approved prevented planted crop acreage in excess of 35 percent of total planted and prevented planted acreage times 55 percent of the average market price of the crop.

In addition to basic 50/55 NAP coverage, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized and the 2018 Farm Bill re-authorized additional levels of coverage (buy-up coverage) to all eligible NAP crops, other than crops grown for grazing. The 2014 Farm Bill and the 2018 Farm Bill specifically **exclude** crops and grasses intended for grazing from buy-up NAP coverage.

For other eligible NAP crops, producers may select buy-up coverage ranging from 50 to 65 percent of production, in 5 percent increments, and for 100 percent of the average market price. All buy-up coverage levels are at 100 percent of the average market price. If a producer elects buy-up coverage for a crop, prevented planting on that crop will be calculated using 100 percent of the average market price. Payment factors (for acres prevented from being planted, planted and **not** harvested, and planted and harvested) will be applied as they are applied for basic 50/55 NAP coverage.
50 Coverage Options (Continued)

*--D Growing History Requirement

A growing history requirement is applicable for:

- hemp for the 2020 crop year

- all other crops with an actual application for coverage filing date of March 2, 2020, or later, regardless of crop year.

For crops for which a growing history is required, a producer must have at least one year of history of successfully growing the crop in the county to elect buy-up coverage for the crop. Proof of acceptable crop production and planting history must be submitted prior to the application closing date and must be satisfactory to the COC or STC to show the crop was grown successfully in the county and documented in the minutes. Producers not meeting the history requirement are limited to basic 50/55 coverage for the crop.

Note: For the growing history requirement, the term “crop” is based on the crop code as defined in 2-CP. Different crop types will be considered the same crop if they have the same crop code.

Production of the crop is considered to be successful if the producer produced at least 50 percent of the county expected yield, unless the producer suffered a loss on the crop due to a cause of loss that would be considered an eligible disaster event under NAP and provides supporting documentation of that loss that is satisfactory to the COC or STC. --*
E Selecting Coverage Levels

Producers must select their coverage level at the time of application on CCC-471, by the application closing date.

Note: Producers may change coverage levels any time prior to the crop’s application closing date.

Coverage levels are selected by pay crop, pay type, and planting period (pay group) as shown in the following example.

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A Causes of Loss


(a) To qualify for assistance, production losses or prevented planting must occur as a result of an eligible cause of loss during the coverage period. Not all causes of loss are eligible causes of loss for all crops or all commodities.

(b) An eligible cause of loss is:

(1) Damaging weather, including, but not limited to:

(i) Drought;

(ii) Hail;

(iii) Excessive moisture;

(iv) Freeze;

(v) Tornado;

(vi) Hurricane;

(vii) Excessive wind;

*(viii) Lightning;*
A Causes of Loss (Continued)

*(ix) Insufficient chill hours, but only for specific crops and locations for which FSA--* has determined in advance of a coverage period, based on FSA’s review of sufficient scientific evidence that a requisite amount of chill hours is required for the crop to produce and a lack of chill hours is adverse to the crop’s production without any regard to any management. In this context, “without regard to any management” means if a crop’s inability to produce due to lack of chill hours can be mitigated by any managerial practices, application of chemical, or other management intervention, the lack of chill hours will not be included as an eligible cause of loss for the crop. In cases where FSA makes the decision to include insufficient chill hours as a cause of loss by itself for a crop and location, the crop and location and subsequent crop year coverage period for which the decision will apply will be specified in a list maintained by FSA. If the crop and location is not on that list, then insufficient chill hours can only be an eligible cause of loss if the insufficient chill hours were related to a damaging weather event or an adverse natural occurrence included in paragraphs (b)(1) or (2) of this section; or

*(x) Any combination of paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (ix) of this section;--*

(2) Adverse natural occurrence, including, but not limited to:

(i) Earthquake;

(ii) Flood; or

(iii) Volcanic eruption; or
A Causes of Loss (Continued)

(3) A condition related to an eligible cause of loss in paragraphs (b)(1) or (2) of this section (in this context, the related condition must result from the damaging weather or adverse natural occurrence; it is not eligible if it occurs on its own) including, but not limited to:

(i) Heat;

(ii) Insect infestation;

(iii) Disease;

(iv) Insufficient chill hours; * * *

--(v) Wildfires; or

(vi) Any combination thereof.--*

(c) The damaging weather, adverse natural occurrence, or related condition as specified in paragraph (b) of this section must occur in the coverage period before or during harvest and directly cause, accelerate, or exacerbate destruction or deterioration of the eligible crop as determined by the county committee.

(d) NAP coverage is provided against only eligible causes of loss. All specified causes of loss must be due to a naturally occurring event during the coverage period. All other causes of loss, including, but not limited to, the following, are not covered:

(1) Negligence, mismanagement, or wrongdoing by the NAP covered producer or anyone else;

(2) Failure to follow recognized good farming practices for the eligible crop;

(3) Water contained or released by any governmental, public, or private dam or reservoir project, if an easement exists on the acreage affected for the containment or release of the water;
A Causes of Loss (Continued)

(4) Failure or breakdown of the irrigation equipment facilities, unless the failure or breakdown is due to an eligible cause of loss. If damage is due to an eligible cause of loss, the producer must make all reasonable efforts to restore the equipment or facilities to proper working order within a reasonable amount of time unless FSA determines it is not practical to do so. Cost will not be considered when determining whether it is practical to restore the equipment or facilities;

(5) Failure to carry out a good irrigation practice for the covered crop, if applicable;

(6) Any cause of loss that results in damage that is not evident or would not have been evident during the NAP coverage period. Even though FSA may not inspect the damaged crop until after the end of the NAP coverage period, only damage due to eligible causes that would have been evident during the NAP coverage period will be covered;

(7) Except for lack of chill hours as specified in paragraph (b)(1)(viii) of this section, normal variance of temperatures from average normal temperatures including, but not limited to, cyclic yield variations that occur for a crop that are not causes of loss included in paragraphs (b)(1) or (2) of this section;

(8) Any managerial decision to attempt to grow or produce a crop in an area that is not suited for successful commercial production of the eligible NAP crop as determined by FSA;

(9) Failure of the producer to reseed to the same crop during the same planting period in those areas and under such circumstances where it is customary to do so;

(10) Except for tree crops and perennials and as provided for in §1437.201, inadequate irrigation resources at time of planting;
51 NAP Causes of Loss (Continued)

A Causes of Loss (Continued)

(11) Except as specified in §1437.303, a loss of inventory or yield of aquaculture (including ornamental fish), floriculture, or ornamental nursery stemming from drought or any failure to provide water, soil, or growing media to such crop for any reason;

(12) Any failure to provide a controlled environment or exercise good nursery practices when such controlled environment or practices are a condition of eligibility under this part;

(13) Except as provided for mollusks in §1437.303, any alleged or actual loss of inventory or missing non-containerized inventory resulting from a managerial decision not to seed or raise the eligible NAP crop in containers, net pens, or wire baskets, on ropes, or using similar devices;

(14) For crops grown using organic farming practices, failure to comply with organic standards;

(15) Contamination by application or drift of prohibited substances onto land on which crops are grown using organic farming practices; * * *

*(16) Weeds; or

(17) Failure to harvest or market the crop due to lack of a sufficient plan or resources.--*

(e) The lack of an eligible cause of loss during a coverage period is not a compliance matter or issue. NAP will not provide assistance for crops that do not suffer from an eligible cause of loss during a coverage period. The relief provisions of these regulations and of 7 CFR part 718 cannot be used to pay producers of crops that did not suffer from an eligible cause of loss during the coverage period.
D Excess Moisture

COC will determine when excess moisture conditions are present and severe enough to be considered an eligible cause of loss. This determination requires a review of the individual circumstances surrounding the claimed loss. COC should consider variations in soil type, elevation, slope and other site-specific factors when comparing conditions between neighboring locations. At a minimum, excess moisture conditions must occur during the coverage period and must directly impact the covered crop or crop acreage. COC and/or STC will consider excess moisture claims on a case by case basis and not establish specific guideline for amount of rainfall or other weather conditions required for excess moisture to be approved as a cause of loss.

COC will review available documentation when approving or denying excess moisture as the cause of loss, including, but not limited to, items such as:

- information on rainfall amounts compared to averages for the same location and time period
- soil type and the associated properties of that soil type
- elevation
- other related environmental conditions (wind, cloud cover, temperature, etc.)
- the specific crop’s moisture requirements and moisture tolerance
- the timing of the claimed excess moisture relative to the crop’s production cycle and moisture needs
- any other available information which COC determines is applicable.

*--Notes: PRISM, found at http://www.prism.oregonstate.edu/, is a tool to determine rainfall received and average rainfall amounts for a specific area as well as temperature.

The NRCS web soil survey may be used to determine soil type, and can be found at https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm.--*
E Ineligible Causes of Loss

Compensable losses must result from an eligible cause of loss occurring in the coverage period. Perils that occur outside the defined coverage period or perils that do not directly impact the NAP-covered crop, commodity, or acreage are not eligible causes of loss. All other circumstances, including but not limited to the following, are not eligible causes of loss:

- factors or circumstances that are not the direct result of an eligible cause of loss
- failure of a producer to reseed or replant to the same crop, if it is practical and customary to reseed or replant by the final planting date
- failure of a producer to follow good farming practices for the crop
- water contained or released by any governmental, public, or private dam or reservoir project, if an easement exists on the acreage affected for the containment or release of the water
- *inadequate supply of irrigation water at the beginning of a planting period for annual crops or beginning of the coverage period for perennial crops*--*
- failure or breakdown of irrigation equipment or facilities
- neglect or malfeasance of a producer
- quarantine that is imposed by a county, State, or Federal Government agency
53 Ineligible Crops

A Ineligible Crops for NAP Assistance

Crop acreage and products ineligible for NAP assistance include, but are not limited to:

- crop acreage for which individual crop insurance coverage, excluding pilot crop insurance, is available in the county

**Notes:** NAP may cover eligible losses caused by natural disaster that are not named as an insurable peril under a crop insurance policy.

If Area Risk Protection is available, the crop acreage is not eligible for NAP assistance.

See Exhibit 5 to determine crops covered by insurance using RMA web sites.

Crop acreage for which individual coverage is available only as a pilot product is eligible for NAP assistance; however, the multiple benefit exclusion applies.

- by-products resulting from processing or harvesting an eligible crop, such as peanut hay, oat straw, corn stover, wheat straw, etc.

* * *

- nonornamental nursery plants, such as strawberry plants, orange trees, etc., unless the plants can be considered a propagation seed crop under paragraph 907
Ineligible Crops (Continued)

A Ineligible Crops for NAP Assistance (Continued)

- home gardens or crops not being produced for commercial sale
- experimental crops
- volunteer stands, except native forage
- livestock and their by-products
- trees grown for lumber or paper products
- first year seeded biennial and perennial forage
- immature orchards
- crops that STC has determined cannot practicably or viably be grown commercially in the area
- replacement crop acreage planted after approved prevented planted or failed crop acreage, in the same crop year.

If crop insurance is available for a particular crop, type, and intended use in the county, then in all cases NAP cannot be offered within that county for any practice of that crop (irrigated, nonirrigated, summer fallow, and continuous crop), unless an exception in subparagraph B applies.

Example: Irrigated soybeans not following another crop (initial crop) are insurable in Garvin County. However, nonirrigated soybeans, and soybeans following another crop are not insurable in Garvin County. Therefore, NAP cannot be offered for nonirrigated soybeans or soybeans following another crop (double-crop) in Garvin County, because RMA has determined that nonirrigated soybeans and soybeans following another crop are not insurable practices.

*Note: See subparagraph 51 E for ineligible causes of loss and paragraph 380 for maintaining ineligible crop acreage, honeybee colonies, and tree taps in SNAPP.
B Establishing NAP Coverage Period (Continued)

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| maple sap for the 2015 through 2019 crop years | • 30 calendar days after the application closing date  
• 30 calendar days after the date CCC-471 is filed  
* * * | • date maple tree sap harvest is complete  
• normal harvest date as determined by STC  
• date trees are abandoned. |
| biennial and perennial forage and biomass crops for the 2015 through 2019 crop years | • 30 calendar days after the application closing date  
• 30 calendar days after the date CCC-471 is filed  
• 1 calendar day after the final harvest date of the previous crop year | • normal harvest date as determined by STC  
• date crop is abandoned or destroyed. |

**Notes:** First year biennial and perennial seedings are **not** eligible for NAP coverage.

After the first year, if seeding does **not** have an adequate stand that represents a majority of the seed planted, coverage will **only** be offered for either a mixed forage or native grass in subsequent years. Coverage will **only** be offered for the crop after the stand has developed and consists of a majority of the intended crop seeded. See paragraph 380 for maintaining ineligible crop acreage, honeybee colonies, and tree taps in SNAPP.

Forage stands that have aged that no longer represent a majority of the intended crop seeded will have coverage offered as either mixed forage or native grass.

For grazed forage designated as warm and cool seasons, the coverage period begins the later of 30 calendar days after the application closing date or the beginning of the designated grazing period established according to paragraph 277.
### B Establishing NAP Coverage Period (Continued)

*--Follow this table for 2020 and subsequent crop years.*

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| annual crops for the 2020 and subsequent crop years | • 1 calendar day after the date CCC-471 is filed  
  • date the crop is planted, not to exceed the final planting date as determined by STC | • date harvest is complete  
  • normal harvest date for the planting period as determined by STC  
  • abandonment of the crop  
  • total destruction of the crop. |
| perennial crops, other than perennial crops intended for forage and biomass for the 2020 and subsequent crop years | • 1 calendar day after the application closing date  
  • 1 calendar day after CCC-471 is filed | the earlier of the following:  
  • 10 months from the application closing date |

**Exceptions:** There may be cases where the established insurance period for the crop as specified in the insurance crop policy exceeds a 9-month period. Only in those cases may the State allow the coverage period for the perennial crop to exceed a 9-month period to maintain consistency with crop insurance.

