

For: State and County Offices

Closing the Application Period for FSA-860, Crop Assistance Program (CAP) Applications

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1 Overview

A Background

CAP was established to provide assistance to producers of long, medium, or short grain rice; upland cotton; soybeans; or sweet potatoes in counties that received primary Secretarial disaster designations because of excessive moisture and related conditions in 2009. CAP is funded through Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of August 24, 1935, that allows the Secretary to use funds to reestablish the purchasing power of farmers, ranchers, and producers.

Producers who suffered a 5 percent or greater farm loss in 2009, on an eligible crop because of an excessive moisture or related condition, may sign up for CAP at their administrative County Office. The application period for CAP ends **December 9, 2010**.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- information about the close of the application period for CAP
- guidance to State and County Offices about using a register for CAP
- deadlines for completing all actions.

C FSA-860 Deadline

The **deadline** for producers to file FSA-860's is **COB December 9, 2010**. **There are no provisions for late-filed FSA-860's**. FSA-860's **not** filed by **December 9, 2010**, regardless of the reasons, will **not** be considered timely filed.

Notes: FSA-860's **do not** have to be paid by **December 9, 2010**. However, FSA-860's **must** be filed by **December 9, 2010**, to be eligible for payment consideration.

County Offices will **not** discourage any interested producers from filing FSA-860's, even if it appears that the participant may fail to meet an eligibility requirement or the participant may fail to earn a CAP payment.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2011	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 FSA-860 Registers and Deadline for Completing All Actions

A Using Registers

County Offices may request to use a register according to 1-CM, paragraph 2, because of heavy workload or computer processing issues that make completing FSA-860's impossible or impracticable by **December 9, 2010**.

Note: Each participant who may be eligible to apply for CAP **must personally** contact the County Office to be placed on the register.

B Deadline for Completing All Actions

County Offices **must** complete actions on **all** FSA-860's by **COB December 23, 2010**. A notice will be issued in January with instructions for issuing the balance of the CAP payments.

3 Action

A County Office Action

After approval to use a register, County Offices will:

- receive requests from producers to apply for CAP, document the method by which the request was received, and timely schedule an appointment
- date each FSA-860 with the date it is actually filed and cross-reference FSA-860 to the register
- ensure that all FSA-860's are processed by **December 23, 2010**.

B State Office Action

State Offices will:

- approve or disapprove each County Office's request to use a register for CAP
- monitor County Offices to ensure that participants on the register are scheduled for an appointment as soon as possible after **December 9, 2010**
- ensure that all FSA-860's are processed by **December 23, 2010**.