

Tree Assistance Program Automation



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A Reason for Issuance

This handbook provides automation procedures for TAP.

Note: This handbook replaces automation procedures in 1-TAP (Rev. 4). 1-TAP will be amended to remove those procedures.

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Part 1 General Information

1 Handbook Coverage

A Purpose

This handbook contains step-by-step instructions for using the web-based software to administer TAP.

B Authority and Responsibilities

PDD has the authority and responsibility for the instructions in this handbook. SND has the authority and responsibility for policy in 1-TAP.

C Related FSA Handbooks

The following FSA handbooks are related to TAP.

IF the area of concerns	THEN see
audits and investigations	9-AO.
program appeals	1-APP.
document retention period	32-AS
approved abbreviations, signatures, and authorizations	1-CM.
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payment eligibility determinations	6-PL.
receipts for service	1-RFS.
TAP policy and procedure	1-TAP.

2 **Responsibilities**

A Background

The responsibilities for TAP functions described in this paragraph are in addition to the responsibilities in 1-TAP.

B Office Responsibilities

The following table describes the responsibilities of each office for TAP activity.

Office	Responsibilities
PDD	Implements automated processes to support TAP functions in
	State and County Offices.
	Provide procedural assistance to State Offices on data entry
	requirements and software operations.
SND	Provides TAP policies for administering and delivering tree
	assistance program.
State Offices	Provide:
	application training to County Offices
	• procedural assistance to County Offices on data entry requirements and software operations.
FPAC Business Center,	Develops software and provides technical assistance to PDD.
ISD	

3 Submitting Software Issues

A Overview

County Offices will report software issues to their State Office specialist. If the specialist is unable to resolve the issue, submit the issue to the FSA Farm Programs Software Issues SharePoint site at <u>PDD Software Issues SharePoint Site.</u>

Note: The PDD Software Issue SharePoint site is **only** for State Office specialists and the National Office. County Office employees **must not** request access.

B Providing State Office Access to the PDD Software Issue Site:

State Office specialists who do not have access to the PDD SharePoint site can request access via the SharePoint site.

4 **Receipt for Service**

A Overview

1-RFS provides policy for RFS and should be documented using RFS-Receipt for Service.

Note: RFS-Receipt for Service training materials can be found on the <u>DAFP Internet site</u>.

B Action

Access the RFS application according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Access the FSA Applications Intranet Screen at
	https://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/applications.asp.
2	Under "FSA Applications", "Applications Directory", CLICK "P-Z".
3	CLICK "RFS – Receipt for Service".

5-20 (Reserved)

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Part 2 TAP Software

21 Accessing TAP Software

A Overview

TAP functions:

- are within a web-based software
- can only be accessed by FSA employees with Level II eAuthentication certification.

B Security Roles

The following are security roles.

- FSA County Office employees with authorized access will be able to administer applications nationwide; however, determinations for applications outside of their assigned counties will be made by the administrative State and county.
- FSA State Office employees with authorization will have full access to all applications within their State. Although designated State Office users have the capability to edit applications, this access does not constitute authority to create, edit, or inactivate applications. State Office users must use discretion within the software as State Office users have full County Office functionality.
- FSA National Office employees with authorized access will have full access to all applications nationwide.

C Accessing the TAP Software

Access the TAP Software according to this table.

Step	Action
1	Access the FSA Intranet, FSA Applications Page at
	https://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/applications.asp
2	Under "FSA Applications", "Applications Directory", CLICK "P-Z"
3	CLICK "TAP – Tree Assistance Program".

22 State, County and Program Year Selection Screen

A Overview

After logging in, the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen will be displayed. Multi county users must select a State/county and program year before proceeding.

State users will need to select the applicable county before proceeding.

B State, County and Program Year Selection Screen

The following is an example of the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen for a county user.

United States Department of Farm Service	Agriculture Agency	Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
TAP Home About FSA	Help Contact Us Exit TAP	Logout of eAuth
TAP Menu Welcome COUNTY USER Role: County User Sign Up TAP Home Page	State, County and Pr Progra State-	ogram Year Selection m Year: 2024 County: Submit Cancel

C Action

On the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen:

- using the drop-down menu select the program year if different than current program year
- using the drop-down menu select State and county if applicable
- CLICK "Submit". The TAP Application Summary Screen will be displayed.

23 Left Navigation Menu

A Overview

After the user has successfully logged into the TAP software with applicable program year, State and county the TAP Application Summary Screen will be displayed. The TAP Application Screen displays a left navigation menu with a list of available links to administer and monitor TAP activities.

B Left Navigation Menu Links

The following table provides the links and descriptions for the left navigation menu.

Link	Description
TAP Home Page	Navigates to the TAP Welcome Screen.
	CLICK "TAP" to proceed to the State, County and Program
	Year Selection Screen. See paragraph 22.
State and County	Navigates to the State, County and Program Year Selection
Selection	Screen. See paragraph 22.
Nationwide Customer	Navigates to the State, County and Program Year Selection
Service	Screen to enter any State and county nationwide. See paragraph 24.
COC Determination	Allows users to approve or disapprove multiple applications at
Bulk Approval	one time. See paragraph 102 for bulk approvals.
	Note: Applications must be approved on paper by COC or
	designee before using this option.
COC Determination	Allows authorized users who have been delegated authority by
Electronic Approval	COC approval to electronically approve or disapprove
	applications in lieu of a physical signature.
	Warning: All County Office employees have access to the
	electronic approval process; however, only
	employees with the appropriate authority should
D (T1' '1 '1')	approve or disapprove CCC-899.
Payment Eligibility	Navigates to the Bulk Payment Eligibility Approval/Disapproval
Bulk Approval	Screen that allows County Office users to approve or disapprove
	performance on multiple stands.
Reports	Navigates to the Select Report Screen allowing users to create
	reports for the State and county selected.
Blank CCC-899	Navigates to a blank CCC-899
Receipt for Service	Navigates to the RFS system. See 1-RFS for further details.

24 Nationwide Customer Service

A Overview

Counties can process TAP applications nationwide. Counties will need to select the program year, State, and county before proceeding.

B Example of State, County and Program Year Selection Screen

The following is an example of the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen after Nationwide Customer Service link has been clicked from the TAP Summary Screen.

United States Department of Farm Service	Agriculture Agency		Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
		è =	
TAP Home About FSA	Help Contact Us	Exit TAP	Logout of eAuth
TAP Menu Welcome COUNTY USER Role: Nationwide Customer Service Sign Up TAP Home Page	State, County Progr	and Pro am Year: State: County:	gram Year Selection

C Action

On the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen:

- using the drop-down menu, select the program year
- using the drop-down menu, select the State
- using the drop-down menu, select the county
- CLICK "Submit. The TAP Summary Screen will be displayed.

25-40 (Reserved)

41 Administrator Main Menu Screen

A Overview

The Administrator Main Menu allows State Office administrative users to add, update, modify, and view TAP normal mortality rates.

After a State Office user has logged into the TAP system, the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen will be displayed.

Users will click the "Admin Menu" at the bottom of the screen to access the Administrator Main Menu.

The following is an example of the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen for a State or national user.

State, County and Program Year Selection					
Program Year:	2024 ~				
State:	<u> </u>				
County:					
county.					
	Submit Cancel				
e National User Menu ASG Menu Admin I	Menu LFSA Internet FSA Intranet USDA.gov				
tatement Privacy Policy Non-Discrimination	n Statement Information Quality USA.gov White House				

B Administrator Main Menu Screen

The following is an example of the Administrator Main Menu Screen for a State Office user.



41 Administrator Main Menu Screen (Continued)

C Action

On the Administrator Main Menu, CLICK Mortality Rates. The Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen will be displayed.

42 Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen

A Overview

The Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen allows users to add, edit, or delete mortality rates for a specific State, county, and program year.

B Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen

The following is an example of the Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen.

Mortality Rate Maintenance								
Go back to the Admin Menu								
	State: Pennsylvania(42)							
		. .	(007)					
		County		•				
	Pr	ogram Yea	r: 2024 🗸					
FSA Code	Active Status	Approval Status	Crop Name	Mortality Rate	Action			
0326	Active	Approved	Apricots	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0128	Active	Approved	Cherries	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0254	Active	Approved	Plums	1.00%	Edit Delete			
0034	Active	Approved	Peaches	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0144	Active	Approved	Pears	1.00%	Edit Delete			
0054	Active	Approved	Apples	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0100	Active	Approved	Maple	3.00%	Edit Delete			
1302	Inactive	Approved	Tangors	3.00%	Edit Delete			
7321	Active	Approved	Christmas Trees	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0375	Active	Approved	Chestnuts	3.00%	Edit Delete			
6000	Active	Approved	Caneberries	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0108	Active	Approved	Blueberries	3.00%	Edit Delete			
1010	Active	Approved	Nursery - Field	3.00%	Edit Delete			
1010	Active	Approved	Nursery - Container	3.00%	Edit Delete			
0053	Active	Approved	Grapes	1.00%	Edit Delete			
0029	Active	Approved	Walnuts	3.00%	Edit Delete			
	Add a New Mortality Rate							

42 Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Add Mortality Rate Screen.