STC may request DAFP approval of longer coverage periods for portions of States located in Hardiness Zone 9 or higher.

• date harvest is complete  
• normal harvest date as determined by STC  
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• total destruction of the crop.
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<td>• May 31 for ornamental nursery</td>
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<td>• October 1 for value loss crops other than ornamental nursery</td>
<td>• September 30 for value loss crops other than ornamental nursery</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• 1 calendar day after the date CCC-471 is filed</td>
<td>• date crop, inventory, or product for which coverage was obtained is disposed of or destroyed</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>• abandonment of the crop, inventory, or product or facility.</td>
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<td>honey for the 2020 and subsequent crop years</td>
<td>• January 1</td>
<td>• December 31</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• 1 calendar day after the date CCC-471 is filed</td>
<td>• date all colonies have had final harvest</td>
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<td>• date colonies are set in place for honey production</td>
<td>• date abandonment of colonies takes place, for abandoned colonies.</td>
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<td>maple sap for the 2020 and subsequent crop years</td>
<td>• 1 calendar day after the application closing date</td>
<td>• date maple tree sap harvest is complete</td>
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<td>* * *</td>
<td>• date trees are abandoned</td>
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<td><em>-- date trees come out of dormancy.--</em></td>
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• date crop is abandoned or destroyed. |

**Notes:** First year biennial and perennial seedings are not eligible for NAP coverage.

After the first year, if seeding does not have an adequate stand that represents a majority of the seed planted, coverage will only be offered for either a mixed forage or native grass in subsequent years. Coverage will only be offered for the crop after the stand has developed and consists of a majority of the intended crop seeded. See paragraph 380 for maintaining ineligible crop acreage, honeybee colonies, and tree taps in SNAPP.

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**Note:** For prevented planted, coverage attaches the day after the final planting date for the crop for the last planting period.---*
Community Supported Agriculture

A Definition of Community Supported Agriculture

Subscription Community Supported Agriculture Operation means a farmer-driven operation where the farmer owns or leases the farm, organizes the Community Supported Agriculture, produces the farm products, and recruits the customer members or subscribers.

Shareholder Community Supported Agriculture Operation means a consumer-driven operation where the consumer organizes the Community Supported Agriculture, owns or leases the farm, and hires a farmer to produce the farm products.

B Eligible Community Supported Agriculture

Only subscription Community Supported Agriculture operations are eligible for NAP. The amount the producer receives from subscribers is not considered a guaranteed payment. A copy of the Community Supported Agriculture agreement or contract is required and must be provided for COC review.

Producer eligibility must be verified according to paragraph 100.

C Ineligible Community Supported Agriculture

Shareholder Community Supported Agriculture operations are ineligible for NAP because the shareholders do not have both a share of the risk in producing the crop and a valid claim of share ownership for marketing produce from the farm.
106 Ability and Intent to Harvest, Transport, and Market Approved Yield

A Overview

*--[7 CFR 1437.8 (c)] Producers must provide acceptable evidence, as determined by FSA, of:

(c) The producer’s ability and intent to harvest, transport, and market the approved yield or inventory of the crop or commodity.--*

B Verifying Eligibility

*--COC will ensure that each NAP participant with an approved notice of loss on file has the ability and intent to harvest, transport, and market the quantity of their individual approved yield or inventory. COC may consider a producer’s history of harvesting, transporting, and marketing a crop. If a producer completes an approved yield as a new producer or increases acreage of the crop, then NAP participant filing for payment must be able to show the satisfaction of the COC that the NAP participant had the ability and intent to harvest,--* transport, and market their quantity of expected production or peak inventory.

COC’s must:

- consult with agricultural experts to determine what is needed to harvest and transport a specific quantity of a crop or commodity
- be satisfied that a market exists for the quantity of the crop or commodity the producer intended to harvest
- record all determinations in the COC minutes, if:
  - the NAP applicant is a new producer
  - the producer’s acreage for the crop year increases by more than 75 percent of their historical average acreage according to increased acreage provisions (see paragraph 479)
  - the COC determines a producer’s history is not sufficient.--*

It is a NAP participant’s obligation to show, to FSA’s satisfaction that absent the claimed eligible loss condition the crop for which payment is sought would have been marketed commercially. COC’s can and will require any evidence it deems necessary to ensure that payments are approved only for those meeting the requirements of this paragraph.

107-149 (Reserved)
Section 2  Miscellaneous Provisions

150  Multiple Benefit Exclusion

A  Multiple Benefits


(a) If a producer is eligible to receive payments under this part and benefits under any other program administered by the Secretary for the same crop loss, the producer must choose whether to receive the other program benefits or payments under this part, but will not be eligible for both. The limitation on multiple benefits prohibits a producer from being compensated more than once for the same loss.

(b) The limitation on multiple benefits specified in paragraph (a) of this section will not apply to:

(1) Emergency Loans made under subtitle C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961-1970),

(2) Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) payments as specified in part 1416 of this chapter,

(3) Tree Assistance Program (TAP) payments as specified in part 1416 of this chapter, or

(4) Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) payments as specified in part 1416 of this chapter.

(c) The restriction on multiple benefits does not relieve the producer from the requirements of making a production and acreage report.

(d) If the other USDA program benefits are not available until after an application for benefits has been filed under this part, the producer may, to avoid this restriction on such other benefits, refund the total amount of the payment to the administrative County Office from which the payment was received.
A Multiple Benefits (Continued)

Several insurance products are available under a pilot program. A producer may obtain NAP coverage for a crop for which individual CAT level or buy-up is available as a pilot product and obtain coverage under the pilot product. The producer must choose whether to receive the benefit under the pilot product or NAP.

* * *

Exceptions: RI-PRF Pilot Program Perennial Forage Insurance Plan is exempt from the multiple benefit exclusion.

* * * RI-API Apiculture Pilot and RI-AF Annual Forage Insurance Plans are exempt from the multiple benefit exclusion.

*--Beginning with crop year 2020, WFRP coverage is exempt from the multiple benefit exclusion.

Note: NAP payments may impact WFRP indemnities; therefore, NAP participants with WFRP coverage should discuss potential impacts with their crop insurance agent.--*

B Choosing NAP Benefits or Other Program Benefits

If benefits for any other program administered by the Secretary for the same crop loss do not become available until after the producer has received a NAP payment, the producer may refund the total amount of the NAP payment and receive the other benefit.

Example: Producer A has a crop loss on tomatoes and corn. NAP assistance is available and will pay Producer A $3,500 for the tomato loss and $4,200 for the corn loss. Producer A is also eligible for other USDA benefits of $21,000. The other USDA benefits amount available is the total amount available for corn, tomato, and other crop losses. The other USDA benefit attributable to the:

- corn loss is $7,000
- tomato loss is $5,000.

If Producer A elects to obtain the other USDA benefits of $21,000, NAP assistance cannot be paid. If Producer A elects to receive NAP assistance for corn and tomato crop losses (a total of $7,700), the other USDA benefit amount cannot have any payable amount attributable to corn or tomatoes).

Note: The reduction amount is not the amount paid under the program elected.
Unacceptable, Incorrect, or False Records and Certifications

A Reliance on Producer Records and Certifications

NAP assistance requires accurate information from producers. It is imperative that producers understand that a failure to provide complete and accurate information and records could result in any or all of the following:

- an application for NAP assistance being denied
- the producer or producers being determined ineligible for NAP assistance on all units and farms
- the producer or producers becoming liable under any civil or criminal fraud statute or any other statute or provision of law.

B Questionable Records or Certifications

See:

- paragraph 152 for variance on NAP acreage or production
- paragraph 153 for misrepresentation, scheme, or device.
152 Variance

A Acreage Variance

*--NAP regulations at 7 CFR 1437.7(j) require participants to accurately report acreage,*--*
including:

- prevented planting
- low-yield or disaster affected
- harvested and unharvested.

The tolerance provisions of 7 CFR Part 718 are not applicable to NAP. Under
*-- 7 CFR Part 1437.2, DAFP has delegated authority to approve or disapprove relief based*--*
on the following policy of variance for NAP.

Acreage variance means the number of acres that the reported acreage may differ from the
determined acreage for all crop types within a pay group without either of the following:

- total loss of benefits within the pay group
- overall accuracy of the acreage report being questioned.

Rule: Acreage variance is the larger of 1 acre or 5 percent of the reported acreage, not to
exceed 50 acres. Acreage variances of 1.0 acres or less does not apply.

Note: For honey and maple sap, acreage is identified as the number of honeybee colonies or
tree taps, as applicable. Acreage variance policy will apply using those identifiers.

B Acreage Variance Calculation

Acreage variance will be calculated using all crop types within the pay group. Use this--* table to calculate acreage variance.

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<tr>
<th>Step</th>
<th>Calculation</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Add total reported irrigated and nonirrigated crop acreage for the pay group together.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Multiply total reported crop acreage in step 1 by 5 percent. Enter the larger of 1.0 acre or the result of this calculation, but no more than 50.0 acres. This is the acreage variance information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Subtract total determined acreage from the total reported acreage to arrive at the difference between reported and determined acreage (positive or negative difference).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>If the result of step 3 is greater than step 2, the reported acres exceed the acreage variance limitation.</td>
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</table>

Example: Total reported acreage is 107 acres (step 1). 107 x 5 percent = 5.35 acres (step 2). The total determined acres are 101 acres. Subtract 101 determined acres from 107 reported to determine the difference of 6 acres (step 3). Because step 3 (6 acres) exceeds step 2 (5.35 acres), the difference reported and determined between the acres exceed the acreage variance limitation.
Section 1   Crop Provisions

200 National Crop Definitions

A Introduction

A national crop definition was established, based on similar types or varieties of a crop that had an insignificant price difference, for the most predominant intended use for the crop.

The acreage and production of the crop group is summarized for service fees and loss calculation purposes.

To identify the crop definition for service fee and payment purposes, 3 variables are included in the national crop table for each downloaded crop. These variables are described in greater detail in the remainder of this paragraph.

Notes: If a crop, type, or practice is insurable in the county within a pay crop pay type grouping, the insurable crop, type, or practice will not be included in determining loss for that pay crop pay type.

*--Only crops in Exhibit 14 can be used for the applicable crop and the exhibit numbers are year specific.

See the applicable Exhibit 14 for the specific year for eligible crops:

- Exhibit 14 for 2015
- Exhibit 14.5 for 2016
- Exhibit 14.6 for 2017
- Exhibit 14.7 for 2018 and future years.

B Planting Period

For crops that have multiple plantings established according to paragraph 206, the planting period is used to identify these plantings as separate crops.

Example: Lettuce has 4 plantings during the crop year. A separate record is loaded in the NAP crop table for each planting, which will ensure that the production from the different plantings will not be grouped together.

Crops with the same planting period will be grouped together unless they have different pay crop and pay type codes.

Exception: For grazed forage, the planting period will be used to further define warm and cool season grasses as allowed in paragraph 801. A planting period number of:

- “01” will be designated for cool season grasses
- “02” will be designated for warm season grasses.
National Crop Definitions (Continued)

C  Payment Crop Code

The payment crop code identifies the “crop” for the specified crop, crop type, and/or intended use. In most cases, the payment crop code is the same as the crop code in 2-CP with few exceptions.

Example: The crop code in 2-CP for 2 or more interseeded small grain mixed forage is “0296”. For NAP payment purposes, 2 or more interseeded small grain mixed forage will actually be paid as grass with a payment crop code of “0102”.

D  Payment Type Code

The payment type code identifies how the types and intended uses for a specified crop will be grouped.

Example: Beans have a payment crop code of “0047”. However, the types of beans have a significant price difference, justifying that each type of bean be treated as a separate crop. The data on the NAP crop table is downloaded as follows.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Crop Type</th>
<th>Planting Number</th>
<th>Payment Crop Code</th>
<th>Payment Type Code</th>
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<tr>
<td>Baby Lima</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>0047</td>
<td>001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Butter</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>0047</td>
<td>002</td>
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<tr>
<td>Soldier</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>0047</td>
<td>003</td>
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</table>

In this example, each type of bean will be treated as a separate crop for service fee and payment purposes.

Note: For seed crops meeting the definition according to subparagraph 202 F, crops with an intended use of seed may have a different type code.
H Crops Not Listed in 2-CP

When a crop, or specific type or variety, is requested by a producer for NAP and it is not listed in 2-CP, STC’s will ensure that additions are handled according to procedure in 2-CP.

I Deadline to Change Crop Definition

The national crop definition identifies the pay groupings for accepting CCC-471. Service fees are collected according to pay crop, pay type, and planting period as identified according to subparagraph A.

To ensure that service fees are applied uniformly across the country, the crop definition is based on a national review of crop data. Because changes to the crop definition must be completed before the release of CCC-471 software, any requests for changes in the crop definition must be submitted to PPB with supporting documentation. For crop data to be reviewed and approved before CCC-471 software is released, all requests along with supporting data must be received at the National Office by 120 calendar days before the application closing date for the crop.

Notes: Because the crop definition is established nationwide, States must include not only data for their State, but any other data available nationwide from commodity associations and other credible sources.

To change the crop definition after software has been released would have an adverse impact on service fees collected.

Because the application closing date from the previous year’s NCT is used for the continuous coverage letter, County Offices must be aware that any changes to the crop definition could have an impact on service fees collected.
Types or Varieties of Crops

A Definition of Type or Variety of a Crop

Type or variety of a crop means a scientifically recognized subspecies of a crop having a particular characteristic or set of characteristics. Examples are in this table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Crop</th>
<th>Types or Varieties</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Watermelons</td>
<td>Seedless, striped.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beans</td>
<td>Pinto, pole, shelli, small red.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peppers</td>
<td>Jalapeño, pimiento, red chili.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Potatoes</td>
<td>White, red.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cherries</td>
<td>Sweet, tart.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Squash</td>
<td>Zucchini, acorn, summer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lettuce</td>
<td>Romaine, leaf.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes: *** A producer cannot change, by design or market, the type or variety of a crop.

