

## Planting Transferability Pilot Program

### Overview

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), as amended by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 provides funding for the Planting Transferability Pilot Program (PTPP), a pilot project to permit the planting of cucumbers, green peas, lima beans, pumpkins, snap beans, sweet corn and tomatoes grown for processing on base acres during each of the 2009 through 2013 crop years.

### Explanation of PTPP

In general, the planting of fruits (including nuts), vegetables (other than mung beans and pulse crops) or wild rice on base acres on the farm is prohibited and results in a violation of the terms of a Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) contract unless enrolled in PTPP.

PTPP allows producers in eligible states to plant eligible vegetables for processing on base acres. Base acres on a farm for a crop year will be reduced by an acre for each acre planted under PTPP. However, the reduction in base acres under PTPP will expire at the end of the crop year and will be restored to the farm.

### Eligible States and Acres

The 2008 Farm Bill, as amended, specifically limits the number of acres and states where PTPP is available. The following chart shows the states and acre limitation for each state where producers may participate in the program:

State	Acres
Illinois	9,000
Indiana	9,000
Iowa	1,000
Michigan	9,000
Minnesota	34,000
Ohio	4,000
Wisconsin	9,000

**Note:** Land enrolled in PTPP must be physically located in one of the above states.

### Eligible Crops

Crops eligible for PTPP include all of the following intended for processing:

- Cucumbers
- Green peas
- Lima beans
- Pumpkins
- Snap beans
- Sweet corn
- Tomatoes

### Eligibility for PTPP

To be eligible for participation in PTPP, producers must:

- Produce any combination of eligible crops intended for processing;
- Agree to produce the crop or crops as part of a program of crop rotation on the farm to achieve agronomic and pest and disease management benefits;
- Provide evidence of disposition of the planted crop or crops and;
- Have an interest in base acres on a farm that is physically located in participating states.

**Note:** Producers must provide their administrative county office with a copy of the contract between the producer and processing plant.

### PTPP Sign-Up Period and Form

The sign-up period for PTPP begins Feb. 19, 2013, and ends April 5, 2013. There are no provisions to accept a late-filed request for the PTPP. Producers must complete form CCC-749 and submit it to their administrative county office to participate in PTPP.

**Note:** Since each state is statutorily limited to the number of acres, it is possible that a lottery may be conducted to select PTPP participants.

### **Who Must Sign**

All producers, including owners and operators, sharing in base acres on the farm must sign form CCC-749.

### **DCP and ACRE Participation**

DCP or ACRE payments on farms participating in PTPP will be calculated using temporarily reduced base acres. DCP and ACRE payments issued for farms and subsequently approved to participate in PTPP may need to be refunded according to the level of participation in PTPP.

### **For More Information**

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