Field	Description/Action				
Go Back to the	Clicking this button navigates to the Administrator Main Menu				
Admin Menu	Screen.				
State	Displays the State nan Program Year Selecti	Displays the State name and code selected from the State, County and Program Year Selection Screen.			
	Using the drop-down	, select a different State if applicable.			
County	Displays the county n and Program Year Se	ame and code selected from the State, County election Screen.			
	Using the drop-down	, select a different county if applicable.			
Program Year	Displays the program Program Year Selecti	year selected from the State, County and on Screen.			
	Using the drop-down	, select a different program year, if applicable.			
FSA Code	Displays the FSA cro	p code for the tree, bush, or vine.			
Active Status	Displays the current s status can have applic	Displays the current status of the crop. Only crops with an "Active" status can have applications established.			
	IF	THEN			
	the rate is in an inactive status	applications cannot be taken for that crop.			
	a mortality rate no longer applies	edit the rate according to paragraph 43.			
Approval Status	Status	Definition			
	Approved	The mortality rate has been approved by the National Office.			
	Disapproved	The mortality rate has been disapproved. The State Office specialist will contact SND for further instructions.			
	Pending	The mortality rate is pending National Office approval.			
Crop Name	Displays the type of t the heading.	rees, bushes, or vines that meets the criteria in			
Mortality Rate	Displays the mortality rate for the crop.				
Action	CLICK:				
	• "Edit" to edit the existing rate.				
	• "Delete" to delete the mortality rate.				
Add a New	Clicking this button will create a new mortality rate.				
Mortality Rate					

43 Adding Mortality Rates

A Overview

The Add Mortality Rate Screen allows users to add a new mortality rate for each type of tree, bush, or vine.

B Add Mortality Rate Screen

The following is an example of the Add Mortality Rate Screen.

Add Mortality Rate
Program Year: 2024
State: Alabama
County: Autauga(001) V
Crop Name: Almonds
Mortality Rate:%
Status: Active 🔍 InActive 🔾
Save Cancel

C Field Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Add Mortality Rate Screen.

Field Description/Action		
Program Year	Displays the program year selected from the State, County and Program	
	Year Selection Screen.	
State	Displays the State name and code selected from the State, County and	
	Program Year Selection Screen.	

43 Adding Mortality Rates (Continued)

Field	Description/Action						
County	Using the drop-down menu, select the applicable county.						
	Note: The drop-down menu includes the option to "Select Many" which allows more than 1 county to apply the same rate.						
	The following is an example of the redisplayed Add Mortality Rate Screen after the user has selected "Select Many".						
	Add Mortality Rate						
	Program Year: 2024						
	State: Alabama						
	County: Select Many ~						
	Crop Name: Almonds						
	Multi-County Selection Select All						
	🗆 Autauga 🔹 Baldwin 🗆 Barbour 🔷 Bibb						
	Blount Bullock Butler Calhoun						
	Chambers Cherokee Chilton Choctaw						
	Mortality Rate: %						
	Status: Active D InActive						
	Save Cancel						
Mortality Rate	Enter the mortality percentage rate						
Status	Click the applicable radio button						
Save	Clicking "Save" saves the information and navigates the user to the						
Sure	Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen.						
Cancel	Clicking "Cancel" returns the user to the Mortality Rate Maintenance						
	Screen.						

C Field Descriptions and Actions (Continued)

44 Editing Mortality Rates

A Overview

The Edit Mortality Rate Screen allows State Office users to edit existing mortality rates for a specific tree, bush, or vine.

To edit existing mortality rates, CLICK "Edit" on the Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen. The Edit Mortality Rate Screen will be displayed.

B Edit Mortality Rate Screen

The following is an example of the Edit Mortality Rate Screen.

Edit	Edit Mortality Rate							
Δ Warning: Selecting multiple counties will override the data if it already exists for that county								
	Program Year: 2024 State: Alabama County: Autauga							
Į	Multi-County Se	ection 🗆	Select All					
	🗹 Autauga	🗆 Baldwin	🗆 Barbour	Bibb	^			
	🗆 Blount	🗆 Bullock	🗆 Butler	Calhoun				
	□ Chambers	🗆 Cherokee	□ Chilton	Choctaw	_			
	•				• •			
	Cro Mortali	p Name: Lime ty Rate: 3 Status: Ac Save	s 	% Active O				

44 Editing Mortality Rates (Continued)

C Action

On the Edit Mortality Rate Screen:

• CLICK applicable county(ies)

Note: CLICK "All" to update the mortality rate for all counties.

- edit the mortality rate if applicable
- change the status if applicable
- CLICK "Save".

D Editing Approved Mortality Rates

If an approved mortality rate is edited, the updated mortality rate will be placed in a "Pending" approval status. The approved mortality rate will continue to be used until the updated mortality rate is approved.

The following is an example of the Mortality Rate Maintenance Screen when an approved mortality rate is edited.

Mortality Rate Maintenance								
Go back to the Admin Menu								
	State: Mississippi -							
			County:	Adams	•			
		Prog	ram Year:	2013 👻				
FSA Code	Active Status	Approval Status	Crop N	ame	Mortality Rate		Action	
0462	Active	Pending	Kiwifruit		3.00%	Edit	Delete	
0463	Active	Approved	Kiwifruit		4.00%			
0997	Active	Approved	Atemoya		3.00%	Edit	Delete	
0028	Active	Approved	Almonds		3.00%	Edit	Delete	
Add a New Mortality Rate								
Go back to the Admin Menu								

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61 TAP Application Summary Screen

A Overview

After users have selected the State/county and program year according to paragraph 22, the TAP Application Summary Screen will be displayed.

The TAP Application Summary Screen is the starting point for administering TAP applications.

B Example TAP Application Summary Screen

The following is an example of the TAP Application Summary Screen before a TAP application has been created for the specific program year

TAP Application Summary				
• TAP applications are not found for selected State, County and Program Year.				
Year: 2024	State: Alabama(01)	County:A	utauga(001)
App Num	Applicant's Name	Stand No	Status	Action
	Create TAP Applicati	on Cancel]	

61 TAP Application Summary Screen (Continued)

B Example TAP Application Summary Screen (Continued)

The following is an example of the TAP Application Summary Screen after TAP applications have been entered.

TAP Application Summary				
Year: 2023	State: Kentucky(21)		County:Adair(001)	
App Num	Applicant's Name	Stand No	Status	Action
5965	IMA PRODUCER A	98	Pending Obligation COC Determined	Edit Delete ECPR
5940	IMA PRODUCER B	123	COC Determined	Edit Delete ECPR
5961	IMA PRODUCER C	500	COC Determined	Edit Delete ECPR
5941	IMA PRODUCER D	1 125	Approved Initiated	Edit Delete ECPR
5945	IMA PRODUCER E	10	COC Determined	Edit Delete ECPR
5990	IMA PRODUCER F	1011	Approved	Edit Delete ECPR
5971	IMA PRODUCER G	629 630	Approved Approved	Edit Delete ECPR

C Field Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the TAP Application Summary Screen.

Field	Description/Action		
Year	Displays the program year selected from the State, County and Program		
	Year Selection Screen.		
State	Displays the State name and code selected from the State, County and		
	Program Year Selection Screen.		
County	Displays the county name and code selected from the State, County and		
	Program Year Selection Screen.		
App Num	Displays the system assigned application number.		
Applicant's Name	Displays the applicant's name.		
Stand No	Displays the stand number entered by the user when the application was		
	created.		

61 TAP Application Summary Screen (Continued)

Field	Description/Action		
Status	Displays the status of the stand.		
	Status	Description	
	Initiated	The stand has been created.	
	COC Determined	COC has approved the stand but the practice has	
		not been completed.	
	Disapproved	COC has disapproved the stand.	
	Approved	The applicant has certified completion of the	
		practice, and the user has entered applicable details	
		(Part F and Part G).	
	Pending	The performance details have been completed and	
	Obligation	submitted for payment. This status is a result of	
	COC Determined	lack of funds.	
		Counties should contact their State Office specialist	
		to report this status. State Office specialists will	
		log this issue on the PDD SharePoint site according	
		to paragraph 3.	
	Deleted	The application has been deleted.	
Action	Link	Description/Action	
	Edit	Click "Edit" to edit the application.	
		Warning: Clicking "Edit" after an applicant's	
		signature has been entered will require	
		the signature date to be re-entered. To	
		edit the application, click "Expand" to	
		display the Stand Summary Screen and	
		make applicable edits within each	
		section.	
	Delete	Click "Delete" to delete the application when	
		entered in error or the producer has withdrawn the	
		application.	
	ECPR	Click "ECPR" to generate a PDF version of the	
		Estimated Calculated Payment Report. After	
		saving the PDF, the user can print the ECPR.	
Create TAP	Click "Create TAP	Application" to create a new TAP application.	
Search TAP	Click "Search TAP Application" to search for an existing application		
Application	The Stand Summary Screen will be displayed after selecting the		
	applicant	y serven will be displayed after selecting the	
Cancel	Click "Cancel" to return to the State County and Program Vear		
	Selection Screen.		

C Field Descriptions and Actions (Continued)

62 Creating New Application

A Overview

TAP policy allows:

- only one application for a producer per program year
- multiple stands on the application
- stands entered at different times throughout the program year.

Note: An error message will be displayed if a user attempts to create a separate application.

Applications are created from the TAP Summary Screen.

B Action

To create a new TAP application:

- CLICK "Create TAP Application"
- select producer. The Add New Stand (PART B) Screen will be displayed.
- **Note:** A new application can be created for an existing producer with a deleted application by clicking "Create" from the "Action" column.

63 Add New Stand (PART B) Screen

A Overview

After the user has created a new application, the Add New Stand (Part B) Screen will be displayed.

B Example of Add New Stand (PART B) Screen

The following is an example of the Add New Stand (PART B) Screen.

