



FACT SHEET

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Planting Transferability Pilot Program

Overview

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Act) provides for 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 under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) during each of the 2009 through 2012 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 the DCP contract unless enrolled in the pilot program.

This pilot project permits the planting of listed 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.

Land Eligible for PTPP

The 2008 Act 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 PTPP:

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.

Eligibility for PTPP

To be eligible for participation in the PTPP, producers on the farm must:

- Produce any combination of cucumbers, green peas, lima beans, pumpkins, snapbeans, sweet corn and tomatoes for processing
- Agree to produce the crop 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 crop
- Have interest in base acres on a farm that is physically located in a state listed

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

General Information

There is a yearly sign-up period for the PTPP, typically in the late winter. There are no provisions to accept a late-filed request for the PTPP. Producers shall request to participate in the PTPP on form CCC-749.

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 be required to be refunded according to the level of participation in PTPP.

For More Information

Further information on this and other FSA programs is available from local FSA offices or on FSA's Web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

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