

## The Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP)

### Overview

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 authorized the Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP) for fiscal years 2009 – 2012, to compensate producers of durum wheat for up to 50 percent of the actual cost of fungicide applied to control Fusarium head blight (FHB), commonly known as wheat scab. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provided \$3 million for this program in fiscal year 2010.

Eligible producers will be compensated for 50 percent of their share of both the purchase price of an eligible fungicide and the cost of applying the eligible fungicide to durum wheat acres.

### Eligible Producers

To be considered an eligible producer, the producer must have a share in the durum wheat planted, as well as a share in the cost to purchase and/or apply an eligible fungicide. In addition, producers must also have been in compliance with the regulations in 7 CFR part 12, “Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation,” during the year for which the producer is requesting benefits.

### Eligible Acres

To be considered eligible acres for DWQP, the acres must have been planted to durum wheat and treated with an eligible fungicide specifically to control FHB. The fungicide must have been applied

during the flowering stage of the crop.

### Eligible Fungicide

To be considered an eligible fungicide, the fungicide must be:

- registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- compliant with pesticide regulations in the state in which benefits are requested, and;
- used specifically for one fungicide treatment in the applicable crop year to control FHB.

Fungicide used to treat the same eligible acres beyond a single treatment in a crop year is not eligible fungicide for DWQP.

See [www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/applicators/statepro.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/applicators/statepro.htm) for information on registered pesticides and state regulations.

### Required Documentation

In addition to a completed DWQP application, producers must provide documentation showing the:

- total number and location of eligible acres of durum wheat planted for which an eligible fungicide was applied to control FHB;
- type of eligible fungicide applied to acres certified as planted to durum wheat, and;
- cost to purchase the eligible fungicide.

### Cost Share Payment Calculation

One fungicide application, occurring during the flowering stage, will be eligible for payment in a crop year. Cost share assistance will be based on 50 percent of the producer’s share of the cost to purchase and/or apply an eligible fungicide to eligible acres on a farm, based on the following:

- 1) cost of purchasing an eligible fungicide, based on the lesser of the following:
  - 50 percent of the farm’s actual fungicide cost per acre; or,
  - National fungicide acquisition payment rate set by the deputy administrator. The national fungicide acquisition payment rate is \$7 per acre for the 2010 crop year.
- 2) cost of applying an eligible fungicide, based on the lesser of the following:
  - 50 percent of the farm’s actual fungicide application cost per acre; or
  - State fungicide application rate set by the state FSA committee.

A national payment factor may be applied to DWQP payments if the funding availability for a particular crop year is exceeded.

### Payment Limitations

Average adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions are not applicable to this program. In addition, DWQP payments are not subject to a payment limitation.

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### Sign-Up

To apply for DWQP benefits, producers must file an application at local FSA service centers. For the 2010 crop year, sign-up begins July 21, 2010, and ends Sept. 15, 2010. Sign-up for 2011 and subsequent crop years will be announced as funding becomes available.

### More Information

Further information on DWQP is available from your local FSA office or on FSA's website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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