See 2-CP for crop name, codes, abbreviations, etc.

Do not use “other”, “regular”, or other generic references as a type or variety for NAP purposes.

B Differentiating Crops by Type or Variety

Crops will be grouped according to subparagraph 200 A.

Producers must provide acreage and production data for each type or variety of crop produced and without regard to grouping as 1 crop.

Example: A producer has zucchini and acorn squash. The producer reports the acreage and production of each type of squash, without regard to the types being grouped as 1 crop, for example, squash.
D Determining Unit Loss for Crops With Different Intended Uses

The unit loss of a crop with different intended uses, as applicable, must be determined before the crop can be considered to have suffered a qualifying loss. This is accomplished by comparing the expected value of all intended uses of the crop to the actual or estimated value of all intended uses of the crop.

If producers do not have buy-up coverage with the HMP option, follow this table to determine whether a crop with multiple intended uses with different units of expression suffered a qualifying unit loss.

Notes: Before using this table, particularly in all cases where fresh and processed intended uses are involved, ensure that quality losses were properly addressed according to paragraphs 209 and 610. Loss is calculated by crop, type, intended use, and practice within grouping on the unit.

*--Units having different intended uses with the same unit of measure (fresh and--* processed sweet cherries are each expressed in pounds per acre) must suffer a qualifying loss of total expected production to be eligible for payment consideration. If this loss requirement is not met for such a unit, do not use this table.

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<th>Step</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Multiply the total acreage of each specific intended use of the crop in the unit times the approved yield and average market price of the intended use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Multiply the total acreage of each specific intended use of the crop in the unit times the disaster or estimated unit yield and average market price of the intended use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Add the total values determined in step 1 for all intended uses of the crop in the unit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Add the total values determined in step 2 for all intended uses of the crop in the unit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Divide the result of step 4 by the result of step 3.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Subtract the result of step 5 from 1.000. This is the unit percent loss for the crop.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If quality loss adjustments are made according to paragraphs 209 and 610, after a crop with various intended uses is determined to have met unit value loss requirements described in the table in this subparagraph, a NAP low yield payment may be calculated. Use CCC-576A to calculate the total acreage of each intended use of the crop and without regard to other intended uses of the crop.

For producers with buy-up coverage and an approved HMP option, unit loss will be determined based on HMP, if all requirements are met.
E  APH and Intended Use

Except for multiple marketed crops specified in paragraph 276, APH’s are kept separately for each intended use of the crop reported by the producer.

See paragraph 483 for multiple market crops and paragraph 482 for organic crops.

F  Seed Intended Uses Qualifying as a Separate Crop

In the case of an eligible crop intended for use as commercial seed, the seed intended use will be a separate crop if all the following apply:

- the specific crop acreage is planted, or is intended to be planted with an intent of producing commercial seed
- the specific crop acreage planted or intended to be planted to a seed intended use cannot produce other commercial intended uses of production
- the specific crop acreage planted or intended to be planted with an intended use of seed must have a growing period uniquely conducive to the production of commercial seed and not conducive to the production of any other intended use

**Note:** The unique growing period (or physiological event occurring during such period) necessary for the production of commercial seed, such as vernalization in a biennial crop such as carrots or onions, must render the possibility of production of any other intended use of the crop acreage improbable.

- STC recommends and DAFP approves the specific seed crop intended use as a separate and distinct crop.

Commercial seed intended uses not meeting the above criteria will be an intended use and a single crop together with all other intended uses of the crop type or variety.

**Note:** See subparagraph 375 A for crops that may have an intended use of “SD” (seed) available, but should be reported as “PR” (processed) or “GR” (grain).
Examples of Separate and Nonseparate Seed Crop Intended Uses

Separate seed crop intended uses include onion, carrots, and non-ornamental nursery propagation seed.

Nonseparate seed crop intended uses include the following:

- alfalfa
- aquaculture
- Christmas tree seedlings
- grass
- ornamental nursery
- small or coarse grain.
A Summary of Standard Rule and HMP Option

The HMP option allows for paying all or some of a NAP loss based on the intended use without regard to the Standard Rule. Under the Standard Rule, when 50 percent or more of production has an actual use with a lower value than the intended use, the producer’s NAP assistance for that crop is calculated using the lower value actual use. If the HMP option is elected, producers will have their NAP assistance calculated based on the:

- intended use if they have historically marketed 50 percent or more of their production for the intended use
- producer’s actual history of marketing if they have historically marketed less than 50 percent of their production for the intended use.

The HMP option:

- must be elected by the producer on CCC-471 before the crop’s application closing date
- is only available to producers who elect buy-up coverage
- cannot result in a lower amount of NAP assistance than would be calculated using the Standard Rule
- does not affect premium calculations
- applies when the intended use is fresh or processed
- does not apply to secondary uses, peanuts, small grains intended for forage, seed or other propagation intended uses
- uses the producer’s previous 1 to 3 consecutive crop years of marketing history of the crop
- allows a producer to use a current year marketing contract as an alternative to marketing history, if applicable.

Example: A producer has a green bean crop that is sold fresh to a local restaurant, a roadside stand, and delivered to a wholesale market. A portion of the crop is also delivered to a packing house for processing. The producer elected buy-up coverage and the HMP option.

The producer can provide historical marketing records to establish the HMP for green beans sold as fresh to the local restaurant, roadside stand, and wholesale market, and green beans delivered to the packing house for processing.

Note: If more than 50 percent of the total actual harvested production in this example is intended and marketed as “fresh,” the producer’s NAP payment will be calculated based on the fresh average market price (Standard Rule).
275 Crop Documentation

A Crop Data

*--For each crop year and commercial crop or agricultural commodity for which a CCC-471--* may be filed in the state, STC will establish the following.

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| other than a grazing forage crop | • average market price  
• county-expected yield  
• applicable payment factors | 120 calendar days before the specific crop’s application closing date. |

**Important:** It is crucial that for all crops, other than forage grazing, the crop data be established according to this table to provide potential participants information to estimate potential coverage and premiums.

| a grazing forage crop | • carrying capacity  
• grazing period | 90 calendar days before the earliest applicable sales closing date for forage. |

When a new crop, crop type, and/or intended use not currently included in 2-CP is needed, State Offices will submit new crop, crop type, and/or intended use requests according to 2-CP.
A Crop Data (Continued)

When a determination of NAP eligibility is being requested for a crop, crop type, and/or intended use not included in Exhibit 14, STC must determine whether or not to recommend the crop for NAP eligibility. If the STC recommends the crop, crop type, and/or intended use, the State office will submit the request according to paragraph 11. Requests must include the following information:

- crop information from 2-CP, including name, type or variety, and intended use
- scientific name
- minutes including the STC recommendation of NAP eligibility
- supporting documentation such as:
  - basis for NAP crop eligibility, such as commercial food or fiber uses, biomass, or other industrial use
  - crop information from universities, NIFA, NRCS, or other subject matter experts with knowledge of the crop, crop type, and/or intended use
  - commercial markets

  **Example:** Farmer’s markets, grain elevator, and gin.

  - FCIC established price
  - NASS average yield.

**Notes:** For secondary use, follow subparagraph 202 C.

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

**Important:** It is crucial that **required** crop data be established at least 120 calendar days before the application closing date to provide potential participants information to estimate potential coverage and premiums.
A Average Market Prices and Payment Factors


(a) An average market price will be used to calculate assistance under this part and will be:

(1) A dollar value per the applicable unit of measure of the eligible crop;

(2) Determined on a harvested basis without the inclusion of transportation, storage, processing, marketing, or other post-harvest expenses, as determined by FSA;

(3) Comparable with established FCIC prices; and

(4) Determined, as practicable, for each intended use of a crop type within a State, as determined by FSA, for a crop year.

(b) For each crop and location (State or county or other location as determined appropriate by FSA), FSA will establish an average market price using the following method:

(1) Obtaining market prices for each crop for the 5 consecutive crop years --beginning with the most recent year for which price data is available; then--*

(2) Dropping the crop years in the 5 consecutive crop years with the highest and lowest prices; and then

(3) Averaging the prices for the remaining 3 crop years in the 5 consecutive crop years; and

(4) If 5 crop years of data is not available for determining the average market price, FSA will use the best data available, as determined by FSA, for as many crop years of *--average market price data as possible within the 5 consecutive crop years beginning with the most recent year for which price data is available and determine an average--* market price for the crop by computing a simple average of the prices for those years.
A Average Market Prices and Payment Factors (Continued)

(c) FSA will disregard small differences in prices for a crop based on different types or varieties or various intended uses. If FSA determines there is a significant amount of production being marketed in a location or region at significantly different prices, FSA will determine whether or not to establish different average market prices for subsequent crop years.

(d) Separate average market prices may be established within a State based on conventional or organic practices or the intended market, as determined by FSA.

(e) For these purposes, where needed, an Animal-unit-days (AUD) value will be based on the national average price of corn and the daily requirement of 13.6 megacalories of net energy for maintenance of 1 animal unit.

(f) Payment factors will be used to calculate assistance for crops produced with significant and variable harvesting expenses that are not incurred because the crop acreage was prevented planted, or planted but not harvested, as determined by FSA. The imposition of payment factors is based on the acre status and disposition not whether a NAP participant actually incurs or does not incur expenses.

(g) The average market price used to determine the amount of NAP assistance for crop acreage reported with a specific intended use will be based on the smaller of the approved average market price established for either the specific intended use reported on the acreage report or actual market or actual use for which more than 50 percent of the acreage’s harvested production is marketed. For example: A producer reports 50 acres of carrots intended for fresh market and the producer suffers a 70 percent loss of production on the acreage. Additionally, more than 50 percent of the carrots actually produced from the 50 acres are sold as processed carrots. Because the established average market price for processed carrots is less than fresh carrots and more than 50 percent of the harvested crop was marketed as processed carrots, the established average market price for processed carrots will be used to compute the producer’s NAP assistance. If an average market price had not been established for processed carrots in this example before the coverage period, then the average market price for fresh carrots would be used.
D Determining Average Market Price (Continued)

If 5 crop years of data is not available for determining the average market price, STC’s will:

- use the best data available to obtain as many crop years of data as possible within the 5 consecutive crop years, beginning with the most recent crop year for which price data is available
- determine an average market price for crops without 5 crop years of data by computing a simple average of the data obtained
- thoroughly document why 5 crop years of data is not available and the sources of the data used.

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E Differences in Market Prices

STC’s will disregard small differences in prices for a crop based on different types or varieties, various intended uses, direct or indirect marketing methods, and organic production methods. However, if there is a significant amount of production being marketed in a region at significantly different levels of compensation, STC will determine whether to establish different prices.

As applicable, if STC determines with credible data that:

- a different type or variety of a crop has historically been valued at a significantly different price when compared to the average market price of other types or varieties of this crop, STC will establish a separate price for the type or variety of the crop
- a significant amount of a crop has been historically marketed in a county or counties under a specific intended use and at a price that is significantly different than the average price received for the crop without regard to intended use, STC will establish a separate price for the crop based on intended use
- producers in the State have crop production that is sold through direct marketing, STC may establish a separate price, if sufficient data is available to support establishing a separate direct market price, and DAFP approval is obtained
- organic farming practices are used for crop production, STC may use organic prices when they have been established according to subparagraph F.---
F Organic Market Prices

FSA may establish an organic average market price for a crop within a State to reflect the different price a producer receives because the crop qualifies as organic according to the National Organic Program regulations at 7 CFR Part 205.

Organic average market prices may be based on:

- the RMA organic price for the crop if available
- 145 percent of the NCT average market price
- other acceptable sources of organic price data.

If FCIC has not established a price for an OC crop, or the FCIC-established price is the same as the FCIC organic price (OC), States may choose to establish an organic average market price up to 145 percent of the NCT average market price without submitting price documentation to DAFP.

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Sufficient data may be available that supports establishing an organic average market price higher than 145 percent of the NCT average market price. If this data exists, STC’s must submit a request to DAFP, according to paragraph 11, with supporting evidence, to request approval of a different organic average market price.

Note: Organic average market prices higher than 145 percent require DAFP approval for each crop year.

Verifiable and/or reliable data, according to subparagraphs 601 B and C, from as many of these sources as is reasonable, must be collected and compiled by COC’s. COC’s will submit a memo with supporting documentation to the State Office for approval. State Offices will review and approve the request and submit the organic average market price and yield request to the National Office as necessary.

Notes: When establishing an organic average market price for a crop, a yield adjustment organic factor must also be established for the crop according to paragraph 276.

Organic prices do not apply to nongraduated value loss crops

The 145 percent organic price is based on the already computed average market price and does not represent a year-specific historical price. See 3-NAP for entering an override price in the NCT when year-specific historical average prices are not available.
300 Application Closing Dates

A Establishing Application Closing Dates

STC will establish an application closing date for eligible crops, taking into consideration the pay crop and pay type groupings.

Application closing dates must:

• for annual crops, be at least 1 day before the date FSA would permit coverage to begin for either prevented planting or low yield losses

Example 1: The final planting date for butternut squash is June 5 and the final planting date for acorn squash is June 30. Both types of squash are in the same pay crop pay type grouping. To ensure that prevented planting is eligible for the butternut squash (the earliest final planting date) the application closing date must be established before the planting period for butternut squash. If the planting period for butternut squash begins around May 5, and STC wants to provide prevented planted coverage for all of that planting period, the application closing date must be established at no later than May 4.

