

For: State and County Offices

Providing RMA Data to Producers

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The 2018 Farm Bill provides **landowners** a one-time opportunity to update the farm’s Price Loss Coverage (PLC) yield for covered commodities. To update the covered commodity’s yield, the covered commodity must have been planted in the years 2013 through 2017. The yield update is optional and is completed on a farm by farm, crop by crop basis. The update of yields is completed using certified yields of the covered commodities as completed on optional form CCC-867.

To assist owners with the yield certification process, FSA and RMA have compiled data and created a yield report for the years 2013 through 2017. The Report of Yield Data can be used by each applicable producer to review and update a farm and crop’s PLC yield.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy for County Offices to distribute the Report of Yield Data to insured producers.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices will contact the applicable State Office specialist
- State Offices will contact Brent Orr by email to **brent.orr@usda.gov**.

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October 1, 2020	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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A Obtaining the Data Included on the Report of Yield Data

RMA has provided to FSA actual yield data by producer for the years 2013 through 2017 to be used for the PLC yield update process.

Farm owners and/or operators who have purchased Federal crop insurance and certified actual production may use yield data reported to RMA to assist in yield certification to FSA for updating the farm's CC yield.

The Report of Yield Data will be available upon request by **the insured producer**. The request of the data must be submitted by the producer to their local County FSA Office. FSA will provide a copy of the report after the request is made.

B Reporting Yield Data

Each landowner or farm operator may report the farm's yield on optional form CCC-867 using production evidence available to the owner or operator for each of the years 2013 through 2017; however, the landowner is required to sign CCC-867.

The certified yield for each year must represent the total harvested production and any appraised production divided by the planted acres of the covered commodity on the farm for each year the crop was planted during the years 2013 through 2017.

If the producer did not have a share of the crop planted, in any of the years 2013 through 2017, or could not obtain the yield data from the previous producer, then a zero yield for that crop year must be entered on CCC-867.

C Using the Report of Yield Data

Producers who have purchased federal crop insurance may use yield data reported to RMA by their crop insurance agent and Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) for determining the yield to certify on CCC-867.

Producers may use the data on the Report of Yield Data to report 2013 through 2017 yields on CCC-867. The crop insurance yields on the Report of Yield Data summary are those used to establish the actual production history (APH) database for each subsequent crop year. The data is summarized by insured unit (that is basic, optional, enterprise or whole farm) and year.

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C Using the Report of Yield Data (Continued)

The FSA farm number is listed in the report if the FSA farm number was reported by AIP to RMA.

Note: The yield data on the Report of Yield Data summary may differ from the producer's current APH yield as changes in operations, unit structure, etc. can lead to adjustments. The yield update process is completed as the farm or farms are constituted for the 2020 crop year. As a reminder, the Report of Yield Data summary may **not** include all the farms or may include additional farms for a particular year, 2013 through 2017, that the producer has in his/her 2020 farming operation. Producers must use the most accurate yields to certify the crops yields and may not want to use the yield data attached if they question the accuracy of the data.

The APH approved yield **cannot** be used to certify an individual year's yield. An APH approved yield, determined for crop insurance purposes, is an average of the actual yields over varying years and may include non-actual yields such as 60 percent yield substitutions. Therefore, only actual yields for an individual crop year may be used to update the farm's payment yield.

Producers may use the Report of Yield Data as follows:

- the yield data for each crop insurance unit can be used (matched up the applicable FSA farm) for each covered commodity for each year

Note: This may require splitting or combining unit, acreage and production to match the 2020 FSA FSN.

- the blended yield for the covered commodity and year can be used for all acres of the covered commodity on the FSA farm(s) for that year. The blended yield:
 - is attributed to all FSA farms that had those acres as listed in the 2020 FSA farm's acreage history.

Note: This is considered the commingling production policy according to 1-ARCPLC (Rev. 1), paragraph 86.

- **cannot** be used with acreage of the covered commodity that was **not** under control of the producer in an applicable year but is now part of the 2020 FSA FSN.

Note: In this instance, the owner may use the substitute yield for acreage of the crop for which yield records are not available. The producer may then combine the substitute yield and production with the actual yield and production to determine a new blended yield for the crop and farm. This is considered the partial plug provision as discussed in national training.

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3 Providing Report of Yield Data

A Information

The yield information letter in Exhibit 1 and Report of Yield Data shall be provided to **insured producers** upon request.

The example of the Report of Yield Data in Exhibit 2 includes production and yields for the 2013 through 2017 crop years. The 2013 through 2017 yields are used for yield certification.

B Copies of the Report of Yield Data

A copy of the Report of Yield Data will be made available through the State Office.

C Who May Receive the Yield Data Report

According to 2-INFO, subparagraphs 4 A, 4 C, and 21 C, and 3-INFO, subparagraphs 16 A, 16 B, and 17 A, data provided to RMA by a producer may only be released by FSA to the producer who provided the documentation (the name on the policy). If the name on the policy is an entity, then the data may be released to the member who is the authorized representative. FSA-211's do not authorize release of RMA data to a representative.

4 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- provide insured producers a copy of the letter and their Report of Yield Data upon request

Note: A copy of the report may be provided in person, by mail, e-mail, or FAX.

- ensure the provisions of subparagraph 3 C are met
- access a copy of the report on the ARCPLC SharePoint site at <https://sharepoint.fsa.usda.net/mgr/dafp/PECD/ARCPLC/SitePages/Home.aspx>
 - select the file “RMA_APH_2019_Update”
 - select the applicable State
 - the password for the files will be provided by email.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that:

- County Offices are aware of the availability of the Report of Yield Data
- copies of the report are provided to the insured producers upon request according to subparagraph 3 C.