Add New Stand	(PART B)
Year: 2023 State:	Minnesota(27) County:East Otter Tail(111)
	PRODUCER
Stand Number:	
Disaster Event:	Blizzards
Disaster Start Date:	
Disaster End Date:	
Crop:	Almonds ~
Applicant's Share:	%
Total Acres in Stand:	
Total Acres	
Total Trees in Stand:	
Total Trees Lost:	
Total Trees	
Damaged: Total Replanted	
Trees:	
Droducer Dianting	O I am an orchardict or pursony tree grower that
Certification	planted trees for commercial use.
Indicator:	○ I did not plant the trees but have a production history
	for commercial purposes on the planted or existing trees.
	Save Stand Cancel
	Cave stand Sancer

63 Add New Stand (PART B) Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Add New Stand (PART B) Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action		
Year	Displays the program year.		
State	Displays the administrative State.		
County	Displays the administrative county.		
Applicant's Name	Displays the name of the applicant.		
Stand Number	Enter the County Office-assigned sequential stand number.		
	Note: Stand numbers can be duplicated only if the stand suffers		
	multiple losses within the same program year.		
Disaster Event	Using the drop-down menu, select the disaster event.		
Disaster Start Date	Enter the disaster start date.		
	Users can manually enter the date or use the calendar widget to populate the date.		
	A start date is required.		
Disaster End Date	Enter the disaster end date.		
	Users can manually enter the date or use the calendar widget to populate the date.		
	Note: An end date is not required unless the disaster event continued over multiple days.		
Crop	Using the drop-down menu, select the applicable crop.		
	Note: Only approved crops for the county will be displayed.		
Applicant's Share	Enter applicant's share.		
Total's Acres in	Enter in the total acres in the stand. Value cannot exceed 5		
Stand	whole numbers and 4 decimals.		
Total Acres	Enter the total acres damaged. Value cannot exceed 5 whole		
Damaged	numbers and 4 decimals.		
Total Trees in Stand	Enter the total trees in stand in whole numbers.		
Total Trees Lost	Enter the total trees lost in whole numbers.		
Total Trees	Enter the total trees damaged in whole numbers.		
Damaged			

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63 Add New Stand (PART B) Screen (Continued)

Field/Button	Description/Action		
Total Replanted	Enter in whole numbers, the total trees that were replanted in the		
Trees	stand since the last loss was reported.		
	Note: This is only applicable if a loss has already been reported for the same stand of trees in the same program year.		
Producer Planting	Click the applicable radio button that applies to the producer.		
Certification			
Indicator			
Save Stand	Click "Save Stand"; the Stand Summary Screen will be		
	displayed.		
Cancel	Click "Cancel" to cancel the process and navigate back to the		
	TAP Application Summary Screen.		

C Field Descriptions and Actions (Continued)

A Overview

The Stand Summary Screen:

- will be displayed after the 1st stand has been entered
- defaults to a collapsed view
- allows users to add practice.

B Example of the Stand Summary Screen

The following is an example of the Stand Summary Screen after a stand has been entered.

Stand SummaryYear: 2023State: Michigan (26)Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER				
Add a new Stand Sort By: Disaster Date By Ascending V				
Expand All Collapse All				
Stand#: 1 Freeze 11/01/2023 Edit Delete Collapse Crop:Apples				
Stand Information (PART B) Edit Applicant's Share: 100.00 Total Acres in Stand:9.15 Total Acres Damaged:9.15 Total Trees in Stand: 1512.0 Total Trees Lost:1512.0 Total Replanted Trees:0.0				
Practice Code Practice Code Description Trees/Acres Requested				
Add New Practice for Request				
Applicant's Signature Date: Type of Signature : Select >				
Submit Application Selection Print				
<u>Go To Top</u>				

64 Stand Summary Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Stand Summary Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action	
Year	Displays the calendar year.	
State	Displays the administrative State.	
County	Displays the administrative county.	
Applicant's Name	Displays name of the applicant.	
Add New Stand	Allows users to add stands.	
Sort By	Allows users to sort by the disaster date or by disaster events.	
Expand All	Allows user to expand all stand details.	
Collapse All	Allows users to collapse all stand details.	
Stand #	Displays the stand number.	
Edit	Allows users to edit the stand details previously entered.	
Delete	Allows users to delete an individual stand.	
Collapse	Allows users to collapse an individual stand.	
	Stand Information (PART B)	
Edit	Click "Edit" to edit the stand details. The Edit Stand (PART B) Screen	
	will be displayed.	
Add New Practice	Click "Add New Practice" to add practices to be completed for the	
	stand.	
Applicant's	Manually enter the date or use the calendar widget to populate the date	
Signature Date	the applicant signed CCC-899.	
	All stands must be completed before the signature date can be entered.	
Type of Signature	Using the drop-down menu, select the method in which the producer	
<u> </u>	signed CCC-899.	
Submit	Click "Submit" to save the stand information. The Stand Summary	
A 11	Screen will be redisplayed.	
Application	Clicking "Application Selection" will navigate to the TAP Application	
Selection	Summary Screen.	
	No.4., This house is a set of a set of a second set of a second set of a Deste	
	Note: I his button should be used to havigate versus clicking the Back	
Drint	diflow.	
rimi	PDF can be printed after the form has been saved	
Go to Top	Clicking "Go to Top" will automatically serall to the top of the sereen	
	T CHCKINg OU TOP WILL AUTOMATICALLY SCIOLE TO THE TOP OF THE SCIENT.	

A Overview

If a stand was entered in error, the user can delete the stand. The system does not provide the ability to restore a deleted stand, so the user will need to be careful when deleting stands.

B Example of Delete Stand Screen

The following is an example of the Delete Stand Screen.

Delete S	tand					
Derete Stand Year: 2023 State: Michigan(26) County: Delta(041) Applicant's Name IMA PRODUCER Stand Status: Completed Stand Status: Completed						
Sta	and Numbe	r: 1				
Dis	saster Even	t: Plant Disease				
Disaste	r Start Date	e: 11/09/2022				
Disast	er End Date	e:				
	Crop: Apples					
Applic	cant's Share	e: 100.00%				
Total Ac	res in Stand	1: 45.4200				
Total Acro	es Damageo	1: 32.3200				
Total Tro	ees in Stand	1: 4848				
lota	I Trees Los	t: 3450				
	es Damageo	1: 450				
тогат керт	anteu frees					
			chardist or r	nursery tree growe	r that	
Produ	icer Plantin	planted trees for commercial use.				
Certification Indicator: I did not plant the trees but have a production history for commercial purposes on the planted o existing trees.				anted or		
	Practice			Trees/Acres		
	Code	Practice Code De	escription	Requested		
	01	Fruit and Nut Tree Replacement		813		
	10	Planting Cost		813		
	<u>[</u>	Confirm	Cancel		1	

Note: If the deleted stand has been paid, the application will be recalculated and an overpayment will be established.

65 Deleting Stands (Continued)

C Action

From the TAP Application Summary Screen:

- CLICK "Edit" next to the application
- CLICK "Delete" next to the applicable stand
- on the Delete Stand Screen, CLICK "Confirm". A message will be displayed indicating that the stand was deleted.

Note: If the application contains only one stand, the application will also be deleted.

66 Adding Practices

A Overview

The Add Practice Information (PART B) Screen allows users to enter requested practice(s).

To add practice(s), CLICK "Add New Practice Request" from the Stand Summary Screen. The Add Practice Information (PART B) Screen will be displayed.

B Example of the Add Practice Information (PART B)

The following is an example of the Add Practice Information (PART B) section on the Stand Summary Screen.

Add Practice Information (I	PART B)			
Year: 2023 State: Michigan (26) County: Delta (041) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER Stand Status: Initiated				
Stand	Number 1			
Disaster Event: Freeze Crop: Apples	Disaster Date: 11/01/2023			
Crop: Apples Practice Code: 01-Fruit and Nut Tree Replacement Trees Requested: Save Practice Cancel				

66 Adding Practices (Continued)

C Action

On the Add Practice Information (PART B) Screen:

- using the drop-down menu, select the applicable practice code
- enter the number of trees requested in whole numbers
- CLICK "Save Practice".
66 Adding Practices (Continued)

D Example of Saved Practices on a Stand

The following is an example of the Edit Stand (Part B) Screen after practices have been entered.

Stand SummaryYear: 2023State: Michigan (26)Applicant's Name:IMA PRODUCER						
Add a new Stand	Sort By: Disaster Date By Asce	nding 🗸				
Expand All Collapse A	Ш					
Stand#: 1 Freeze Crop:Apples	Stand#: 1 Freeze 11/01/2023 Edit Delete Collapse Crop:Apples					
Stand Information (F	ART B) <u>Edit</u>					
Applicant's Share: 100.	00 Total Acres in Stand:9.15	Total Acres Damaged:9.15				
Total Trees in Stand: 15 Total Trees Damaged: (12.0Total Trees Lost:1512.0.0Total Replanted Trees:0.0					
Practice Code Pract	ce Code Description	Trees/Acres Requested				
01 Fruit a	nd Nut Tree Replacement	1512 Edit Delete				
10 Plantir	g Cost	1512 <u>Edit</u> <u>Delete</u>				
14 Site Pr	eparation	9.15 <u>Edit</u> <u>Delete</u>				
COC Determined (PA Total Determined Acre in Stand	RT D & PART E) <u>Edit</u> s Total Determined : Damaged Acres in Stand:	Total Determined Acres for payment:				
Total Determined Tree in Stand	s Total Determined Trees : Lost:	Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment:				
Total Determined Tree Damaged	s Total Determined Trees : Damaged for payment:	Determined Replanted Trees Count:				
Practice Code Pract	ce Code Description	Trees/Acres Determined				
Add New Practice for Determination						
Applicant's Signature Date: Type of Signature : Select >						
Submit Application Selection Print						

67 Deleting Practices

A Overview

Practices that have not been approved by COC can be deleted from the Stand Summary Screen.