Example 2: Lettuce has multiple planting periods with the following final planting dates:

• December 31
• April 3
• August 31

The application closing date for all planting periods must be established at least 1 calendar day before December 31.
A Establishing Application Closing Dates (Continued)

- correspond to FCIC sales closing dates for like crops

**Example:** Apples are insurable in 13 of the 36 Oregon counties, cranberries are insurable only in 2 counties, and pears are insurable in 6 counties. RMA has established the sales closing date for all 3 crops as November 20.

The Oregon STC will establish the application closing date for apples, cranberries, and pears in the rest of the State as November 20. STC will consider establishing the same application closing date for any other fruit crops, unless a different RMA sales closing date for a crop is established.

**Notes:** STC’s do not have the authority to arbitrarily change application closing dates for the specific reason of allowing additional producers to sign up for NAP coverage after the original dates had been publicized.

STC’s will not change application closing dates established for the current year after the date has been publicized. STC can change application closing dates for subsequent years.

- be limited to the same number of sales closing dates as established by crop insurance, if reasonable

**Example:** Arizona has the following FCIC sales closing dates:

- October 31 for small grains
- November 20 for all citrus
- November 30 for potatoes
- January 31 for table grapes
- February 28 for coarse grains and cotton.

The Arizona STC will establish 5 application closing dates based on the FCIC sales closing dates already established. STC should also review other noninsurable crops and the FCIC sales closing dates that best accommodate the pay crop pay type grouping.

**Note:** State Offices will review FCIC sales closing dates annually to ensure consistency between programs.
A Establishing Application Closing Dates (Continued)

- correspond to the beginning of the crop year for crops without final planting dates.

**Note:** For value loss crops, the date **must** be established no later than September 1, **except** for ornamental nursery according to subparagraph 906 B.

STC **must** ensure that the application closing date is established early enough to include all the eligible crops, types, and intended uses grouped as the same pay crop and pay type.

*Example:* The crop year for ginseng root starts October 1, 2020, and the coverage period for ginseng seed begins May 1, 2021. Ginseng with an intended use of root and seed has the same pay crop and pay type.

Because ginseng with the intended use of root has the earliest beginning date for coverage within the pay crop pay type grouping, STC will ensure that the application closing date for that pay crop pay type is established no later than September 30, 2020.

B Publicizing Application Closing Dates

SED’s will ensure that application closing dates are publicized. Publication sources can include the following:

- posting in the USDA Service Center
- local media using newspaper, farm magazines, radio, etc.
- Town Hall meetings
- newsletters
- GovDelivery for bulletins, newsletters, etc.

See paragraph 6.
A  Filing CCC-471

To be eligible for NAP coverage for a crop, a producer must file CCC-471 by the application *--closing date for the crop. CCC-471 must be filed by the producer for a specific administrative county by pay crop, pay type, and coverage options in any FSA Service Center.

CCC-471’s accompanied by applicable service fees or CCC-860 certification of SDA, LR, VF, or BF status received by FSA in the mail are considered timely filed if the USPS--* postmark reflects a date no later than the crop’s closing date. See paragraph 303.

FSA will allow any interested person to file CCC-471 without regard to whether or not the person may or may not qualify for NAP assistance. A person is ineligible for NAP assistance if the person chooses not to file CCC-471 for any reason including, but not limited to, a belief that NAP assistance would not be earned or paid, whether that assumption is correct or not. A participant who chooses not to file CCC-471 knows and has reason to know that coverage was knowingly and willingly not applied for or sought or obtained.

Individuals or legal entities submitting CCC-471 accompanied by the applicable service fee or CCC-860, as applicable, acknowledge receipt of all CCC-471 NAP BP provisions.

At the time of application in the Service Center, County Offices must:

- provide to the producer a photocopy of the originally filed CCC-471 showing crops for which coverage was obtained
- ensure that producers are aware of the availability of CCC-471 NAP BP
- provide CCC-471 NAP BP by 1 of the following methods as selected by an eligible producer:
  - make copies available
  - provide the web site to producers where they can get a copy
  - provide electronically by e-mail to the producer
E  Processing CCC-471’s Filed After the Application Closing Date, But Before the End of the Coverage Period

If CCC-471 accompanied by the required service fee or CCC-860 is submitted after the application closing date, but before the end of the coverage period, do all of the following:

- provide a photocopy of the original submitted CCC-471 and a copy of NAP BP to the participant according to subparagraph A
- accept the CCC-471 and deposit the service fee
- present the late-filed CCC-471 accompanied by the participant’s written explanation for late-filing to COC.

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<td>within 30 calendar days of the application closing date</td>
<td>is delegated authority to approve or disapprove programmatic relief for the producer. Approval of relief will allow coverage to be approved to begin no earlier than 1 calendar day following the actual day CCC-471 was filed. If COC grants relief, FSA representative will sign and date CCC-471 with effective COC decision date.</td>
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Notes: COC is under no obligation to grant relief. However, if the producer filed the written explanation for late-filing, COC must determine whether or not relief is warranted.

DAFP is extending this delegation of authority to allow COC to approve or disapprove programmatic relief beyond 30 calendar days after the application closing date in cases when an FLP applicant who qualifies as BF, LR, or SDA files CCC-471 for:

- annual crops, on or before the final planting date
- perennial crops, within 3 months of the application closing date.

Note: Generally, a participant’s assertion of not being aware of an application closing date is not a valid reason for finding the participant was prevented, by reasons beyond the participant’s control, from filing a timely application. Information on application closing dates for crops is available in the public domain or by contacting FSA.
A Using Reported and Determined Crop Acreage

As specified in CCC-471 NAP BP, when a unit has both reported and determined crop acreage, COC will use:

- the smaller of the reported or determined acreage to determine the unit’s:
  - expected level of production
  - total planted and prevented planted acreage
- determined acreage for premium calculation and APH purposes.

**Note:** See 2-CP for policy about determined acreage measured by LA.

See Part 3 for NAP provisions about:

- unacceptable, incorrect, or false records and certifications
- variance
- misrepresentation, scheme, or device.

B Disposition of Reported Crop Acreage

Producers who have reported crop acreage for NAP purposes who harvest the specific crop acreage **must** file a production report for the crop and be able to provide to COC documentary evidence of crop production and disposition. Evidence may include leaving representative samples of the crop acreage for inspection. Disposition may be reviewed to ascertain if the crop was harvested for the reported intended use and if acreage was harvested.

Failure to make timely application or to supply **required** documentary evidence will result in a denial of NAP payments.

**Exception:** For forage crops in areas where multiple cuttings are normal, see subparagraph 802 E.
C Replacement, Repeat, and Replanted Acreage

Replacement crop acreage:

- is acreage of another crop or commodity planted as a subsequent crop.

- even if planted after approved prevented planted or failed crop acreage, in the same crop year, is not considered acres devoted to an eligible crop and is not eligible for NAP.

Notes: See 2-CP for further information about replacement crops.

See paragraph 204 for eligible double-crop acreage.

See paragraph 380 for maintaining ineligible crop acreage.

Repeat crop is the subsequent planting of a crop or commodity planted on the same acreage as previous plantings of the same crop or commodity in the same planting period and crop year.

Replanted acreage is eligible for NAP when an eligible crop is damaged and COC determines that it is practical and customary to replant the same crop.

Notes: Practical and customary to replant means, as determined by FSA, replanting the covered crop or commodity is customary and will allow the crop or commodity to attain maturity before the calendar date for the end of the coverage period.

*--See subparagraph 51 E for ineligible causes of loss.--
Late Planting

A Determining Late Planted Acreage

Late-planted acreage. Late-planting provisions provide reduced coverage for eligible crop or commodity acreage planted during the applicable late planting period.

Crops not planted by the STC-established final planting date because of natural disaster but planted during the late planting period are not eligible for prevented planting payments.

Producers unable to plant the crop or commodity on the acreage in the unit by the STC-established final planting date because of natural disaster must provide an acceptable notice of loss (CCC-576, Part B), within 15 calendar days of the final planting date.

Production will be assigned according to subparagraph C for late planted acres based on the date the crop or commodity was planted.

B Definition of Planted Acreage--*

Planted acreage, means land in the unit in which seed, plants, or trees have been placed, appropriately for the crop and planting period, at the correct depth, into a seedbed that has been properly prepared for the planting method and production practice.

C Reducing Coverage for Late Planting

COC must assign production according to paragraph 607 for certain crop acreage planted during the applicable late-planting periods. Production to assign will be determined according to the date the crop acreage was actually planted and the following table. A calculator worksheet has been provided in Exhibit 37 to calculate the amount of production to assign.

Notes: If planting of the crop is by viable transplants, COC may not reduce nor assign production due to late planting that occurs within 1 to 5 calendar days after the final planting date.

*--If planting of the crop is by viable transplant, COC may determine if late planting provisions apply due to late planting that occurs from 6 to 30 days after the final planting date.

If a crop fails prior to the final planting date and a repeat crop is planted within 10 day of the final planting date, the COC will not reduce or assign production due to late planting.--*
Late-planting provisions do **not** apply to the following:

- crops with multiple planting periods except:
  - for the last planting period for the crop
  - to multiple planting periods with a defined gap of 60 days or more between the harvest date of the previous planting period and the beginning of the immediately following planting period
- value-loss crops.

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<td>60 calendar days or less</td>
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<td>5 percent of the expected production of the applicable crop acreage for each day after the final planting date.</td>
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<td>6 or more calendar days</td>
<td>expected production of the applicable crop acreage equal to the unit yield guarantee (50 to 65 percent coverage level).</td>
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<td>61 to 120 calendar days</td>
<td>1 to 5 calendar days</td>
<td>5 percent of expected production of the applicable crop acreage regardless of the day planted.</td>
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<td>6 to 20 calendar days</td>
<td>1 percent of expected production of the applicable crop acreage for each day after the final planting date.</td>
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<td>21 or more calendar days</td>
<td>expected production of the applicable crop acreage equal to the unit yield guarantee (50 to 65 percent coverage level).</td>
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<td>6 to 25 calendar days</td>
<td>1 percent of expected production of the applicable crop acreage for each day after the final planting date.</td>
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<td>26 or more calendar days</td>
<td>expected production of the applicable crop acreage equal to the unit yield guarantee (50 to 65 percent coverage level).</td>
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**Note:** Time periods include the date the crop is planted.
Prevented Planting (Continued)

C Ineligible Acreage for Prevented Planting

Acreage ineligible for NAP prevented planting includes, but is not limited to:

- acreage for which the provisions of 2-CP are not met
- value loss crops, including, but not limited to, Christmas trees, aquaculture, and ornamental nurseries
- uninsured crop acreage that is unrated for insurance purposes
- acreage planted during the late-planting period.

See paragraph 380 for maintaining ineligible crop acreage.

D Calculating Prevented Planting Payments

Subject to limitations, availability of funds, and specific provisions dealing with specific crops, a payment for prevented planting is determined according to the following.

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<td>Multiply the result of step 1 by “.35”.</td>
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<td>Subtract the result of step 2 from the approved prevented planted acres.</td>
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<td>Multiply the producer’s share by the approved yield by the positive result of step 3.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Multiply the producer’s share by the assigned production, if any.</td>
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<td>Subtract the result of step 5 from the result of step 4.</td>
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<td>Multiply the result of step 6 by the final payment rate (the higher of the average market price, organic market price, or the direct market price and producer’s DMP, as applicable, for the pay crop and pay type times price coverage level of .55 or 1.00 times prevented planting factor).</td>
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Notes: Yields for purposes of prevented planting payments will be calculated in the same manner as for low-yield claims.

Additional calculations are required when there are multiple crop types within a pay group or multiple practices, intended uses, organic status, or native sod status within a crop type.

*--See Exhibit 39 for an example of the calculations.--*
Native Sod Acreage

A Applicability

All annual NAP crops with tillage (including one-pass planters) planted on acreage that was determined as native sod after February 7, 2014, with a breaking date of February 8, 2014, through December 20, 2018, in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota have more restrictive provisions during the first 4 years of planting. Crop/types to which native sod provisions will apply if covered by NAP with these breaking dates are identified in Exhibit 40 (Exhibit 40 is applicable to crop years 2015 through 2018, 2019 and subsequent applicable annually tilled crops are identified in the NCT).

All NAP crops on acreage that was determined as native sod after February 7, 2014, with a breaking date after December 20, 2018, in the same applicable 6 States, have more restrictive provisions any time that any NAP crop acreage has NAP coverage in the first 10 years after breaking. However, the NAP restrictions will not apply more than 4 years total within the 10-year period. Federal crop insurance native sod provisions imposed by RMA on the same acreage do not count as a year of restrictions.

Note: The breaking date is considered the date that native sod is tilled or chemically killed in preparation of planting a crop.

B Definition of Native Sod

Native sod means land on which the plant cover is composed principally of native grasses, grass-like plants, or shrubs for grazing and browsing that has never been tilled, and the producer cannot substantiate that the ground has ever been tilled, for the production of an annual crop on or before February 7, 2014.

C Determinations of Native Sod Acreage

Acreage that is planted and was not cropped on or before February 7, 2014, will be considered as native sod unless the producer can substantiate the acreage has previously been tilled, or that the acreage was not principally (greater than 50 percent) composed of the plant composition described in subparagraph B. Those substantiations may include, but are not limited to:

- FSA-578 dated on or before February 7, 2014, showing the crop (this is not limited to annual crops; however, it must be a crop that requires the ground to be tilled, including 1 pass planters, to plant the crop) that was previously planted on the requested acreage
- FSA-578 dated on or before February 7, 2014, showing that the requested acreage is classified as cropland
- NRCS Form CPA-026e identifying the acreage with, in the “Sodbust” column, “No”, and in the “HEL” column, “Yes”
E Partial Field Planting and Relation to a Crop Year of Planting (Breaking Dates of February 8, 2014, Through December 20, 2018) and a Year of Restrictions (Breaking Date After December 20, 2018) (Continued)

Example 1: A producer has an 80-acre field (CLU) comprised completely of native sod acreage. In the initial year of tilling the native sod acreage, all 80 acres are planted to dryland corn. In crop year 2, the producer plants the North 40 acres to rye and leaves the South 40 acres idle. In crop year 3, the producer plants the South 40 acres to dryland corn and leaves the North 40 acres idle. In crop year 4, the producer plants all 80 acres to rye. All 4 years on the entire 80 acres count towards fulfilling the first 4 years of planting.