Letter to the Producer Requesting Their Own Report of Yield Data A Sample Letter

The following is an optional sample letter to be used when providing the Report of Yield Data to a producer.

Dear Producer:

The 2018 Farm Bill provides landowners a one-time opportunity to update a farm's payment yield (Price Loss Coverage or PLC yield) for covered commodities planted on the farm in the years 2013 – 2017. The yield may be updated to 90 percent of the simple average of the production from the planted acres in those years multiplied by the national average yield factor.

The landowner or farm operator may certify the farm's yield on FSA form CCC-867 using production evidence available to the owner or operator for each of the years 2013 - 2017. The certified yield for each year must represent the total harvested acreage and/or any appraised production divided by the planted acres of the covered commodity on the farm for each year the crop was planted during the years 2013 - 2017. If you did not have a share of the crop planted, in any of the years 2013 – 2017, nor could you obtain the yield data from the previous producer, you should enter a zero yield for that crop year.

Farm owners and/or operators who have purchased Federal crop insurance may use the yield data reported to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) via their crop insurance agent and Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) for determining the yield to certify on the CCC-867. You are encouraged to use crop insurance yield data when possible. To assist you in calculating an updated covered commodity yield, FSA has summarized the crop insurance data for the years of 2013 – 2017. Enclosed with this letter is a summary of your average yield per covered commodity as reported by your AIP for those years.

The crop insurance yields on the summary are those used to establish your actual production history (APH) database for each subsequent crop year. The data is summarized by insured unit (i.e. Basic, Optional, Enterprise, or Whole Farm) and year. The FSA farm number is listed if reported by your AIP. Please note that the yield on this summary may differ from your current APH yield as changes in operations, unit structure, etc. can lead to adjustments since originally reported. You should use the most accurate yields possible to certify the crops yields and may not want to use the yield data attached. An APH approved yield, determined for crop insurance purposes, is an average of your actual yields over varying years and may include non-actual yields such as 60% yield substitutions. Therefore, an APH approved yield cannot be used to update an individual year's yield. Only actual Yields for an individual crop year may be used to update your farm's payment yield.

Report of Yield Data

A Example of Report of Yield Data With FSN Not Complete

Following is an example of the Report of Yield Data. In this example, RMA was unable to furnish an FSA FSN as that number was **not** reported to AIP. The producer would be required to determine which FSA FSN was applicable to RMA units 10001 and 10006.

Producer, Any – XXX-XX-1122 - Production History

CANOLA							
2013	Producer Average Yield: 1304						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001		00010001	119.00	155,176.00	1,304.00
2014	Producer Average Yield: 1343						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001		00010001	97.00	130,174.00	1,342.00
	99	001		00010006	2.00	2,800.00	1,400.00

Report of Yield Data (Continued)

B Example of Report of Yield Data With Some FSN’s Complete

The following is an example of the Report of Yield Data. In this example of soybeans and wheat, RMA was able to furnish an FSA FSN as that number was reported to AIP, except in 2015 for both crops and 2014 for wheat. The producer may use the “Farm” column to determine the yield to certify for the applicable farm, year, and crop.

Producer, Any – XXX-XX-1133 - Production History

SOYBEANS							
2013	Producer Average Yield: 12						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	7878000	00100	197.00	6,501.00	33.00
	99	001	2736000	00103	540.00	3,240.00	6.00
	99	001	4879000	00102	60.40	664.40	11.00
	99	001	4879000	00104	36.00	324.00	9.00
99	001	4879000	00105	118.00	708.00	6.00	
2014	Producer Average Yield: 23						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	4879000	00102	252.20	5,800.60	23.00
2015	Producer Average Yield: 30						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001		00010000	200.50	6,015.00	30.00
	99	001		00010002	45.00	1,350.00	30.00
2016	Producer Average Yield: 39						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	7878	00010000	274.20	11,790.60	43.00
	99	001	2736	00010001	108.00	3,348.00	31.00
	99	001	2736	00010003	29.00	1,102.00	38.00
99	001	4879	00010002	45.00	1,575.00	35.00	
2017	Producer Average Yield: 28						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	2736	00010003	148.00	4,292.00	29.00
	99	001	4879	00010002	98.00	2,646.00	27.00

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Example of Report of Yield Data With Some FSN's Complete (Continued)

WHEAT							
2013	Producer Average Yield: 54						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	7878000	00100	302.10	18,428.10	61.00
	99	001	2736000	00108	170.00	6,800.00	40.00
99	001	4879000	00102	86.00	4,730.00	55.00	
2014	Producer Average Yield: 50						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001		00010000	137.00	7,946.00	58.00
	99	001		00010001	4.00	192.00	48.00
99	001		00010002	190.20	8,368.80	44.00	
2015	Producer Average Yield: 41						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001		00010001	69.00	2,622.00	38.00
	99	001		00010002	140.00	6,300.00	45.00
99	001		00010006	29.00	928.00	32.00	
2016	Producer Average Yield: 39						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	2736	00010008	105.00	3,675.00	35.00
	99	001	4879	00010001	2.00	80.00	40.00
99	001	4879	00010002	140.90	5,917.80	42.00	
2017	Producer Average Yield: 52						
	State	County	Farm	Unit	Acres	Production	Yield
	99	001	2736	00010008	104.00	5,824.00	56.00
99	001	4879	00010002	133.00	6,517.00	49.00	