Practices that have been approved by COC are deleted from the COC Determination (PART D & PART E) section on the Stand Summary Screen.

B Example of Stand Summary (PART B) Screen

The following is an example of the Stand Summary Screen (PART B) for an unapproved application.

Crop:Apples						
Stand Information (PART B) <u>Edit</u>						
Applicant's Share: 80.00Total Acres in Stand:100.0Total Acres						
Total Trees in Sta Total Trees Dama	and: 555.0 aged: 111.0	Total Trees Lost:444.0 Total Replanted Trees:0.0			_	
Practice Code	Practice C	ode Description	Trees/ Reques	Acres sted		
01	Fruit and N	ut Tree Replacement	444	<u>Edit</u>	<u>Delete</u>	
10	Planting Co	st	333	<u>Edit</u>	Delete	
14	Site Prepar	ation	75.0	<u>Edit</u>	Delete	
COC Determine	ed (PART D	& PART E) <u>Edit</u> Total Determined	Total Dat	formined	Acros	
Total Determine ir	ed Acres Stand:	Damaged Acres in Stand:	Total Det	for pay	Acres ment:	
Total Determined Trees Total Determined Trees in Stand: Lost: Lost for Payment:						
Total Determined TreesTotal Determined TreesDetermined ReplantedDamaged:Damaged for payment:Trees Count:						
Practice Code Practice Code Description Trees/Ac Determin			'Acres nined			

67 Deleting Practices (Continued)

C Action

From the TAP Application Summary Screen:

- CLICK "Edit" next to the application
- CLICK "Delete" next to applicable practice. The Delete Practice Information Screen will be displayed.

D Example of Delete Practice Information Screen

The following is an example of the Delete Practice Information Screen

Delete Practi	ce Information	
Year: 2023 St	ate: Michigan (26)	County: Delta(041)
Applicant's Name: Stand Status	IMA PRODUCER : Initiated	
	Stand Nu	mber 1
Disaster Event: F i Crop: Apples	reeze	Disaster Date: 11/01/2023
	Practice Code:	Site Preparation
	Acres Requested:	9.1500
	Confirm	Cancel

E Confirming Deletion of Practice

On the Delete Practice Information Screen, CLICK "Confirm" to delete the practice.

68 Recording Applicant's Signature

A Overview

After all stands and practices have been entered, the user will record the applicant's signature and type of signature on the Stand Summary Screen.

68 Recording Applicant's Signature (Continued)

B Example of Stand Summary Screen

The following is an example of the bottom of the Stand Summary Screen after practices have been entered.

	Stand Sumr	nary					
Y	/ear: 2023	State: Michig	an(26)	County:	Delta(041)	
μ	Applicant's Name:	IMA PRODU	CER				
	Add a new Stand	Sort F	w. Disaster Date	Ry Ascend	lina v	•	
				by Aboond	ing i		
1	<u>Expand All</u> <u>Col</u>	<u>napse An</u>					
	Stand#: 1 Fre	eze	11/01/2023	Ec	lit [Delete (Collapse
(Crop:Apples		,,				
ſ							
	Stand Informa	ition (PART	B) <u>Edit</u>			-	
	Applicant's Shar	e: 100.00	Total Acres in St	and:9.15		To Dama	tal Acres ped:9.15
	Total Trees in St	and: 1512.0	Total Trees Los	t:1512.0			
	Total Trees Dam	aged: 0.0	Total Replanted	rees:0.0			
	Practice Code	Practice Co	ode Description		Trees/ Reques	Acres sted	
	01	Fruit and Nu	ıt Tree Replacemer	nt	1512	<u>Edit</u>	Delete
	10	Planting Cos	st		1512	<u>Edit</u>	Delete
	14	Site Prepara	ition		9.15	<u>Edit</u>	<u>Delete</u>
	Add New Prac	tice for Requ	uest				
	<u></u>	1.00					
	Applicant's Signature Date: Type of Signature : Select >						
		Submi	t Application Se	lection P	rint		
			Go To Top				
1			<u> </u>				
_							

68 Recording Applicant's Signature (Continued)

C Action

On the bottom of the Stand Summary Screen:

- enter the date the applicant signed CCC-899
- using the drop-down menu, select how the application was submitted
- CLICK "Submit"
 - **Note:** The Stand Summary Screen will be redisplayed indicating that the application was successfully saved.
- CLICK "Application Selection" to return to the TAP Summary Screen.

69-80 (Reserved)

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81 COC Determination (PART D & E) Screen

A Overview

After LA has completed the site visit, users will enter the site visit determinations within the COC Determination (PART D & E) section.

B Example of COC Determination (PART D & PART E) Screen

The following is an example of the Stand Summary Screen displaying the COC Determination (PART D & PART E) section before the field visit information has been entered.



C Action

On the Stand Summary Screen, CLICK "Edit" next to "COC Determined (PART D & PART E)" to record field visit results. The Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen will be displayed.

82 Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen

A Overview

The Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen allows users to edit the stand determination.

B Example of the Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen

The following is an example of the Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen.

Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination						
Year:2023 State:Florida(12) County:Polk(105) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER Stand Status:Initiated						
COC Action/Determination for Stand# 1						
Disaster Event: Plant Disease Disaster Date: 05/15/2023 Crop: Oranges						
Total Determined Trees in Stand:						
Total Determined Trees Lost:						
Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment :						
Total Determined Trees Damaged:						
Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment:						
Total Determined Damaged Acres in Stand:						
Total Determined Acres for payment:						
Iotal Replanted Trees:						
Calculate & Save						
Practice Code Description Trees/Acres Determined						
Add new Practice						
COC Approval Date:						
Save COC Action/Determination Cancel						

82 Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action
Year	Displays the program year.
State	Displays the administrative State.
County	Displays the administrative county.
Applicant's Name	Displays name of the applicant.
Stand Status	Displays the status of the stand.
Disaster Event	Displays the disaster event.
Disaster Date	Displays the starting date of the disaster event.
Crop	Displays the affected tree, bush, or vine.
Total Determined Trees in Stand	Enter in whole numbers the determined trees in the stand from CCC-899 Part D.
Total Determined Trees Lost	Enter the total trees lost in whole numbers from CCC-899 Part D.
Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment	Displays the system calculated total determined trees lost eligible for payment.
	See Exhibit 4 for an explanation about how the system calculated determined trees lost for payment.
Total Determined Trees Damaged	Enter in whole numbers, the total determined trees damaged.
Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment	Displays the system calculated total determined trees damaged eligible for payment.
	See Exhibit 4 for an explanation about how the system
	calculated determined trees lost for payment.
Total Determined Acres in Stand	Enter in the total determined acres in the stand.
Total Determined	Enter in the total determined damaged acres in the stand.
Damaged Acres in	
Stand	
Total Determined Acres	Displays the system calculated total determined acres
for Payment	eligible for payment. See Exhibit 4 for an explanation about
	how the system calculated determined acres for payment.

82 Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions

Field/Button	Description/Action		
Total Replanted Trees	Enter in whole numbers, the total trees that were replanted		
	in the stand since the last loss was reported.		
	Note: This is only applicable if a loss has already been		
	reported for the same stand of trees in the same		
	program year.		
Calculate & Save	Click "Calculate and Save" to calculate determinations and		
	save data entered.		
Add new Practice	Click "Add new Practice" to enter the approved practice		
	details.		
COC Approval Date	Enter the COC determination date.		
	Users can manually enter the date or use the calendar widget		
	to populate the date.		
COC Determination	Click the applicable "Approve" or "Disapprove" button.		
Save COC	Click "Save the COC determination" to save the COC		
Action/Determination	approval date.		
	The Stand Summary Screen will be displayed.		
Cancel	Clicking "Cancel" cancels the process and navigates to the		
	Stand Summary Screen.		

82 Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen (Continued)

D Example of Edit Stand for COC/Action Determination Screen-Completed

The following is an example of the Stand Summary Screen after stand determinations have been entered and the system has calculated eligible trees for payment.

Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination					
Year: 2023 State: Michigan (26) County: Delta (041) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER Stand Status: Initiated					
COC Action/Determination for Stand# 1					
Disaster Event: Freeze Disaster Date: 11/05/2023 Crop: Apples					
Total Determined Trees in Stand: 1490					
Total Determined Trees Lost: 1490					
Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment : 1252					
Total Determined Trees Damaged: 0					
Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment: 0					
Total Determined Acres in Stand: 9.0000					
Total Determined Damaged Acres in Stand: 9.0000					
Total Determined Acres for payment: 7.5600					
Total Replanted Trees: 0					
Calculate & Save					
Practice Code Practice Code Description Trees/Acres Determined Add new Practice Trees/Acres Trees/Acres					
COC Approval Date: Please select: Approve Obisapprove Disapprove					

83 Adding Determined Practices

A Overview

After the field visit, the user will add the practices that will be completed from the COC Determine (PART D & PART E) section of the Stand Summary Screen.

B Example of the Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination Screen

The following is an example of the Edit Stand for COC/Action Determination Screen after stand determination has been entered.

