

For: State and County Offices

Returning Unobligated Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) Funds

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 provided for an Interim Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) which replaced ACP.

Since ACP was terminated in FY 1995, most ACP-LTA agreements should be completed. To rectify ledgers, FSA will need to recover all ACP-LTA funds that will not be used.

B Purpose

This notice recovers all unobligated ACP funds.

C ACP-ANA Funds

All ACP-ANA contracts should have been completed several years ago. All outstanding or pending approvals left on the ACP-ANA ledgers shall be immediately cancelled.

D ACP-LTA Funds

As of June 30, 2004, there was a balance of \$2,730,758 in outstanding ACP-LTA approvals.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2005	State and County Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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E Contacts

If there are any questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the applicable State Office
- regarding funds control, State Offices shall contact Ilka Gray at 202-720-5784
- regarding ACP policy, State Offices shall contact Clayton Furukawa at 202-690-0571.

2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- by COB, August 31, 2004, ensure that all ACP-ANA ledgers are closed out
- review County Office figures on the outstanding ACP-LTA agreements to determine whether those funds can be returned to the National Office
- by September 10, 2004, notify the National Office of the amount of ACP-ANA and ACP-LTA funds to be returned.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- ensure that producers with outstanding ACP-LTA contracts are notified that all contracts must have final performance reported by September 30, 2005

Note: There can be **no exceptions** to this deadline.

- review ACP ledgers and provide State Offices with the amount of ACP-ANA and ACP-LTA funds to be returned to the National Office.