Example 2: A producer has an 80-acre field (CLU) comprised completely of native sod acreage. In the initial year of tilling the native sod acreage, the North 40 acres are planted to dryland corn and the South 40 acres are not tilled. The North 40 acres begin counting toward the first 4 years of planting. The South 40 acres will not count as a year of planting until those native sod acres are tilled and planted.

In crop year 2, if the South 40 acres are tilled and planted, but the North 40 acres are not planted, the South 40 acres will count as the first year of planting for those acres. The North 40 acres that were not planted in crop year 2 would still only have 1 year of planting count for the 4 years of restrictive provisions.

The determination if a year of NAP restrictions applied to a native sod CLU with a breaking date after December 20, 2018, will be determined from the same 50 percent or more threshold. If 50 percent or more of the acres have NAP coverage, then the entire CLU is considered to have met a year of restrictions. If less than 50 percent of the acres have NAP coverage, then the entire CLU is considered to have not met a year of restrictions.

F De Minimis Acreage

NAP annual crops that are planted on acreage converted from native sod on 5 acres or less are not subject to the more restrictive provisions. Like native sod provisions, de minimis determinations are also based on acreage identified as native sod that is physically located within the 6 States identified in subparagraph A.

Acreage that meets the parameters of native sod, identified in subparagraph B, has native sod provisions applied by checking the “native sod conversion box” identified in 2-CP. If de minimis is applicable that acreage should not have the “native sod conversion box” checked. This will ensure that the native sod provisions do not apply to that acreage.

*--Note: Crop years 2019 and subsequent; NAP software reads from CARS to apply native sod restrictions. Refer to 2-CP, subparagraph 162 D to request a National Office manual override if a manual determination of de minimis is applicable.--*
De minimis is determined the first year of cropping by producer, per pay grouping, per NAP unit. This requires a manual determination. A review of the acres identified as native sod within a NAP unit for the year, a review of pay grouping (pay group and pay type in Exhibit 14), and a review of Exhibit 40 to determine whether the crop/type is applicable to the native sod provisions (NAP crops that require annual tillage, including 1 pass planters) is required.

**Example 1:** Producer A has 6 acres identified as native sod converted to cropland in 2016 on 1 unit. NAP requested on those 6 acres is 3 acres of beans (green, GRN) and 3 acres of beans (green baby French, GBF). Exhibit 40 reveals native sod provisions apply to crop beans (0047), all types. Exhibit 14 reveals both crop types are in the same pay grouping (pay crop 0047, pay type 001). The de minimis parameters have not been met (6 acres converted from native sod in 1 unit, all 6 acres are planted to a crop to which the native sod provisions are applicable, and all 6 acres are within the same pay grouping). Native sod provisions apply to all 6 acres.

**Example 2:** Producer B has 10 acres identified as native sod converted to cropland in 2016 on 1 unit. NAP is requested on those 10 acres for 6 acres of beans (green, GRN) and 4 acres of beans (Chinese string, CHI). Exhibit 40 reveals native sod provisions apply to crop beans (0047), all types. Exhibit 14 reveals green beans and Chinese string beans are in different pay groupings (GRN pay crop 0047, pay type 001 and CHI pay crop 0047, pay type 003). The 4 acres of Chinese string beans meet the de minimis parameters and native sod provisions do not apply (it has been determined that less than 5 acres have been planted in 1 unit per pay grouping). The 6 acres of green beans do not meet the de minimis parameters; therefore, native sod provisions will apply.
Native Sod Acreage (Continued)

F De Minimis Acreage (Continued)

- Crop Years 2017 and Beyond

De minimis determinations are not applicable, once a producer has exceeded 5 acres determined as converted from native sod, cumulatively beginning with crop year 2017, in a county within the 6 States to which native sod provisions apply. If the cumulative acres in an applicable county exceed 5 acres, de minimis parameters are not met regardless of what is planted or how much of the native sod acres do or do not have NAP native sod provisions applicable. Cumulative acres will be manually calculated by the CLU’s created and maintained the first 4 years of cropping for breaking dates of February 8, 2014, through December 20, 2018, and for 10 years or after 4 years of NAP restrictions for breaking dates after December 20, 2018.

Example 1: Producer A has 5 acres determined as native sod converted to cropland in Knox County Nebraska in 2017. All 5 acres are enrolled in NAP with coverage on rye for grain. Exhibit 40 reveals that rye (crop code 0094) is applicable to native sod provisions. Because the cumulative acres beginning with 2017 are only 5 acres de minimis applies and native sod provisions are not applicable.

Example 2: Producer A (from Example 1) has an additional 5 acres determined as native sod converted to cropland in Knox County Nebraska in 2018. The 5 acres converted to cropland in 2017 are once again enrolled in NAP with coverage on rye for grain in 2018. The additional 5 native sod acres converted to cropland in 2018 are insurable with oats for grain. De minimis is not applicable on the 5 acres of rye for grain because the cumulative acres to which native sod provisions apply now exceeds 5 acres or are the new acres converted to cropland in 2018 eligible for de minimis on the insurable crop as determined by RMA because the cumulative acres exceed 5 acres to which native sod provisions would apply.

*--A combination of acreage with breaking dates on or before December 20, 2018, and after December 20, 2018, may both be in the cumulative acres to determine that a producer does not meet de minimis. For those situations, the applicable restrictions will apply to the acreage accordingly, as determined by the unique breaking dates, according to subparagraph A. However, since earlier than December 20, 2018, breaking dates may drop out of native sod designation much earlier than acreage with breaking dates after December 20, 2018, the cumulative acres may change in the future.--*
F De Minimis Acreage (Continued)

- Crop Years 2017 and Beyond (Continued)

Example: Producer B broke 3 acres determined as native sod in spring 2018 in Knox County, Nebraska. The 3 acres had NAP coverage with a crop from Exhibit 40 in 2018 but de minimis applied. In spring 2019, the producer broke an additional 3 acres in Knox County, Nebraska. These 3 acres were not planted to NAP crop in 2019 (no coverage), but NAP coverage continued on the 2018 native sod acreage. De minimis did not apply in 2019 because cumulatively there were more than 5 acres of native sod. After 4 years of continuous cropping, in 2022 the native sod designation is removed from the 2018 breaking acreage. Therefore, if no additional acreage is broken, for any year (2023 through 2029), up to 4 years maximum, the 3 acres designated with the 2019 breaking date and that have NAP coverage will meet de minimis since the cumulative acreage is now less than 5 acres. Had Producer B had NAP coverage in 2019 through 2022, de minimis would not have been met.

G Production for Native Sod

Example: A producer has 100 acres of rye for grain with NAP coverage, with 50 acres determined to be native sod and 50 acres are non-native sod. The producer reports 3,000 bu. of production on the entire 100 acres because it was commingled at harvest.

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<th>Calculation</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Determine the proration by dividing the total acres by the applicable determined native sod acres.</td>
<td>100 ÷ 50 = 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Determine native sod production by dividing total production by the result of step 1.</td>
<td>3,000 ÷ 2 = 1,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Determine non-native sod production by subtracting the result of step 2 from the total production.</td>
<td>3,000 - 1,500 = 1,500</td>
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H Adverse Determinations

It is a COC determination if the acreage is native sod or if the producer substantiations in subparagraph C apply.

Note: If the substantiations do not apply, the acreage is determined as “native sod”.

Any year a producer participates in NAP on acreage determined native sod, reconsideration must be offered. Some reconsiderations a producer may request are if:

- the acreage report correctly reflects where the NAP crop is planted resulting in application of native sod provisions
- the substantiations in subparagraph C resulting in a native sod determination were fully considered
- de minimis provisions in subparagraph F should have applied
- 4 years of cropping have been met according to subparagraph D, removing the native sod designation (breaking dates of February 8, 2014, through December 20, 2018)
- 4 years of NAP restrictions have applied or it is beyond 10 years from the breaking date (breaking dates after December 20, 2018).

See 1-APP on offering reconsideration of the adverse determination any year the more restrictive native sod provisions apply to NAP acreage.

Note: The determination that acreage is native sod acreage on which a crop was grown during a specific year is not an adverse determination, unless the more restrictive sod provisions are applied to NAP acreage.
380  SNAPP for Ineligible Crop Acreage, Honeybee Colonies, and Tree Taps

A  Overview

SNAPP is a web-based application that will be used to maintain ineligible crop acreage, honeybee colonies, and tree taps. For NAP, ineligible crop acreage, honeybee colonies, and tree taps will be entered in SNAPP for the applicable crop year and will not impact:

- establishing approved yield
- calculating contract marketing percentage
- calculating payment
- calculating premium
- calculating yield guarantee
- calculating summary of coverage values.

*B--B Entering Crop Acreage, Honey Bee Colonies, and Tree Taps Into SNAPP--*

Beginning with crop year 2015, crop acreage, honeybee colonies, and tree taps for which CCC-471 is filed and subsequently deemed ineligible, according to paragraph 53, must be entered into SNAPP immediately upon FSA-578 certification. A photocopy of the map must be kept in the producer’s NAP folder identifying the crop acreage deemed ineligible.

Notes: SNAPP is applicable to grazed forage crops.

SNAPP is not applicable for value loss crops.

C  Accessing SNAPP

See 3-NAP, Part 3, Section 8 for SNAPP.

381-399  (Reserved)
C  Calculating Approved Yield (Continued)

The basic formula for calculating the percentage of the T-yield for approved yields is according to this table.

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<th>IF...</th>
<th>THEN calculate the current year approved yield based on the simple average of...</th>
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<tr>
<td>producer certifies production records or has any combination of actual, replacement, zero credited, substitute, or assigned yields for 4 through 10 years</td>
<td>those yield years.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>producer certifies production records for 3 years and there are no zero credited, substitute, or assigned yields in the APH database</td>
<td>the 3 yield years plus 100 percent of the applicable T-yield for the missing year.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>producer certifies production records for 2 years and there are no zero credited, substitute, or assigned yields in the APH database</td>
<td>the 2 yield years plus 90 percent of the applicable T-yield for the missing years.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>producer certifies production records for 1 year and there are no zero credited, substitute, or assigned yields in the APH database</td>
<td>the 1 yield year plus 80 percent of the applicable T-yield for the 3 missing years.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>there has not previously been an approved yield calculated and there are no production records</td>
<td>65 percent of the applicable T-yield for each of the missing years.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Note:** Use 100 percent of applicable T-yield for each of the missing years for new producers according to paragraph 477.

**Notes:** An assigned, zero credited, or substitute yield will **not** be considered derived from producer-certified production records for the purpose of attaining a higher percentage of T-yield.

An assigned, zero credited, or substitute yield **is** included when determining the *number of years with yield data. However, these yields are **not** counted when determining the percentage of T-yield to use to complete the minimum 4 years of data.

**Example:** A producer has 2 years of yield data consisting of 1 assigned yield and 1 year of actual yield derived from producer certified production records. Therefore, the current year approved yield will be based on these 2 years of yield data (1 assigned yield and 1 actual yield) and 80 percent of the applicable T for the missing 2 yield years. Eighty percent of the applicable T is used because the producer has reported only 1 year of producer certified records resulting in 1 year of actual yield in the database. --*
D Special Considerations for Approved Yield Calculations

To establish an approved yield for a producer, consideration **must** be made for each of the following according to Section 2:

- continuity or breaks therein
- new producer
- center pivot irrigation system
- succession-in-interest eligibility
- yield limitations, including cups
- added land, practice, type, intended use, planting period and units
- combining and dividing APH databases
- NAP crops produced on acreage previously determined native sod (applicable to Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota, including land from these States administered in counties contiguous to these States)
- organic and transitional crops
- multiple market crops
- crops with only one type available on NCT and original type has been removed and replaced with several new types of the crop. State Offices need to approve the new crop type records on the NCT before County Office access, according to 3-NAP, Part 2.

E Manually Calculating Approved Yields

If approved yields **cannot** be calculated using the NAP automated system, a manual calculation may be completed using CCC-452.

* * *
A Limitation for Native Sod

NAP-covered yield-based crops produced with annual tillage on native sod will have coverage limited to an approved yield of 65 percent of the T-yield (county expected yield) for the first 4 years of planting on the native sod with breaking dates of February 8, 2014, through December 20, 2018.

Native sod acreage with breaking dates after December 20, 2018, will have the same approved yield limitation for the first 10 years after breaking, up to 4 years maximum, on any NAP yield-based crop (annually tilled crop parameter does not apply).

The T-yield used is applicable to the specific crop year for the administrative county.

Crop insurance has similar restrictions applicable to insured crops.

B Determining Native Sod Acreage and Cropping Year

See subparagraph:

- 379 C for determining when NAP acreage is determined as “Native Sod”
- 379 D for determining what constitutes a year of planting.

Note: The year of planting for breaking dates of February 8, 2014, through December 20, 2018, determines when the more restrictive approved yield is applicable, rather than the years that the crop acreage had NAP coverage.

Example: Year 1: NAP Crop covered.
Year 2: Insured Crop covered.
Year 3: Cropped, but not covered by NAP or insured.
Year 4: NAP Crop covered.
Year 5: NAP Crop covered.

