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**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER**



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**ICATION OF PAYMENT
LIMITATION PROVISIONS**

Producers are reminded that no program benefits may be made until the FSA office has made all the necessary payment limitation and eligibility determinations. Producers will remain ineligible until all the required forms that include information pertaining to their farming operations are provided to the office.

It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation which may affect payment eligibility and limitation.

Determinations

Payments and benefits under certain programs are subject to some or all of the following: "person" determinations, payment limitations, "actively engaged in farming" requirements, cash-rent tenant rule, permitted entity restrictions, foreign person rule, and the average adjusted gross income limitation. These determinations may be initiated by producers or the local County Committee.

Below are the programs, the payment limitation amount, and the applicable provisions. Provisions and limitations for other programs will be included with the program announcements.

Program	Amount	Determinations
DCP	\$40,000 Direct \$65,000 CC (Counter-Cyclical)	Person (P), Actively Engaged (AE), Cash-Rent Tenant (CRT), Permitted Entity (PE), Foreign Person (FP), and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
Commodity Loans	\$75,000	FP
Marketing Loan Gains	Total of \$75,000	P, AE, CRT, PE, FP, AGI
LDP		P, AE, CRT, PE, FP, AGI
EQIP	\$450,000 Total (2002 – 2007)	AGI
CRP	\$50,000	P, AE, CRT, PE, FP, AGI
ECP	\$200,000	P
NAP	\$100,000	P, \$2.0 million Qualifying Gross Revenue (QGR)
TAA	\$10,000	P, AGI
TAP	\$75,000	P

Farm Operating Plan (CCC-502) and

Other Forms

Producers are only required to file a new farm operating plan (and required documentation) if one is not on file or the current farm operating plan has significant changes which may affect a determination. No program benefits subject to these determinations will be provided until all required forms are submitted and applicable approved determinations are made.

In addition to the Farm Operating Plan, producers may also be required to provide information regarding the members in entities, and their designation of permitted entities.

Husband and Wife Determinations

Spouses may be considered separate "persons" for payment limitation purposes if this determination is requested and applicable requirements are met.

End of Year Review Process

If selected for an end of year review, documentation necessary to verify information on the Farm Operating Plans will be requested by FSA. Producers may also be interviewed by review teams to ensure compliance with payment limitation provisions. Failure to provide information may result in ineligibility for program benefits.

Adjusted Gross Income Provisions

In accordance with National Procedure, noncompliance with the adjusted gross income provisions, either by exceeding the \$2.5 million limitation or by failure to submit the applicable certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to the adjusted gross income provisions.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

If you're too busy getting work done around the farm to come into your local FSA office to conduct business and complete your paperwork, here's a solution. Retain an agent to act on your behalf for programs and transactions authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill and most other FSA administered programs. This can be done by completing an FSA-211 (Power of Attorney form). The form is available at your local FSA office.

MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT (MILC) PROGRAM

Changing Your Start Month

Dairy operations are reminded that if they want to change the starting month to receive MILC payments, they must do so anytime before the 15th of the month before the month designated on the MILC contract. Otherwise, the designated starting month cannot be changed until the next Fiscal Year.

For instance, if you designated on the CCC-580 contract March as your starting month to begin receiving MILC payments for the Fiscal Year and you want to change your start month to another month, you must request the change on or before February 15th.

If the selected starting month is never modified, that month will remain the same throughout the duration of the contract.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES

As of January 1, 1999, all payments issued by the county FSA office are supposed to be by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) to a pre-designated checking or savings account with your financial institution.

In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the FSA Office if you change or close your bank account, or if your bank is purchased by another financial institution. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to account or bank routing numbers.

REPORTING FARM INFORMATION

It is the producer's responsibility to report their farm operation completely and accurately.

It is also the producer's responsibility to notify FSA of any changes in their farming operation or entity status throughout the year. Changes that may affect a determination include, but are not limited to, a change in contract shares of a contract; change of

land lease from cash rent to share rent or from share rent to cash rent; a change in the size or structure of the producer's farming operation; change in the member's shares; and a change in the contributions of farm inputs of capital, equipment, active personal labor, or active personal management.

FOREIGN LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the Farm Service Agency within 90 days of the closing. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys, and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

SPOUSAL SIGNATURES

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse. There are important exceptions to the rule. Check with the county office staff for details.

CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops such as soybeans, and changing or removing existing conservation practices. It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying – tilling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling - any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of

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