Edit Stand for COC Action/Determination						
Year: 2023 State: Michigan(26) County: Delta(041) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER Stand Status: Initiated						
COC Action/Determination for Stand# 1						
Disaster Event: Freeze Disaster Date: 11/05/2023 Crop: Apples						
Total Determined Trees in Stand:	1490					
Total Determined Trees Lost:	1490					
Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment :	1252					
Total Determined Trees Damaged:	0					
Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment:	0					
Total Determined Acres in Stand:	9.0000					
Total Determined Damaged Acres in Stand:	9.0000					
Total Determined Acres for payment:	7.5600					
Total Replanted Trees:	0					
Calculate & Save						
Practice Code Description Tro	ees/Acres termined					
COC Approval Date: Please select: O Approve O Disapprove						
Save COC Action/Determination Cancel						

83 Adding Determined Practices (Continued)

C Action

On the Edit Stand for COC/Action Determination Screen, CLICK "Add new Practice" and the Add Practice Information for COC/Action Determination Screen will be displayed.

84 Add Practice Information for COC Action/Determination Screen

A Overview

The Add Practice Information for COC Action/Determination Screen allows users to enter the practices required to complete the stand.

B Example of Add Practice Information for COC Action/Determination Screen

The following is an example of the Edit Practice Information for COC Action/Determination Screen.

Add Pract	ice Information fo	r COC Action/Determination					
Year: 2023	State:Michigan(26)	County: Delta(041)					
Applicant's Nai	me: IMA PRODUCER						
Stand Statu	Stand N	Number 1					
Disaster Eve Crop: Apple	nt: Freeze s	Disaster Date: 11/05/2023					
Total Detern Total Detern Total Detern	Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment: 1252 Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment: 0 Total Determined Acres for payment: 7.5600						
	Practice Code: 14-Site	Preparation ~					
4	Cres Requested:						
	Save Pract	ice Cancel					

84 Add Practice Information for COC Action/Determination Screen (Continued)

C Action

On the Add Practice Information for COC Action/Determination Screen:

- select the practice code using the drop-down menu
- enter the determined acres or trees as displayed on the screen for each practice code determined
- CLICK "Save Practice".

After all practices have been entered, the Stand Summary Screen will be redisplayed, CLICK "Submit". The application is now ready for a COC determination. See paragraph 81.

85-100 (Reserved)

Part 6 COC Determinations

101 COC Determinations Individual Applications

A Overview

Applications are approved or disapproved at the stand level. Users will record the applicable determination on the Stand Summary Screen in the COC Determined (PART D & PART E) section.

From the TAP Summary Screen:

- CLICK "Edit" next to the applicable applicant's name; the Stand Summary Screen will be displayed
- CLICK "Expand" to display the applicable stand.

101 COC Determination Individual Applications (Continued)

B Example of COC Determined (PART D & PART E) Section

The following is an example of the Stand Summary Screen with a completed COC Determined (PART D & PART E) section ready for COC determination.

Stand Summary						
Year: 2023 State: Michigan (26) County: Delta (041) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER						
Add a new Stand	Sort	By: Disaster Date By Ascer	nding 🗸]		
Expand All Colla	<u>apse All</u>			-		
		11/05/2022	- 414 0	-		
Crop:Apples	eze	11/05/2023		<u>elete</u> (<u>.onapse</u>	
	. (24.27					
Stand Informat	ion (PART	B) <u>Edit</u>		Tot		
Applicant's Share	: 100.00	Total Acres in Stand:9.15		Damag	ed:9.15	
Total Trees in Sta Total Trees Dama	nd: 1512.0 ged: 0.0	Total Trees Lost:1512.0 Total Replanted Trees:0.0				
Practice Code	Practice C	ode Description	Trees/# Reques	Acres ted		
01	Fruit and N	ut Tree Replacement	1512	Edit	Delete	
10	Planting Co	st	1512	<u>Edit</u>	Delete	
14	Site Prepara	ation	9.15	<u>Edit</u>	Delete	
COC Determine Total Deter Acres in S	d (PART D rmined Stand: 9.0	& PART E) <u>Edit</u> Total Determined Damaged Acres in Stand: 9.0000	Total De Acres for J	termine bayment	d : 7.5600	
Total Determ Trees in St	nined and: 1490	Total Determined Trees Lost: 1490	Total I Tre	Determin ees Lost Payme	ied for nt: 1252	
Total Determine Dar	d Trees maged: 0	Total Determined Trees Damaged for payment: 0	Determir	ned Repl Trees C	anted ount: 0	
Practice Code	Practice C	ode Description	Trees// Determ	Acres		
01	Fruit and N	ut Tree Replacement	1252	Edit	Delete	
10	Planting Co	st	1252	<u>Edit</u>	Delete	
14 Site Preparation 7.56 Edit Delete						
Add New Practice for Determination						
COC Signature Date:						
○ Approve ○ Disapprove						

101 COC Determination Individual Applications (Continued)

C Action

On the Stand Summary Screen in the COC Determined (PART D & PART E) section:

- enter the COC signature date
- CLICK the "Approve" or "Disapprove" button
- CLICK "Submit".

102 COC Determination Bulk Approvals

A Overview

Users have the option to approve and/or disapprove multiple stands at the same time.

To approve multiple stands, CLICK "COC Determination Bulk Approval" from the left navigation menu on the TAP Application Summary Screen.

B Example of Bulk COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment Screen

The following is an example of the Bulk COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment Screen.

Bulk COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment					
Year: 2023 State: Kentuc		ıc ky(21)	County: Ac	lair(001)	
coc	C Signati	ure Date:		<u>Appro</u>	ve All <u>Disapprove All</u>
Produce	erName:	IMA PRODUC	ER A		
Stand# 11	Crop: APPLE		Disaster Date: 11/01/22	Disaster Event: BLIZZ	Approve Disapprove
Produce	erName:	IMA PRODUC	ER B		
Stand# 78	Crop: GRAPE		Disaster Date: 05/01/23	Disaster Event: TORNA	Approve
			Submit	Cancel	
				<u>Go to Top</u>	

102 COC Determination Bulk Approvals (Continued)

C Action

From the TAP Application Summary Screen, CLICK "COC Determination Bulk Approval" from the left navigation menu. The Bulk COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment Screen will be displayed.

On the Bulk COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment Screen:

- enter the COC signature date
- CLICK the applicable approve or disapprove checkbox for each stand
- CLICK "Submit".
- **Note:** The user has the option to approve or disapprove all applications by clicking the "Approve All" or "Disapprove ALL" link.

Warning: County Office users are not authorized to approve/disapprove their own applications.

103 COC Determination Electronic Approvals

A Overview

All County Office users can process bulk electronic approvals/disapprovals; however, only employees that are designated to approve/disapprove CCC-899's are authorized to use this function since the approving official's name will be printed in the "COC or Designee's Signature" signature block.

The COC signature date will be the current system date and cannot be changed.

103 COC Determination Electronic Approvals

B Example of Bulk Electronic Payment Eligibility Approval/Disapproval Screen

The following is an example of the Bulk Electronic Payment Eligibility Approval/Disapproval Screen.

Bulk Ele Payment	ctronic COC App t	roval/Disappro	oval for TAP
Year: 2023 COC Signatu	State: Kentucky(2 1 re Date: 11/12/2024	L) County (Current Date) <u>Approve</u>	:Adair(001) <u>: All Disapprove All</u>
ProducerNam Stand# Crop: 11 APPLE	ne: IMA PRODUCER A Disaster D 11/01/22	Date: Disaster Event: BLIZZ	Approve
ProducerNam Stand# Crop: 78 GRAP	ne: IMA PRODUCER B Disaster D 5/01/23	Date: Disaster Event: TORNA it Cancel <u>Go to Top</u>	Approve Disapprove

C Action

From the TAP Application Summary Screen, CLICK "COC Determination Electronic Approval" from the left navigation menu. The Bulk Electronic COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment Screen will be displayed.

On the Bulk Electronic COC Approval/Disapproval for TAP Payment Screen:

- CLICK the applicable "approve" or "disapprove" checkbox for each stand
- CLICK "Submit".

Note: The authorized user has the option to approve or disapprove all applications by clicking the "Approve All" or Disapprove ALL" link.

Warning: County Office users are not authorized to approve/disapprove their own applications.

104-110 (Reserved)

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111 Certifying Practices

A Overview

After the applicant has completed the practice(s), the user will record the completed performance.

B Recording Performance

Record performance for completed practices according to this table.