In this example, the more restrictive approved yield is applicable in years 1 and 4, but would not be applicable in year 5, because the first 4 years of planting requirement had been met regardless if NAP coverage had been obtained or not.
Multiple Year Example of Native Sod Approved Yield (Breaking Dates of February 8, 2014, Through December 20, 2018)---*

The NAP participant has a NAP unit with 100 percent share in Nebraska that follows a soybean and rye rotation on 40 acres (20 acres in rye and 20 acres in soybeans in any given year). Soybeans are insured in the county, but rye is not, and the producer participates in NAP for the rye. The NAP participant tills and plants an additional 16 acres of rye in September 2014. The producer cannot substantiate that the acreage has been previously tilled and planted for the production of a crop. Because the acreage is in Nebraska and the producer cannot substantiate that it has ever been cropped, the acreage is considered native sod. The acreage has been added to the existing NAP unit.

The year the native sod acreage is tilled and planted, separate approved yields must be established for the acreage, and the acreage must be reported by farm, tract, and field number.

**Year 1:**

The native sod acreage being added to the existing unit in 2015 requires separate approved yields for the first 4 crop years planted to an annual crop. The native sod database must have a yield of 65 percent of the T-yield.

2015 Acreage Report for Unit 1001. The native sod acreage must be reported separately by farm, tract, and field number.

<table>
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<th>Crop Year</th>
<th>Crop/Use</th>
<th>Unit Number</th>
<th>Farm, Tract, and Field Number</th>
<th>Acres</th>
<th>Acreage Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>Soybeans/GR</td>
<td>1001</td>
<td>1234/5678/1</td>
<td>20.0</td>
<td>Insured acreage in existing unit.</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>Rye/GR</td>
<td>1001</td>
<td>1234/5678/1</td>
<td>20.0</td>
<td>NAP covered acreage in existing unit.</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>Rye/GR</td>
<td>1001</td>
<td>1234/5678/2</td>
<td>16.0</td>
<td>NAP covered native sod acreage.</td>
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Multiple Market Crops

A Definition of Multiple Market Crops

Multiple market crop means a crop that can have multiple market or intended uses with separate NAP average market prices established for each use; however, only 1 approved yield will be established for the crop.

Note: The county-expected yield for multiple market crops with 1 market is based on crop and type instead of crop, type, and intended use. See subparagraphs 276 G and 483 C for approved yield procedure for multiple market crops.

B Multiple Market Crop List

The following crops are identified as multiple market crops:

- sweet potatoes
- APH-based perennial tree fruit crops including, but not limited to:
  - apples
  - apricots
  - bananas
  - cherries
  - grapefruit
  - lemons
  - limes
  - oranges, including mandarin
  - peaches
  - pears
  - plums
  - prunes
  - tangelos
  - tangerines.

Note: If a crop meets definition in subparagraph A, but is not included in the list, STC’s should contact the National Office and provide the name of crop (as listed in 2-CP).

C Approved Yield for Multiple Market Crops

Multiple market crops, as defined in this paragraph, must have a single approved yield for all intended uses, including fresh and processed, if applicable. The approved yield is the same regardless of where the crop is marketed. Production will be collected by all intended uses and combined in the databases with total acres and production of the crop, including all under fresh and processed, if applicable.
C Approved Yield for Multiple Market Crops (Continued)

Follow these steps to properly update the approved yield database when there is acreage or production reported for multiple intended uses of a multiple market crop.

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Add eligible acres together of all the intended uses of the crop/type.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Add eligible production from all reported intended uses of the crop/type.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Divide the total production in step 2 by the total acres in step 1.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Multiply the per acre yield result from step 3 times the acres of each individual intended use eligible acres. This step needs to be repeated for all intended uses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Enter the production result from step 4 in the approved yield database with each intended use eligible acres, as applicable.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Maintain calculation in the remarks section of CCC-452.</td>
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Example: For historical year 2015, the producer had 8.0 eligible acres of fresh tart cherries with total production of 750 cwt. The producer also has 2.0 acres of processed tart cherries with total production of 250 cwt. For a total of 10.0 acres and 1,000 cwt. production. The total production of cherries from the eligible acres must be prorated to each intended use acres in the approved yield database.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Add 8.00 fresh acres plus 2.00 processed acres for a total of 10.0 acres.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Add 750 cwt. fresh production plus 250 cwt. processed production for a total of 1,000 cwt.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Divide 1,000 cwt. by 10.00 acres for a total of 100 cwt. per acre.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Multiply 100 cwt. x 8.0 fresh acres for a total of 800 cwt. fresh production. Multiple 100 cwt. x 2.0 processed acres for a total of 200 cwt. processed production.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Enter 800 cwt. fresh production and 200 cwt. processed production into the respective approved yield database.</td>
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D Previously Separate Databases

If different approved yields have been previously maintained for fresh, processed, and juice, combine total acres and production for each intended use. Recalculate the prior approved yield to reflect the combined acres and production and enter the resulting approved yield for each intended use.

An approved yield is needed for each intended use to calculate a loss for the multiple-market crop. Although the crop definition for multiple market crops is crop and type, the approved yield database is at the crop, type, and intended use level.
Part 8  Reporting Losses

Section 1  Loss Information

575  Notice of Loss

A  Overview

CCC-576, Part B (Exhibit 53) documents:

- a producer’s loss or damage to a crop or commodity
- what has been or will be done with the crop acreage or commodity.

B  Filing CCC-576, Part B

CCC-576, Part B must be provided for:

- prevented planting claims, within 15 calendar days after the final planting date
- low yield claims and allowable value loss, the earlier of either the following:
  - 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date of loss or damage to the crop or commodity first becomes apparent
  - 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date

*--For 2020 and subsequent years, NAP producers of forage with the intended use of grazing who choose to establish loss level using independent assessments, according to subparagraph 804 J, or other alternative loss percentage methods approved by DAFP, according to paragraphs 812 and 813, are not required to file a CCC-576, Parts A and B. For producers meeting that criteria, the only requirement is to file an application for payment on grazed forage by the deadline specified in paragraph 675.

For 2020 and subsequent years, NAP producers of forage with the intended use of grazing who choose to establish their loss using similar mechanically harvested forage acreage on the unit for which an approved yield has been calculated, or similar units in the area where approved yields have been calculated for forage, are required to file the following by the applicable deadline:

- CCC-576, Parts A and B by the earlier of the following:
  - 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date of loss or damage to the crop or commodity first becomes apparent
  - 15 calendar days after the end of the coverage period
- CCC-576, Parts D through H, according to paragraph 675.--*
575 Notice of Loss (Continued)

B Filing CCC-576, Part B (Continued)

An acreage report must be filed for the acres devoted to the eligible crop in CCC-576, item 8C and/or 9D, as applicable, for 2015 and subsequent years.

Notices of loss must be provided:

- timely
- on CCC-576, Part B
- for each weather-related event or adverse natural occurrence that causes damage to or loss of a specific crop or commodity.

Notes: A separate CCC-576, Part B must be filed for each weather-related event or adverse natural occurrence that causes damage to or loss of a specific crop or commodity.

Multiple crops can be entered on the same CCC-576, Part B, when the same weather-related event or adverse natural occurrence affected the crops or commodities.

County Offices will publicize CCC-576, Part B requirements to all producers according to subparagraph 6 B.

Although producers may notify FSA of losses to hand-harvested crops within 72 hours according to paragraph 576, this does not remove the requirement to complete CCC-576, Part B according to this paragraph.

Offices must ensure that acres are correct based on reported or determine acres according to subparagraph 376 B.

Offices must ensure that production is correct based on reported or determined production according to paragraph 604.
Part 10    Payment

Section 1    General Payment Provisions

675 Application for Payment

A Filing CCC-576, Parts D Through G

[7 CFR §1437.11(g)] Producers must file an application for payment on a form specified by FSA to apply for NAP payments within 60 days of the last day of coverage for the crop year for any NAP covered crop in the unit.

** A completed application for NAP payment must be filed on CCC-576, Parts D through H (Exhibit 53), as applicable:

- with the County Office where the units are administered

- along with filing an acceptable CCC-576-1 that is required only when an appraisal is required, measurement service is requested or a spot check is required

Exception: If producer has signed the final appraisal and CCC-576-1, and all production from all eligible acres is accounted on the CCC-576, Parts D through G, producer does not need to sign Part H. If the producer refused to sign the CCC 576-1 and appraised production is different than actual production the producer must provide a written explanation to the COC. The COC will follow production variance rules (subparagraph 152 C) if applicable.

- no later than 60 calendar days after the coverage period ends for any NAP covered crop in the unit.

Exception: COC has the authority to grant an extension of up to 120 calendar days, after the initial 60 calendar days, not to exceed a total of 180 calendar days, for applications for payment, if circumstances merit approval. The request must be filed in writing and can be filed up to and no later than 180 calendar days after the end of the coverage period.

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Note: COC has authority to encourage producers to provide information by an earlier date; however, production submitted by the applicable production reporting date will be considered timely.

A timely CCC-576 is required. Producers interested in obtaining a NAP payment for a qualifying loss must file CCC-576, Parts D through H.
A Filing CCC-576, Parts D Through G (Continued)

Other producers involved in the farming relationship may choose to use the production and loss information previously filed. By signing the certification in CCC-576, Part H they acknowledge the information is correct.

COC will ensure that the filing requirement in this subparagraph is adequately publicized. See paragraph 6.

B When CCC-576, Parts D Through H Are Considered Filed

*--CCC-576, Parts D through H are considered filed when both of the following apply:

- Part H has been signed by the producer

  Note: The COC must act on all applications which are signed or considered signed following the exception in subparagraph 675 A.--*

- it is accompanied by all required documentation for the unit, including, but not limited to:
  - an acceptable report of acreage according to Part 6
  - an acceptable CCC-576, Part B filed according to paragraph 575
  - acceptable production evidence according to Part 9
  - any other documentation and information necessary from the applicant for COC to determine the correct payment amount.

C Late-Filed CCC-576, Parts D Through H

CCC-576, and any required information and documentation for CCC-576, submitted beyond the period defined in subparagraph A will be received by the County Office and placed in the producer’s file.

COC will immediately notify the producer in writing that:

- the application was not filed timely
- assistance cannot be paid.

Note: The letter advising any producer that CCC-576 cannot be paid must include the basis for the determination and a right of reconsideration according to 1-APP. The right of reconsideration is limited to providing facts and evidence that CCC-576 was filed timely.
675 Application for Payment (Continued)

D COC Review and Action, CCC-576, Part I

COC:

- is required to use Exhibit 53 (CCC-576, Part I - COC Approval/Disapproval of Application for NAP Payment)

- must review producer eligibility criteria and follow steps 1 through 12, Part I, before COC action and signature is completed on CCC-576

- must provide producer a copy of the Estimated Calculated Payment Report if the application is approved and a payment is calculated

- must follow Exhibit 22 if the application is approved and a payment is calculated to be zero

- must follow provisions in 1-APP to notify the participant if the application is disapproved.--*

676 Amount of Assistance

A Amount of NAP Assistance for Yield Based Crops

Calculate the amount of assistance for yield based crops as follows.

Eligible Acres \( \times \) Producer Share \( \times \) Approved Yield \( \times \) Yield Coverage Level Percentage = Disaster Level

Disaster Level - Production to Count = Net Production for Payment

Net Production for Payment \( \times \) Applicable Price (according to subparagraph 278 D) \( \times \) Price Coverage Percentage \( \times \) Payment Factor - Salvage Value = Calculated NAP Payment

B Amount of NAP Assistance for Value Loss Crops

Calculate the amount of assistance for value loss crops as follows.

The smaller of the Actual Field Market Value A or the Producer Selected Maximum Dollar Value \( \times \) Coverage Level Percentage = Disaster Level

Disaster Level - Field Market Value B = Crop Loss

Crop Loss \( \times \) Producer Share \( \times \) Unharvested Factor \( \times \) Price Coverage Percentage = Calculated NAP Payment

Note: For prevented planted payment calculations see paragraph 378.
677 Reductions

A NAP Payment Reductions

NAP payments computed according to this handbook will be reduced for:

- payment limitation (paragraph 102)
- salvage value (paragraph 612)
- secondary use (subparagraph 202 C).

678 Other Benefits

A Multiple Benefit Exclusion

Before approving CCC-576, COC will review whether the producer has requested or received other USDA benefits for the loss. The producer is responsible for notifying FSA of any other USDA benefits for the same loss. The producer must specify what the other USDA benefit was or is; however, not the amount, but the kind of benefit. NAP payments will not be approved if the producer chooses or has received benefits for the loss under any other program administered by the Secretary.

If any person misrepresents facts or circumstances about a person having received another USDA benefit, action according to paragraph 153 may apply.

See paragraph 150 for information on multiple benefits.

679 Determining Shares

A Eligible Producer and Shares

A grower’s claimed share of NAP payment cannot exceed both of the following:

- grower’s actual share of the crop, at time of loss
- grower’s share of the risk in producing the crop.
Section 2  Payment Processing

700 General Payment Provisions

A Introduction

This paragraph contains general provisions applicable to NAP payments.

B Obtaining FSA-325

Follow 1-CM for policy about signatures for persons who have died, disappeared, or been declared incompetent. FSA-325 will be completed, according to 1-CM, by individuals or entities requesting payment for a producer who has died, disappeared, or been declared incompetent. Payment will be issued to the individuals or entities requesting payment using the deceased, incompetent, or disappeared producer’s ID number. A revised CCC-576 is not required to be completed when payments are issued under the deceased, incompetent, or disappeared producer’s ID number.

C Administrative Offset

Any payment or portion thereof due any producer will be issued without regard to:

- questions of title under State law
- any claim or lien against the crop, or proceeds thereof, in favor of any creditor, except agencies of the U.S. Government.

