

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

<b>Tree Assistance Program 1-TAP (Revision 4)</b>	<b>Amendment 20</b>
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**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**Amendment Transmittal**

**A Reasons for Amendment**

Subparagraph 61.5 has been added after being omitted from a previous amendment and has been amended to clarify instructions for filing CCC-899.

<b>Page Control Chart</b>		
<b>TC</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
	3-6.9, 3-6.10	



## 61 CCC-899, TAP Application for Assistance (Continued)

## \*--J Instructions for Completing CCC-899 (Continued)

<b>PART F – CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT (To be Completed by Applicant)</b>	
38	Enter the disaster event from Item 21 above.
39	Enter the disaster date from Item 22 above.
40	Enter the name of the lost or damaged crop from Item 23 above.
41	Enter the stand number from Item 24 above.
42	Enter the applicable practice code(s).
43	Enter the trees/acres for payment.
44	Enter the actual cost for each approved practice.
45	<p>If applicable, enter the name of the replacement crop.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Payments to eligible owners who replant different eligible trees, bushes, or vines <b>will not</b> exceed the established maximum payment rates to re-establish the eligible trees, bushes, or vines that were actually lost, as determined by COC.</p>
46	Enter the applicable practice code for the replacement crop.
47	Enter the number of replacement trees/acres completed.
48	Enter the actual cost of the completed practice(s).
49A	Applicant must sign.
49B	Enter the title/relationship of the individual signing in the representative capacity, if applicable.
49C	Enter the date (MM-DD-YYYY) the applicant signed Item 49A.
<b>PART G – COC APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL FOR TAP PAYMENT</b>	
50A	COC or Designee must sign.
50B	COC or Designee must approve or disapprove the application for payment.
50C	Enter the date of COC or Designee's signature.

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## 61.5 CCC-899's for Cumulative Losses Due to Plant Disease

### A Filing CCC-899's for Cumulative Plant Disease Losses

Producers suffering cumulative losses because of plant disease, such as citrus greening, must contact their administrative County Office to report the presence of the disease. For cases where STC has requested a loss period for plant disease and DAFP has approved that request, the loss period for the plant disease begins when the producer first recognizes the disease in the stand, and ends when an infected tree becomes either biologically dead or no longer commercially viable within the loss period established by STC and DAFP according to paragraph 31. The 15 percent mortality threshold and normal mortality calculation is cumulative based on the loss and time period.

The Loss Adjuster Management software requires the stand number from the CCC-899 TAP application in order to pay LA's for performing field inspections for TAP. Therefore, manual CCC-899's are no longer authorized for cumulative plant disease losses. County offices must enter all previously filed manual CCC-899's for cumulative mortality losses due to plant disease into the automated system.

Producers must annually file CCC-899, Parts A through D only, by stand to report the number of trees lost, even though they may not file for assistance until a subsequent year in the loss period.

**Important:** Part E, COC Approval or Disapproval of TAP Loss and Acres for Payment, must not be signed until the producer requests to file one cumulative CCC-899 capturing all losses in the approved loss period.

**Note:** Cumulative CCC-899's must be filed according to the time line in paragraph 31 C.

### B Finalizing CCC-899 for Cumulative Losses Due to Plant Disease

The CCC-899 may be finalized when the producer requests to file one cumulative CCC-899 capturing all loss in the approved loss period.

Before approving CCC-899 for payment, the approving official must ensure that all eligibility requirements are met, and a field visit has been completed to verify practice completion. See paragraph 63 for LA requirements.