2	On the TAP Summary Screen, CLICK "Edit" next to the Note: The status of the stand must be "COC Determined On the Stand Summary Screen, CLICK "Expand" next to The Stand Summary Screen will be redisplayed with the Scroll to the Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) so CLICK "Edit". Stand Information (PART B) Edit	applicant's name. <u>I''.</u> <u>o the applicable stand</u> stand information. ection.
2	Note: The status of the stand must be "COC Determined On the Stand Summary Screen, CLICK "Expand" next to The Stand Summary Screen will be redisplayed with the scroll to the Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) so CLICK "Edit". Stand Information (PART B) Edit	I". o the applicable stand stand information. ection.
2	On the Stand Summary Screen, CLICK "Expand" next to The Stand Summary Screen will be redisplayed with the Scroll to the Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) so CLICK "Edit".	the applicable stand stand information. ection.
3	The Stand Summary Screen will be redisplayed with the solution of the Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) solution CLICK "Edit".	stand information. ection.
	Stand Information (PART B) Edit	
	Applicant's Share: 100.00 Total Acres in Stand:9.75	Total Acres
	Total Trees in Stand: 1078.0 Total Trees Lost:1078.0	Damaged. 5.12
	Total Trees Damaged: 0.0 Total Replanted Trees:491.0	
	Practice Code Practice Code Description Tre	es/Acres quested
	01 Fruit and Nut Tree Replacement 345	5 <u>Edit</u> <u>Delete</u>
	10 Planting cost per eligible plants 345	5 <u>Edit Delete</u>
	14 Site preparation per acre 3.1	2 <u>Fdit</u> <u>Delete</u>
	Add New Practice for Determination	<u>Edit</u>
	COC Signature Date: 12/10/2023	
	Approve O Disapprove	
	Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) Edit	
	Code Replacement Crop Replacement Trees/ Practice Code Compl	eted Actual Cost

Step		Description/Action							
4	The Edit Payment Eligibility Screen will be displayed allowing users to enter completed practice details.								
	Edit Payment Eligibility								
	Year:2023 State:California(06) County:Merced(047) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER Stand Status:COC Determined								
		Payment Eligibility for Stand# 1							
	Disaster Ev Crop: Appl	ent: Plant Disease Disaster Date:09/28/20 es	23						
	Practice Code	Practice Code Description	Action						
	01	Fruit and Nut Tree Replacement	Add/Edit Details						
	Practice Code	Practice Code Description	Action						
	10	Planting cost per eligible plants	Add/Edit Details						
	Practice Code	Practice Code Description	Action						
	14	Site preparation per acre	Add/Edit Details						
	Pro Eligi	ducer Payment bility Signature Date: Please select	ture : Select ∽						
		Signature Date:	O Disapprove						
		Save Payment Eligibility Cancel							
5	CLICK "Ad	d/Edit Details" for the applicable practice cod	le.						

Step	Description/Action					
6	On the Add Practice Code Payment Eligibility Screen :					
	 enter trees/acres completed enter actual cost CLICK "Save". 					
	Note: If the applicant has planted a replacement crop change the original crop the replacement crop using the down menu.	to				
	Add Practice Code Payment Eligibility Year: 2023 State: California (06) County: Merced (047) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER					
	Stand Status: COC Determined Stand Number: 1					
	Disaster Event: Plant Disease Disaster Date: 09/28/2023					
	Crop: Apples Practice Code: 01					
	Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment: 399 Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment: 0 Total Determined Acres for payment: 3.6080					
	Replacement Crop: Apples					
	Practice Code: 01-Fruit and Nut Tree Replacement ~					
	Practice Rate: 12.00					
	Trees/Acres Completed:					
	Actual Cost:					
	Save Cancel					

Step	Description/Action						
7	The Stand Summary Screen will be updated with the completed practice details.						
	Edit Payment Eligibility						
	Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER Stand Status:COC Determined						
	Payment Eligibility for Stand# 1						
	Disaster Event: Plant Disease Disaster Date:09/28/2023 Crop: Apples						
	Practice Code Description Action						
	01 Fruit and Nut Tree Replacement Add/Edit Details						
	Replacement Crop Replacement Trees/Acres Practice Code Completed Actual Cost Action						
	Apples 01 399 \$5989.00 Edit Delete						
	Practice Code Description Action						
	10 Planting cost per eligible plants Add/Edit Details						
	Practice Code Description Action						
	14 Site preparation per acre Add/Edit Details						
	Producer Payment Eligibility Signature Date:						
	COC Payment Eligibility Signature Date:						
	Save Payment Eligibility Cancel						

Step	Description/Action
8	Repeat the process for additional practices.
9	After all the practice information has been entered:
	• enter the date the applicant signed CCC-899 Part 49A
	• select the type of signature from the drop-down menu
	• CLICK "Save Payment Eligibility".
	Edit Payment Eligibility
	Year:2023 State:California(06) County:Merced(047) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER
	Stand Status: Applicant Signed for Payment
	Payment Eligibility for Stand# 1
	Disaster Event: Plant Disease Disaster Date:09/28/2023
	Crop: Apples
	Practice Practice Code Description Action
	14 Site preparation per acre Add/Edit Details
	Replacement Crop Replacement Trees/Acres Actual Cost Action
	Apples 14 3.6080 \$3167.07 Edit Delete
	Producer Payment 02/17/2024 Type Of Signature Paper X
	Date:
	COC Payment Eligibility Please select:
	Signature Date:
	Save Payment Eligibility Cancel

112 Replacement Crops

A Overview

Beginning with 2023, applicants have the option to replant a crop other than the original crop that was affected by the disaster. Replacement crops and practices can be different than the original crop and practice.

The replacement crop and applicable practices details will be recorded in Payment Eligibility section (Part F & G) on the Stand Summary Screen.

B Action

Follow paragraph 111, step 6 to update the original crop to the replacement crop.

113 COC Determination of Performance

A Overview

After the applicant has completed all the practices on the stand, the user will enter the COC determination.

113 COC Determination of Performance (Continued)

B Example of Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) Section

The following is an example of the Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) section pending COC determination.

Stand Summary Year: 2023 State: California(06) County: Merced(047) Applicant's Name: IMA PRODUCER County: Merced(047)					
Add a new Stand Sort By: Disaster Date By Ascending ~					
Expand All	Collapse All				
	Conapse An				
COC	e: 12/				
Appro	ve O Disapprove				
Appro	ve O Disapprove				
Appro	ve O Disapprove				
 Appro Payment 	ve O Disapprove	RTG) <u>Edit</u>			
 Appro Payment 	ve O Disapprove	Replacement	Troos / Acros	Actual	
 Appro Payment Practice Code 	ve O Disapprove Eligibility (PART F & PAR Replacement Crop	Replacement Practice Code	Trees/Acres	s Actual Cost	
 Appro Payment Practice Code 01 	ve O Disapprove Eligibility (PART F & PAF Replacement Crop Apples	RT G) <u>Edit</u> Replacement Practice Code	Trees/Acres Completed	s Actual Cost \$5989.00	
 Appro Payment Practice Code 01 10 	ve O Disapprove Eligibility (PART F & PAF Replacement Crop Apples Apples	RT G) <u>Edit</u> Replacement Practice Code 01 10	Trees/Acres Completed 399	s Actual Cost \$5989.00 \$1340.00	
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C Action

On Payment Eligibility (PART F & PART G) section of the Stand Summary Screen:

- enter the COC payment eligibility signature date
- click applicable approve or disapprove radio button
- CLICK "Submit".

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121 TAP Reports

A Overview

Several standard reports are available for County Offices to use as tools for TAP signup.

To access the Select Report Screen, CLICK "Reports" from the left navigation menu. The Select Report Screen will be displayed.

B Select Report Screen

The following is an example of the Select Report Screen.

Select Report
Year: 2024 State: Alabama(01) County: Autauga(001)
COUNTY OFFICE TAP Reports
O CCC-899
1. All Stands Approved for PaymentStart Date:End Date:
$_{igodot}$ 2. All Applications Initiated but No Applicant Signature Date Entered
$^{\bigcirc}$ 3. All Stands with an applicant Signature Date but No COC Representative Signature Date
04. All Stands with COC Representative Signature Date but No Stand Information Applicant Signature Date
O 5. All Stands with COC Representative Signature Date but No applicant Payment Signature Date Report
O 6. All Stands with applicant Payment Signature Date but no COC or Designee's Payment Approval Date Report
○7. Deleted Stands Report
8. All Disapproved Stands Start Date: Report End Date:
○9. Application Status Report
\odot 10. Applications Suspended Due to System Table Changes
O 11. County Mortality Rates
State and County Selection Application Selection Create Report

121 TAP Reports (Continued)

C Description of Reports

The following table provides the report description and actions for the Select Report Screen.

Report	Descriptions/Action
CCC-899	Allows users to select an applicant to print the
	CCC-899.
	To print CCC-899:
	• CLICK "CCC-800"
	 CLICK "Create Report"
	 select applicant from SCIMS Search Screen
	• Select applicant from Selivis Search Select.
	A PDF version will be generated for printing.
All Stands Approved for Payment	Displays an alphabetical report of approved stands
	based on a start and end date.
All Applications Initiated but No	Displays a report of applications entered in the
Applicant Signature Date Entered	system without an applicant's signature.
All Stands with an Applicant	Displays a report of applications pending COC
Signature Date but No COC	determination date.
Representative Signature Date	
All Stands with COC Representative	Displays a report of all stands that have a COC
Signature Date but No Stand	representative signature date in Part E but do not
Information Applicant Signature	have an applicant signature date entered in Part C.
All Stands with COU Representative	Displays a report of applicant's name and number
Signature Date but No Application	of stands that have a COC representative signature
Payment Signature Date Report	date but do not nave an applicant payment
All Stands with Applicant Daymont	Signature date entered.
All Stands with Applicant Payment	Displays a report of all stands that have an
Signature Date but no COC or	applicant payment signature date but do not nave a
Designee's Payment Approval Date	COC or designee's payment approval date entered.
Report Delated Stands Depart	Displays a report of stands that were delated from
Deleted Stands Report	Displays a report of stands that were defeted from
All Disconverted Stands Deport	Digenary an alphabetical report of stands that are
All Disapproved Stands Report	disapproved.
Application Status Report	Displays a report of all applications that are on file
	in the County Office and the status of each
	application.

122 ECPR

A Overview

ECPR's are computer-generated documents that print summarized estimated calculated payment amounts for producers based on data loaded from CCC-899.