The regulations in 7 CFR Part 1403 are applicable to NAP payments.

D Assignments

A producer entitled to a NAP payment may assign payments according to 7 CFR Part 1404 and 63-FI.

E Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy status does not exclude a producer from requesting NAP benefits.

Contact the OGC Regional Attorney for guidance on issuing NAP payments on all bankruptcy cases.
F Payment Limitation

The payment limitations for NAP benefits are:

- $125,000 for crops with basic 50/55 coverage
- $300,000 for crops with buy-up coverage.

Note: Payment limitation was $125,000 regardless of coverage level for NAP benefits received for the 2015 through 2018 crop years.

G Small Payment Policy

The NAP payment process will:

- issue payments that round to at least $1
- not issue payments less than 50 cents.

H Prompt Payment Due Dates

According to 61-FI, a prompt payment interest penalty applies if a NAP payment is not issued within 30 calendar days from the later of the following:

- date the County Office has the approved national crop data in their County Office
- date prior year premium amounts are paid in full or included in an approved repayment plan
- date producer signs, dates, and submits a properly completed application for payment.

The application for payment is considered filed according to paragraph 675.

See 61-FI for additional information on handling prompt payment interest penalties.

*--Note: For grazed forage losses using independent assessments, prompt payment interest begins 30 calendar days from the date on which the STC approved the grazing loss if the independent assessment loss percentage is used. If the producer is receiving a payment based on their own production loss or losses on similar farms, prompt payment interest begins 30 calendar days from the date the producer signs, dates, and submits a completed application for payment.--*
875 Coverage for Tropical Regions

A Tropical Regions Overview

Because of the unique growing climate, agricultural producers in tropical regions typically plant annual crops in a continuous, year-round planting and harvesting cycle. In the past, each planting was considered a separate crop requiring established planting periods, separate CCC-471’s and service fees, and separate records for planting and harvesting. The reporting of numerous planting periods imposes an undue burden on producers in the tropical regions. Accordingly, procedure has been modified to eliminate multiple planting periods in the tropical region and makes other modifications as necessary to implement a single planting period policy for the tropical region.

B Tropical Regions

Tropical region includes, for the purpose of NAP, and as may be further limited by DAFP, the following:

- American Samoa
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- territories and possessions of the United States.

Note: Other areas may be included as determined by DAFP.
876 Tropical Region Provisions

A Applicability

Procedure in the handbook is applicable for administering NAP in Tropical Regions subject to the modifications provided in this section.

B Covered Crops

Covered tropical crops are crops planted on or after January 1 through December 31, of each year which include:

- annual crops, where all plantings of the same pay crop and pay type are planted during the crop year
- perennial or biennial crops, where all acreage of the pay crop and pay type is existing during the crop year.

Note: County Offices will follow value-loss procedure, according to paragraph 900, and honey procedure according to paragraph 976.

C Crop Year

The crop year for all covered crops and commodities is the calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

For annual and biennial crops, the crop year will be determined by all acres planted in the current crop year and all production from those acres regardless of the year harvested.

For perennial crops, the crop year will be determined by all acres present for the current crop year and all production from those acres harvested within the specific crop year.

D Application Closing Date

*--The application closing date for all crops is December 31 of the calendar year before the--* applicable crop year.

E Multiple Planting Periods

Multiple planting periods and final planting and harvesting dates are not applicable for covered tropical crops.
N Calculating Eligible Loss

To calculate the loss for ginseng roots, COC must complete the following calculations. The results of these calculations will be data loaded into CCC-576.

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<td>Determine FMVA.</td>
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<td>• For the roots present immediately before the disaster, add the number of roots of each age of maturity and multiply the number of these roots times the appropriate average market price adjusted for the age of the roots.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> STC established 3 years from planting as the average number of years to maturity for ginseng root. If the average price of a mature ginseng root is $5 per root, immature root 2 years old would be valued at $0 (unless it was a transplant). A 7-year old root would have a market value of $5 per root.</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Ginseng must be mature before it has value, unless rootlet for propagation stock.</td>
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<td>• Total the value of all roots (all ages) present on the unit immediately before the onset of disaster.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Determine the:</td>
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<td>• dollar value of inventory after disaster (FMVB)</td>
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<td>• post disaster inventory from either LA report and/or acceptable or verifiable records for the number of roots having dollar value.</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Any roots listed in step 1 having any dollar value, or which may rejuvenate or re-establish value, will be counted as having the assigned value in step 1.</td>
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O Unharvested Payment Factors

The approved unharvested payment factor will be applied to all ginseng (roots only) computed for payment, unless the producer can prove the unit was harvested ***. If the producer cannot show with documentary evidence that harvest of the unit, or portion of the unit was performed ***, any loss calculated for the payment will be paid at the unharvested payment rate. In no case will COC assume the harvest expenses were incurred at or near time of disaster. The STC will establish the unharvested payment factor for ginseng according to paragraph 279.
Mushrooms

A Eligible Mushroom Crops

Eligible mushrooms are grown for human consumption and must be grown:

- by a commercial operator on private property
- in an enclosed controlled environment.

B Crop Year

The crop year for all mushroom crops is October 1 through September 30.

Note: Loss is determined by comparing the value of inventory immediately before (FMVA) to value of inventory immediately after (FMVB) the disaster.

C Private Property

For a producer to be considered eligible for NAP assistance on mushrooms, COC must determine:

- producer owns or has leased property with readily identifiable boundaries
- producer is the owner or lessee
- producer has total environmental control of the enclosed mushroom facility.

D Controlled Environment

See Exhibit 2 for the definition of controlled environment.

Eligible mushrooms must be:

- placed in the enclosed facility by the producer and must not be growing naturally in the facility

Note: Indigenous species (occurring naturally) in the facility are not eligible.

- growing on property described in subparagraph C.
A Eligible Honey

Eligible honey includes table and nontable honey produced commercially for human consumption.

*--Eligible colonies for NAP include only those colonies which are honey-producing.--*

All honey is considered a single crop, regardless of type or variety of floral source or intended use. As a result, the service fee for honey will never exceed $325.

See paragraph 304 for calculating premium and billing information for honey.

B Crop Year

The crop year for honey production is the calendar year January 1 through December 31.

C Recording County Office

A producer’s colonies may be located in various counties at several different times during the crop year. Ordinarily, NAP units do not traverse county lines. However, it would neither be equitable nor practicable to consider colonies of bees located in 2 or more counties as separate units. Therefore, apiaries located in multiple counties are considered 1 unit.

An eligible producer having an interest in colonies of bees, or honey produced from these colonies, will use the State and county listed on the subsidiary print as the recording County Office for the honey operation.
C Recording County Office (Continued)

This table provides actions that can only be performed in the recording County Office and that may be performed in any County Office.

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| the recording County Office | • filing CCC-471  
• filing a report of colonies (FSA-578)  
• filing an application for payment (CCC-576, Part G)  
• reporting total unit production (CCC-452)  
• request to change a unit’s recording County Office. |

**Note:** A change of recording County Office in the current crop year is not permitted if CCC-576, Part G has been submitted for the unit and crop year by any producer.

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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Any producer sharing in the unit may select the unit’s recording County Office filing CCC-576, Part B because of natural disaster impacting the honey operation in such county</td>
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<td>• filing a manual report of colonies according to subparagraph D.</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> County Offices accepting CCC-576, Part B or FSA-578 for honey will identify the producer’s recording County Office on the subsidiary print so a copy of CCC-576, Part B or FSA-578 can be sent to the recording County Office for payment disbursement.</td>
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D Report of Colonies

A producer sharing in the unit must accurately report, in the recording County Office by January 2 of the same calendar year or crop year ending December 31, the total number of the unit’s colonies present in all counties.

Note: Producers must notify the recording County Office within 30 calendar days of changes in the:

- total number of colonies
- names of additional counties to which bees are moved.

Producers will use FSA-578 to report the number of colonies and/or counties to which bees are moved. Manual FSA-578’s must include the following.

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<td>1</td>
<td>FSA farm number where producer’s headquarters are located.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Names and shares of all producers sharing in the colonies for producing honey, pollinating, and/or breeding.</td>
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<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Number of colonies of bees belonging to the unit.</td>
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<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Names of counties to which colonies of bees are moved.</td>
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The producer must certify to the number of colonies reported in FSA-578, “Remarks” section.

Note: The certification statement on FSA-578 reads as follows:

“I certify that the number of colonies reported includes all colonies for which producing honey, pollinating, and/or breeding is expected.”

If the total number of colonies increases on a manual FSA-578 during the crop year after the initial automated FSA-578 is filed by January 2, the automated FSA-578 will be revised with the highest number of colonies reported at any time in the crop year.

COC must be satisfied that the report of the number of colonies is accurate. The certification is binding for all producers sharing in the unit.

Honeybee colonies deemed ineligible for NAP must be maintained in SNAPP according to paragraph 380.

*--Note: Only eligible honey-producing colonies should be included when calculating approved yields and premiums and determining eligible losses.--*
E Late-Filed Report of Colonies

A report of colonies submitted beyond the date identified in subparagraph D can be accepted if either of the following conditions are met:

- COC is satisfied that the report of colonies for the unit, accompanied by a copy of the State hive registrations where required by State law, is accurate.

- in States not having a State hive registration program, COC will require additional documentation to establish the accuracy of the report of colonies to COC’s satisfaction.

Note: Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to:

- moving permits
- contracts with growers for pollination
- loan documents
- beekeeper financial records.

Documents submitted in support of FSA-578 must support a conclusion that bees were indeed present in the geographical area.

F Reports of Production

The producer must report the unit’s production of honey on CCC-452 by January 2 following the crop year in which a report of colonies was filed.

The total amount of honey production includes all honey harvested in the calendar year.

COC may request storage or sales records to support the producer’s reported production.
G  County-Expected Yields

STC will establish a county-expected yield for honey. The county-expected yield will be pounds of honey produced per colony of bees per crop year.

H  Calculating Eligible Loss

Calculate unit loss of honey by:

- multiplying the producer’s highest number of NAP eligible colonies reported for the crop year times the producer’s approved yield
- subtracting the producer’s total actual and assigned production of honey from all the producer’s eligible colonies.

A producer filing an application for honey loss payment must certify whether bees were present in the geographical area at the time of disaster.

Note: Beginning in 2015, NAP assistance may be made available for any commercially produced crop acreage for which individual CAT level or buy-up coverage is available as a pilot product. However, if a producer is eligible to receive a payment under NAP and under the pilot, the producer must choose whether to receive the benefit under the pilot product or NAP, but will not be eligible for both, according to paragraph 150.

I  Ineligible Causes of Loss

Loss of honey production must be the result of an eligible cause of loss listed in paragraph 51. Production losses because of managerial decisions or losses of bees because of circumstances other than natural disaster are not eligible. NAP does not provide coverage for:

- the result of a condition other than an eligible cause of loss
- the loss of colonies or bees
- lack of a floral source
- decreased honey production because of:
  - the application of agricultural or nonagricultural chemicals
  - theft, fire, or vandalism
  - movement of bees by the producer or any other person
  - disease or pest infestation of the colonies
I Ineligible Causes of Loss (Continued)

- colony collapse disorder occurring before the hives are set out for honey production

Notes: If the producer can provide documentation showing that replacement colonies, including queen bees, were purchased and received in sufficient time to expect full production at the beginning of the honey production season for the physical location county where the hives are placed, these replacement colonies may be eligible for NAP loss, premium, and approved yield.

If COC determines the colonies are eligible under this provision, do not enter the colonies in SNAPP. COC must retain copies of documentation provided and thoroughly document the decision in the COC minutes.

- the inability to extract because of the unavailability of equipment
- collapse or failure of equipment or apparatus used in the honey operation
- losses resulting from improper storage of honey
- loss of honey production because of bee feeding.

J Payment Factors

The prevented planting payment factor for honey is zero.

*--The unharvested factor for honey is 85 percent. Colonies are considered unharvested if honey is not extracted during the crop year. Effective with the 2020 crop year, if honey is extracted at any time during the crop year, the unharvested payment factor is not applicable.--*
F  Expected Production

When establishing a unit’s expected amount of production of maple sap, COC’s will:

- consider only the number of taps placed in eligible trees in the tapping season
- multiply the number of taps placed in eligible trees times the producer’s approved yield, that is, gallons of sap per tap, which equals expected production.

G  Payment Factors

The prevented planting payment factor for maple sap is zero.

STC will establish an unharvested payment factor for maple sap.  * * *

Any loss of expected production for maple sap calculated for payment will have the unharvested payment factor applied.
A **Intended Uses**

The following intended uses of hemp are eligible for NAP coverage:

- Grain – used for hemp hearts, crushed seed oil (not CBD), and protein supplements (human or animal consumption)
- Seed – use for propagation stock and hybrids (non-human consumption)
- CBD – grown for extracting plant resin, which includes CBD and other phytocannabinoids
- Fiber – used for cloth, pressed plastics, ropes, animal bedding, paper, biofuel, packaging, concrete additives, and spill cleanup.

B **Processor Contract Requirements**

A processor is any business enterprise regularly engaged in processing hemp that possesses all required licenses and permits and that possesses facilities, or has access to these facilities, to process hemp.

A producer is required to have a contract with a processor showing risk for the applicable intended use of hemp to support the grower’s ability to harvest and market the crop, as required for NAP. Producers are required to submit a copy of the contract at the time the acreage is reported, but not later than the final acreage reporting date. If the producer does not provide a copy of the contract, the crop is ineligible for NAP payment; however, NAP service fees will not be refunded, and the producer is responsible for paying the premium, if applicable.

The contract **must** be with an eligible processor and **must** contain the following provisions:

- the producer’s promise to deliver all hemp to the processor
- the processor’s promise to purchase hemp
- a base contract price, or method to derive a value that will be paid.

For a hemp producer who is also a processor, a corporate resolution by the Board of Directors or officers of the hemp processor will be considered a hemp processor contract if it contains the required terms listed in this subparagraph.←*
C License Requirement

To be eligible for NAP coverage, the producer must have a license issued by a State, Tribe, or USDA. Producers are required to submit a copy of the license at the time the acreage is reported, but not later than the final acreage reporting date. If the producer does not provide a copy of the license, the crop is ineligible for NAP payment; however, NAP service fees will not be refunded, and the producer is responsible for paying the premium, if applicable.

D Commercial Use Requirement

NAP requires hemp to be grown for commercial use as evidenced by the license and processor contract.

Note: Before the 2018 Farm Bill, hemp could only be grown as part of a university research pilot program authorized by Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill. States could continue to operate under the 2014 Farm Bill authority until October 31, 2020. If a producer is in a State that continued to operate a pilot hemp program for experimental or research purposes, a producer may obtain NAP coverage if the producer also has a processor contract. Additionally, producers may use hemp grown under the 2014 Farm Bill provisions to meet the growing history requirement according to paragraph 50.--*
E  Significance of THC Level Exceeding 0.3 Percent

USDA requires hemp plans to include procedures for sampling and testing to ensure that the THC level does not exceed 0.3 percent. Cannabis with a THC level exceeding 0.3 percent, often referred to as “hot”, is not considered hemp. It is considered marijuana, which is classified as a schedule I controlled substance regulated by DEA.

Note: THC testing is not required by USDA if the crop is not taken to harvest.

In accordance with the definition of hemp, the maximum acceptable hemp THC level will be the lesser of:

- 0.3 percent, allowing for the measurement of uncertainty provided by the testing laboratory; or

- the acceptable level of the applicable governing authority (State or Tribe) in which the insured crop is grown, allowing for the measurement of uncertainty provided by the testing laboratory. The maximum acceptable hemp THC level and measurement of uncertainty are established in accordance with the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, with Agricultural Marketing Service Interim Final Rule (84 FR 58522) and any subsequent regulations, and with any other applicable Federal regulations. If the test results provided by the testing laboratory do not include a measure of uncertainty, the measurement of uncertainty will be considered zero percent (0.000%).

Example 1: Production does not exceed maximum THC Level

The Federal maximum acceptable THC level is 0.3 percent and is applicable. The testing laboratory sample result shows 0.35 percent THC with a measure of uncertainty of +/- 0.05 percent, resulting in a range of 0.25 percent - 0.35 percent. The sample is within the maximum acceptable THC level of 0.3 percent.

Loss of production due to eligible causes of loss is eligible for NAP payment.

Example 2: Production exceeds maximum THC Level

The Federal maximum acceptable THC level is 0.3 percent and is applicable. The testing laboratory sample result shows 0.35 percent THC with a measure of uncertainty of +/- 0.04 percent, resulting in a range of 0.26 percent - 0.34 percent. The sample is outside the maximum acceptable THC level of 0.3 percent.

Loss of production not eligible for NAP payment.
F Failed Acres

If all or a portion of the crop within a subfield (commonly referred to as a “lot” by growers) is determined to be “hot”, destruction of the crop in the subfield is required. The production must be associated with the acres where it was grown, using the producer’s acreage reporting map. If a portion of the crop is “hot” and a portion of the crop is not, production must be assigned, up to the guarantee, for those acres associated with the “hot” portion of the crop because that acreage suffered an ineligible cause of loss according to paragraph 607.

FSA only considers those acres to be failed if the loss is because of an eligible cause of loss and the crop is not “hot”. For approved yield purposes, only hemp production (i.e., production that is not “hot”) is included in the APH database. Production that is destroyed because of high THC levels is not included.

Important: All test results must be provided to FSA regardless of the THC level.

G Ineligible Causes of Loss

In addition to the ineligible causes of loss in subparagraph 51 E, NAP will not cover any loss of hemp production due to:

- levels of THC in excess of 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis
- failure to follow the requirements contained in a processor contract
- any harvested production infected by mold, yeast, fungus, or other microbial organisms after harvest
- any damage or loss of production because of the inability to market the hemp for any reason other than actual physical damage to the hemp from a covered cause of loss (for example, quarantine, boycott, processor contract default, or refusal of any person to accept production).--*
H  Acreage Restrictions Based on Prior Crops

The general NAP provisions about using good farming practices apply to hemp. Growing hemp on acreage planted in the prior year to the following crops is not considered a good farming practice:

- cannabis
- canola
- dry peas
- mustard
- rapeseed
- soybeans in CT, IA, ID, IL, IN, MA, ME, MI, MN, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, SD, VT, WA, WI, and WY
- sunflowers.

I  Whole Plant Harvest Conversion

There are two harvesting methods for CBD:

- whole plant harvest includes the entire plant (stalks, stems, leaves, and flowers, including parts with lower CBD concentration), which may result in a lower concentration of CBD
- floral harvest includes only the high-CBD concentrated floral material (all parts of the flower and, depending on the processor, flag leaves and small pieces of stalk).

The harvesting method has a direct impact on expected yield; therefore, it is necessary to convert production harvested using the whole plant harvest method to floral.

Note: Harvested production will be determined in pounds for both methods of harvest.

The conversion factor is 0.43 for whole plant to floral conversions.

Example: 9,500 lbs. of whole plant biomass x 0.43 = 4,085 lbs. of floral biomass.---*
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<td>percent of public land</td>
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Letter in Response to CCC-471 Filed After the End of a Coverage Period or When a Coverage Period Would End Within 1 Calendar Day of Actual Date of CCC-471 Filing

The following is an example of a letter to a participant who submits CCC-471 accompanied by a service fee or written request for waiver of fee, either after a coverage period has ended or when the coverage period would end within 1 calendar day.

Dear [enter name of person signing CCC-471 submitted after application closing date or when a coverage period would end within 1 day of the actual date of CCC-471 filing.],

This letter acknowledges receipt of your request for [enter coverage year] NAP coverage for one or more crops.

You submitted the application for NAP coverage and remitted a service fee or written request for waiver on [enter date of actual filing and fee submission or request for fee waiver]. The application closing date(s) for the crop(s) on your application for coverage have passed. In fact, the coverage period has also passed. 7 U.S.C. 7333 specifies that coverage cannot begin sooner than 1 day after the date the application for coverage is actually filed. Because there is no remaining time in the coverage period for coverage to attach to any of the crops on your application, FSA cannot extend coverage to you under the application for coverage. If you remitted a fee with your application, that fee has been returned to you.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) appreciates your interest. We encourage you to make an application for coverage for your crops by application closing dates. If you have questions about application closing dates, please contact this office.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

County Executive Director
Crops Applicable to Native Sod Provisions

The following are crops and types applicable to native sod provisions if acreage meets native sod parameters identified in paragraph 379, applicable to breaking dates of February 8, 2014, through December 20, 2018. Applicable for crop years 2015 through 2018. 2019 and subsequent annually tilled determinations are in the NCT.--*

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A Completing CCC-576-1

County Offices should provide LA’s with all forms and maps needed to identify and appraise the specific NAP acreage being assigned, including but not limited to:

- all maps pertinent to CCC-576, properly delineated with farm, tract, and field numbers, crops, and reported acres
- CCC-576
- FSA-578 (Producer Print)
- CCC-576-1 with Part A completed by the County Office
- FSA-501
- copy of RMA’s LASH for the crop being appraised, found on RMA’s website at https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Policy-and-Procedure/Loss-Adjustment-Standards---25000

Note: If no crop-specific LASH is available, select a LASH for a crop with similar characteristics.

- copy of applicable crop loss production worksheets available at https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/program-areas/dafp/dap/nap/index

Note: If no crop-specific worksheet is available, select a worksheet for a crop with similar characteristics.

- FSA-409 (if a measurement service has been completed).--*
A  Completing CCC-576-1 (Continued)

Complete CCC-576-1 according to the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Action</th>
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| **Part A – General Information**  
1 | Enter the County Office name and address. |
| 2 | Enter the applicable NAP unit number.  
**Note:** See paragraph 101 for the definition of a NAP unit. |
| 3 | Enter the County Office telephone number. |
| 4 | Enter the producer’s name and address. |
| 5 | Enter the producer’s telephone number. |
| 6 | Enter the producer’s e-mail address, if available. |
| 7A | Enter the crop that suffered the loss as reported on CCC-576, item 6A. |
| 7B | Enter the crop type that suffered the loss as reported on CCC-576, item 6B. Use a separate CCC-576-1 for each type or variety of crop affected by the disaster. |
| *--8A | Enter the crop year from CCC-576, item 2. |
| 8B--* | Enter the planting period from CCC-576, item 6E. |
| **Part B – Appraisal or Report of Production for Yield Based Crops**  
This part is to be completed by an LA or FSA representative. |
| 9 | Enter the farm numbers associated to the unit from CCC-576, item 8A. |
| 10 | Enter the tract numbers from FSA-578, item 12. |
| 11 | Enter the field numbers from FSA-578, item 13. |
| 12 | Enter the practices from CCC-576, item 6D. |
| 13 | Enter the intended uses from CCC-576, item 6C. |
| 14 | Enter the reported acres from CCC-576, item 8D. |
| 15 | *--Enter the determined acres. Determined acres may be measured acres by a loss adjuster or FSA employee as a result of a field visit. The LA or FSA--* representative shall review whether the reported acres appear to be accurate. If the acreage appears to be more than 5 percent different than the reported acreage, the acreage shall be determined. See paragraph 152 for guidance about acreage variance.  
**IF for...**  
yield-based crops  
maple sap  
honey  
**THEN enter...**  
the final acres in hundredths associated with the type/variety, practice, and stage.  
the total number of taps.  
the total number of colonies. |
### B Example of CCC-576-1

The following is an example of a completed CCC-576-1.

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19. Total Potential Production (Sum Item 18) 125

**Note:** Any viewed ineligible causes of loss shall be noted on the Statement of Facts (FSA-501).

**Harvested/Farm Stored Production – Include all production for the Unit**

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<th>Unit of Measure</th>
<th>21. Net Harvested/Farm Stored Production</th>
<th>22. Production Not to Count</th>
<th>23. Production to Count (Item 21 – Item 22)</th>
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<td>B9</td>
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24. Total Net Harvested/Farm Stored Production (Sum Item 23) 402

25. Total Production for the Unit (Item 19 + Item 24) 527
B  Example of CCC-576-1 (Continued)

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<td><strong>26.</strong> Form</td>
<td><strong>27.</strong> Tract</td>
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33. Total Beginning and Ending Inventory (Sum Items 31 and 32, respectively)

Attach Appraisal Worksheet, FSA-501 (Statement of Facts), and CCC-671 (If applicable)

**PART D – CERTIFICATION BY LA OR FSA REPRESENTATIVE** (Signature in Part D, by the producer or legal representative, constitutes written agreement with Parts A, B, and C for the commodity as found in Item 7).

The undersigned acknowledges applying for NAP payment on the crops and units identified on this form in accordance with 7 CFR part 1437 and NAP Basic Provisions (form CCC-471 BP). The undersigned certifies that all the information entered on this form, whether personally entered by the undersigned or not, or by someone else, the attachments to this form, related acreage reports, production certifications, statements, etc., are each true and correct. The undersigned certifies that the production on this form is accurately identified to the unit and represents total production, as well as the correct share relationship, crop, crop type, and year shown. The undersigned understands this report is subject to spot-check, and if FSA finds that this report contains any erroneous information, FSA will render a new determination which may require a refund of unearned payments as a result of the errors. Failure to certify any of the information on this form and application accurately will result in a loss of program benefits. Additionally, by signing this form, the undersigned directs the purchaser, warehouse operator, glinner, or any person who otherwise stores or purchases crop production listed on this form to disclose the production records of such crops to USDA representatives for the purpose of verification. If CCC issues a report as a result of this report, FSA will issue a form detailing how the payment was calculated.

**MULTIPLE BENEFIT EXCLUSION:** If a producer is eligible to receive NAP payments and benefits under any other program administered by the Secretary for the same crop loss, the producer must choose whether to receive the other program benefits or NAP payments, but will not be eligible for both. The exclusion prohibits a producer from being compensated more than once for the same loss.

34. LA or FSA REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>A. Type of Appraisal Completed (Check One)</th>
<th>B. Signature</th>
<th>C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)</th>
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<td><strong>Preliminary</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Growing Season</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Final</strong></td>
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35. Producer Agreement/Disagreement:

- A. I agree with the information entered on this form. This includes all production of the crop, in the crop group, and my signature constitutes submission for application for payment.

- B. I agree with the information entered on this form, but it does not include all production of the crop which I am responsible for providing before an application for payment can be considered.

- C. I disagree with the information entered on this form and will complete and sign Part E of this form. Disagreeing with the loss adjuster's appraisal does not constitute application for payment.

36A. Producer’s Signature (By)

36B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in a Representative Capacity)

36C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

**NOTE:** The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7339 – as amended), the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508 – as amended), and the Agriculture Improvement Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 100-246, and 7 CFR Part 1437). The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/ or in accordance with applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDAFSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: The information collection is exempt from PRA as specified in 7 U.S.C. 959 (B)(8). **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

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**B Example of CCC-576-1 (Continued)**

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<p>| Part E - Producer Appraisal Disagreement (Items 37A-D) to be completed by the producer if disagreeing with a loss adjuster's appraisal (Item 35C) and providing to the FSA county office within 14 calendar days of the day the loss adjuster appraised the crop. Complete, detailed responses may assist the SOC when considering the appraisal. |
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<tr>
<th>37A. Producer's Name and Address</th>
<th>37B. Crop Dispute</th>
<th>37C. NAP Unit Number</th>
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<td>38C. How are your representative sample areas selected?</td>
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