B Example of ECPR

The following is an example of the TAP ECPR.

Note: One page will be displayed or printed per each stand.

State: FL United States Department of Agricultural Date County: Polk Farm Service Agency Page Report ID: CCC-899E 2023 Tree Assistance Program Estimated Calculated Payment Report							ate: 11/19/2024 ige 1 of 3						
IMA PRODU	CER											Application N	lumber: 16597
123 MAIN S	т												
ANYWHERE	USA												
					N	lotice of L	_oss #	1					
Stand Number:	: 1											Disaster Event	: Plant Disease
Disaster Dates	: 03/29/2023											Crop N	ame: Oranges
Stand Status:	Completed											Norm	al Mortality: 3.0
			Trace							Aaroo			
Total Determined	Trees in Stand		Trees			Acres				1	23.81		
Total Determined	Lost Trees in Sta	and				3.025 Total Determined Damaged Acres in Stand				23.81			
Total Determined	Lost Trees for P	ayment				2,480 Total Determined Acres for Payment					19.5242		
Total Determined	d Damaged Trees	in Stand				0							
Total Determined	Damaged Trees	for Payment				0							
		Proje	octed							Actual			
Сгор	Practice Code	Max. Practice Rate (\$)	Approved Trees / Acres for Practice	Producer Share (%)	Max. Projected Payment Amount (\$)	Replace Cro	ement P	Replacement Practice Code	Trees / Acres Completed	Actual Cost (\$)	Producer Share (%)	Payment Level (%)	Actual Cost for Practice (\$)
Oranges	01	\$12.00	2,480	100%	\$29,760.00	Oranges		01	2,480	\$22,320.00	100%	65%	\$14,508.00
									Total	Actual Cost for P	ractice Categor	y (Replacement)	\$14,508.00
Oranges	10	\$3.00	2,480	100%	\$7,440.00	Oranges		10	2,480	\$3,720.00	100%	65%	\$2,418.00
				Total Actual Cost for Practice Category (Planting) \$2,4				\$2,418.00					
Oranges	Oranges 14 \$500.00 19.524 100% \$9,762.00					Oranges		14	10.524	\$8,250.42	100%	50%	\$4,125.21
									Total Act	ual Cost for Frac	lice category (a	site Preparation)	\$4,123.21
					Estimated Pa	ayment An	mount	- \$21,051.00					

C Field Descriptions

The following information is displayed on ECPR's.

Note: One page will be displayed or printed for each stand.

Field	Description
Program Year	Year associated with CCC-899 that was filed by the affected
	producer.
Program Name	Defaults to Tree Assistance Program.
State	State as selected.
County	County as selected.
Report ID	Defaults to CCC-899E.

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C Field Descriptions (Continued)

Field	Description
Applicant's Name	Name of the applicant associated with the selection.
	Note: The producer's name will only be displayed on the first
	page. if multiple pages exist for a producer.
Applicant's Address	Address of the applicant associated with the selection.
Application Number	Number assigned by the system.
Notice of Loss #	Notice of loss number associated with CCC-899.
Stand Number	Stand number associated with the loss.
Disaster Event	Disaster event.
Disaster Dates	Date associated with the disaster event.
Crop Name	Crop for which the producer is applying for a TAP payment.
Stand Status	The completion status of the stand. One of the following will be
	displayed:
	• "Initiated"
	• "COC Determined"
	"Applicant Signed for Payment"
	• "Completed".
Normal Mortality	The normal mortality rate for the crop.
Total Determined	Number of trees in stand as determined by COC.
Trees in Stand	
Total Determined	Number of trees lost in stand as determined by COC.
Lost Trees in Stand	
Total Determined	Total determined trees in stand times 15 percent plus normal
Lost Trees for	mortality.
Payment	
	Note: See Exhibit 4 for an explanation of this determination made on CCC-899.
Total Determined	Number of trees damaged in stand as determined by COC.
Damaged Trees in	
Stand	
Total Determined	Total determined trees in stand times 15 percent plus normal
Damaged Trees for	mortality.
Payment	
	Note: See Exhibit 4 for an explanation about how the system
- 15 1 1	calculated determined trees lost for payment.
Total Determined	Number of acres in stand as determined by COC.
Acres in Stand	N 1 6 famous factors in a factor of the COC
Total Determined	Number of damaged acres as determined by COC.
Damaged Acres in	
Stand	

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C Field Descriptions (Continued)

Field	Description
Total Determined	Total determined trees in stand times 15 percent plus normal
Acres for Payment	mortality minus total determined damaged acres in stand.
Practice Code	COC-determined practice code for the stand.
Maximum Practice	Maximum rate approved for the practice.
Rate Approved	
Trees/Acres for	
Practice	
Approved Trees/	Number of trees/acres approved by COC for each practice.
Acres for Practice	
Producer Share	Producer's share of the stand.
Maximum Projected	Maximum amount of the payment calculated for each practice. The
Payment Amount	amount is calculated by multiplying the following:
	 Approved Trees/Acres for Payment times
	Producer Share times
	Maximum Practice Rate for practice.
Tree/Acres	Number of trees/acres completed by the producer for each practice.
Completed	
Actual Cost	Actual cost for the practice based on documentation received from
	the producer.
Producers Share	Producer's share of the stand.
Payment Level	Payment level approved for the practice.
Actual Cost for	Amount of the actual costs eligible for payment. The amount is
Practice	calculated by the following:
	Actual Costs times
	Producer Share times
	Payment Level.
Total Estimated	Lesser of the "maximum projected payment" and the "actual cost
Payment Amount	for practice", per practice code line item, are totaled.
	Note: If no "actual costs" have been entered, this amount will be
	the total of the maximum projected payment amounts for
~	each practice.
Calculation	The explanation is displayed on the last ECPR printed for the
Explanation	producer.

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151 General Payment Provisions

A Overview

The TAP payment process is an automated process that determines:

- whether the producer is eligible to receive payment
- the payment amount that can be sent to NPS for disbursement
- the overpayment amount that will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report.

B Frequency of Payment Processing

Payments are processed nightly for the following:

- gross payment amounts sent through the automated payment process
- payments on the Nonpayment Report if changes have been made in the TAP system during the day for the producer or supporting system information.

All payments on the Nonpayment Report are processed once a week to ensure that all payment eligibility updates have been applied to the reduced payment amount.

C Obtaining FSA-325

FSA-325 must be completed, according to 1-CM, by individuals or entities requesting payment **earned** by a producer who has died, disappeared, or been declared incompetent after applying for benefits. Payment must be issued to the individuals or entities requesting payment using the deceased, incompetent, or disappeared producer's ID number.

Note: If CCC-899 has been filed by the producer, a revised CCC-899 is **not** required when payments are issued under the deceased, incompetent, or disappeared producer's ID number.

D Administrative Offset

TAP payments are subject to administrative offset provisions, including TOP services.

E Assignments

An applicant entitled to a TAP payment may assign payments according to 63-FI.

151 General Payment Provisions (Continued)

F Bankruptcy

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

Note: Contact the OGC regional attorney for guidance on issuing payments on all bankruptcy cases.

G Payments Less Than \$1

TAP payments will be issued in dollars and cents so all payment amounts will be sent to NPS.

H Prompt Payment Interest

TAP payments are subject to the Prompt Payment Act. A prompt payment interest penalty will apply when payment is not issued more than 30 calendar days after:

- date the producer provides a properly completed CCC-899 and all supporting documentation required to issue the payment
- all OGC referrals are completed
- participant appeals are finalized.

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

I Prompt Payment Due Dates

TAP payments are subject to the Prompt Payment Act. A prompt payment interest penalty will apply when payment is not issued more than 30 calendar days after:

- date the producer provides a properly completed CCC-899 and all supporting documentation required to issue the payment
- all OGC referrals are completed
- participant appeals are finalized.

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

A Funds Account

Funding for TAP has been established in eFunds with a national allocation that does not require State or county allotments.

B Funds Allotment and Access

If the national eFunds allocation is ever depleted, PDD will work with FPAC Business Center, FMD to obtain additional funds, if possible. PDD will send an email message to all applicable State Office specialists advising them of the situation.

If a County Office reports that producer payments are being displayed on the Insufficient Funds Report and no information has been received by PDD, State Offices submit the issue to the FSA Farm Programs Software Issues SharePoint site according to paragraph 3.

C Failed Obligations

If a payment does not process because of a failed obligation, State Offices should submit the issue to the FSA Farm Programs Software Issues SharePoint site according to paragraph 3.

Note: Because TAP has a national allocation, State Office specialists do not have to monitor or request funds for their State.

153 Payment Limitation and Eligibility

A Payment Limitation Rules

The Bipartisan Act of 2018 removed the payment limitation for 2017 and future TAP payments.

The \$125,000 payment limitation is limited by person or legal entity and will be attributed through direct attribution. See 5-PL, paragraph 17 for payment limitation amounts for a person or legal entity.

As each payment is processed through the integrated payment process the available payment limitation for the person or legal entity will be reduced until the maximum payment limitation has been attributed to a person.

B Determining Payment Eligibility

The payment process reads the web-based eligibility system, for the applicable year associated with CCC-899, to determine whether a producer or member of a joint operation is eligible to be paid. If the producer or member is ineligible to be paid, then the individual or member will be listed on the Nonpayment Register with the applicable message. Eligibility determinations must be updated before the producer or member can be paid. These determinations should accurately reflect COC determinations.

The following identifies web-based eligibility determinations applicable to TAP and how the system will use the web-based subsidiary eligibility data for payment processing.

Eligibility Determination	Value	Eligible for TAP
AD-1026	Certified	Yes
	Not Filed	No
	Good Faith Determination	Yes
	Exemption COC	Yes
	Awaiting Affiliate	No
	Certification	
	Affiliate Violation	No

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Eligibility Determination	Value	Eligible for TAP
AGI	Compliant – Producer	Yes
	Compliant – Agent	Yes
Note: The average AGI of an	Exempt	Yes
individual or legal	Not Filed	No
entity cannot exceed	Not Met – COC	No
\$900,000.	Not Met – Producer	No
AGI - 2002 Farm Bill	Compliant – CCC-526	No
	Compliant – Agent	No
	Exempt	No
	Not Filed	No
	Not Met – COC	No
	Not Met – Producer	No
Conservation Compliance -	In Compliance	Yes
Farm/Tract Eligibility	Partial Compliance	Yes
	In Violation	No
	No Association	Yes
	Past Violation	Yes
	Reinstated	Yes
Controlled Substance	No Violation	Yes
	Growing	No
	Trafficking	No
	Possession	No
FCIC Fraud	Compliant	Yes
	Not Compliant	No
Person Eligibility - 2002 Farm	COC Determination	No
Bill	Completed	
	Not Filed	No
	Awaiting Determination	No
	Awaiting Revision	No

B Determining Payment Eligibility (Continued)

C Eligibility Conditions

If an applicant has multiple invalid subsidiary eligibility conditions, only the highest priority ineligible condition will be printed on the Nonpayment Register. The following is the priority of conditions:

- conservation compliance
- controlled substance
- AD-1026.

154 Payment Processing

A Supporting Files for Integrated Payment Processing

The TAP payment process is an integrated process that uses a wide range of information and other program determinations and values to determine whether a payment should be issued, the amount of gross payment, reductions, and the net payment amount. For payments to be calculated correctly, all supporting files must be updated correctly, including **all** of the following.

Type of	How Information Is Used for Payment	
Information	Processing	Source
Application Data	Used to compute the TAP payment amount for	Application
	the producer.	System
Payment Eligibility	Used to determine whether the producer and/or member of a joint operation is aligible for	Subsidiary
Information	normant for the year for which the application	Eligionity System
mormation	was filed.	
General Name and	Used to determine the producer's business type	Business Partner/
Address	and general name and address information.	SCIMS
Information		
Entity and Joint	Used to determine the following for the year	Business File
Operation	the application was filed:	
Information		
	• member contribution value	
	• substantive change value	
	• members and member's share of the	
	following:	
	• general partnerships	
	• joint ventures	
	• entities.	
Combined	Used to determine whether producers or	Combined
Producer	members of entities or joint operations are	Producer System
Information	combined with other producers. This	
	information is used to ensure that the	
	payment limitation is controlled properly.	
Available	Used to determine payment limitation	Payment
Payment	availability.	Limitation
Limitation		System
Financial Related	Calculated payment information is provided	NPS or NRRS
Information	to NPS. The determined overpayment	
	amount is provided to NRRS.	

154 Payment Processing (Continued)

B Prerequisites for Payments

The following table details the actions that must be performed or verified as having been completed to properly issue payments. COC, CED, or designee will ensure that the actions are completed.

Step	Action
1	Application has been approved, and the approval date has been recorded in the
	system.
2	Application is on file for the applicable year for those seeking payment and the
	eligibility information is recorded in the web-based eligibility system.
3	All other eligibility determinations have been updated according to the
	determinations made by COC for producers and members of joint operations. See
	6-PL.
4	Joint operation and entity ownership structure information is updated in Business
	File for the applicable year. See 3-PL (Rev. 2).
5	Assignments and joint payees have been updated in NPS if CCC-36, CCC-37, or
	both were filed.

C Triggering Payments

Payments will be triggered through events that occur throughout the system. As a result, processing will now be behind the scenes for the most part. Calculations and determinations will occur during the evening and nighttime hours without user intervention.

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D Types of Triggers

The following is an explanation of the triggers that will occur during payment processing.

Trigger	Description
Initial	After release of the payment software, a process will automatically run to
	determine all CCC-899's that are approved for payment. This will initiate
	the process and does not require any County Office user interaction. The
	following will occur automatically:
	• payments will be sent to NPS for certification and signature
	• overpayments will be sent to NRRS.
Primary	After the initial payments are triggered, subsequent payments will be
	initiated when County Office users approve CCC-899's. Entering the COC
	approval date initiates the payment process for the selected CCC-899's.
Secondary	Payments that cannot be issued during any payment process are sent to the
	Nonpayment Report. If a condition causing the producer to be on the
	Nonpayment Report is corrected, the payment will be triggered to reprocess
	to determine if the payment can be issued.
	Note: See 9-CM, paragraph 66 for information about the Nonpayment
	Report.
Tertiary	The TAP payment system will periodically recalculate all payments.

E Sequestering TAP Payments

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, requires a reduction in payments, also known as a sequester. Whether a payment is sequestered or not depends on when the funding was "obligated". Obligations are a behind-the-scenes process where the funding is reserved based on what the total possible expenditures of the program will be or the value of the contract or application when it is approved.

Applying sequestration is the last step in the payment process after all reductions have been applied, including payment limitation, and before the payment amount is sent to NPS. The amount is applied at the payment entity level and is not attributed to members.

Note: The sequestration reduction amount is displayed on the Payment History Report.

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F Sequestration Percentage

The sequestration percentage is based on the original approval date of the TAP application. This table provides the sequestration percentage based on the applicable original approval date for the TAP application regardless of the program year of the contract.

Original Approval Date	Sequestration Percentage
October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015	7.3 percent
October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016	6.8 percent
October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017	6.9 percent
October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018	6.6 percent
October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019	6.2 percent
October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020	5.9 percent
October 1, 2020 and Future	5.7 percent

155 Canceling Payments

A Canceling Payments

After payment processing has been completed, County Offices will review the NPS Payment Worklist to ensure that the correct payments have been generated. If an error is determined, users shall:

- not sign the payment in NPS
- correct condition causing the incorrect payment.

B User Intervention

User intervention is **not** allowed for the cancellation process. If the condition causing the incorrect payment is corrected, the system will automatically cancel the unsigned payment and recalculate the payment amount owed.

If the payment amount is determined to be incorrect and the payment has been signed in NPS, the payment **cannot** be canceled. The producer will be underpaid or overpaid after the condition causing the incorrect payment has been corrected.

156 Overpayments

A Overview

Overpayments will be determined during the TAP payment calculation process. Overpayment information will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report according to 9-CM, paragraph 65. The overpayment will remain on the Pending Overpayment Report for 20 workdays to allow time for correcting the condition that caused the overpayment. If the overpayment is a legitimate debt, then the overpayment should be transferred to NRRS immediately.

B Determined Overpayments

The system will update applicable information to the Pending Overpayment Report. See 9-CM, paragraph 65 for information on the Pending Overpayment Report.

C Handling Debts Less than \$100

County Offices must follow 58-FI for handling receivables less than \$100.

157 Charging Interest

A Overview

Program interest will be charged on all TAP overpayments when the:

- producer becomes ineligible after payments have been issued
- COC determines fraud, scheme, or device for the producer.

B When Program Interest Applies

A producer will be charged program interest if COC determines that the producer is ineligible for payment. Reasons for ineligibility include, but are not limited to, the following:

- erroneously or fraudulently representing any fact affecting a determination
- knowingly adopting a scheme or device that tends to defeat the purposes of TAP
- misrepresenting interest and subsequently receiving a TAP payment
- not meeting commensurate contribution requirements for person
- not meeting conservation compliance provisions
- not meeting controlled-substance provisions.

Program interest for ineligible producers will be charged from the date of disbursement. The system will compute this interest when the overpayment is transferred to NRRS.

C When Not to Charge Program Interest

Program interest will not be charged if the producer:

- is not determined ineligible according to subparagraph B
- returns check without being cashed
- refunds the payment voluntarily.

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Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

Reports

None

Forms

This table lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

Number	Title	Display	Reference
		Reference	
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and		153
	Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification		
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		154
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None

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Calculating Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment

The following table provides the calculation for the total determined trees lost for payment.

IF the loss is	THEN		
first loss of the	multiply:		
calendar year for the	1 5		
stand	• total determined trees in stand, times		
	• 15 percent plus		
	 normal mortality. 		
	- normar morunty.		
	Exampl	e:	
	-		
	500 tree	s in stand x 15% loss threshold = 75 trees	
	500 tree	s in stand x 3% normal mortality = 15 trees	
		90 trees	
	Note:	If the loss threshold has not been met, the total determined trees lost for	
		payment will be calculated as zero.	
a subsequent loss for	Step	Action	
the stand	1	Multiply:	
		• total determined trees in stand, times	
		• 15 percent.	
	2	Multiply:	
		• total determined trees in stand, times	
		normal mortality rate.	
	3	Add step 1 and step 2.	
		Note: If the loss threshold has not been met, the total determined trees	
		lost for payment will be calculated as zero. Do not continue to	
		step 4.	
	4	Add:	
		• 15 percent plus	
		normal mortality rate.	
	5	Multiply:	
		• total determined trees lost for the current loss, times	
		• step 4.	
	6	Subtract:	
		• total determined trees lost, minus	
		• step 5.	
	7	Multiply:	
		• step 6 times,	
		• applicant's share.	

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