

For: State and County Offices

Change to Double-Cropped Acres

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1 Overview

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Background

Base acres on a farm cannot exceed effective DCP cropland unless the farm has double-cropped acreage history. There are some situations where the effective DCP cropland has been reduced to an amount less than the double-cropped acreage history. In these cases, the double-cropped history should be reduced to equal the effective DCP cropland.

For farms that **have not** made a base and yield election, follow procedure in paragraph 2. For farms that **have** made a base and yield election, follow procedure in paragraph 3.

The Base Options Software has been modified to make the applicable double-cropped acreage history reduction and will be included in County Release No. 503.

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Purpose

This notice provides County Offices with:

- the modified software applications
- instructions for handling farms that have this situation.

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2 Changes to Farm Bill Software

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Overview

The reduction in double-cropped acreage may affect the acres that are available for base and yield election. The only farms that will be affected are those that have a 4-year average of double-cropped acres in excess of the farm's effective DCP cropland. The only Farm Bill software that will be affected is the base options software. The base options software has been corrected; therefore, no action will be required by the County Office.

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Example 1

Farm 4695 enrolled 50.0 acres in a CRP contract on October 1, 2001, which reduced the farm's effective DCP cropland from 65.2 acres to 15.2 acres. The following table describes the planting history from 1998 through 2001 on farm number 4695.

Crop	1998	1999	2000	2001
Corn	25.3 Initial	25.3 Initial	25.3 Initial	0.0
Soybeans	25.2 Double	25.2 Double	25.2 Double	0.0

As a result of the planting history, the farm's 4-year average of double-cropped acreage is 18.9 acres and the farm's effective DCP cropland is 15.2 acres. The base options software will limit the farm to 30.4 (15.2 + 15.2) acres of base.

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Example 2

Farm 100 enrolled 100.0 acres in a CRP contract on October 1, 2000, which reduced the farm's effective DCP cropland from 100.0 acres to 0.0 acres. The following table describes the planting history from 1998 through 2001 on farm number 100.

Crop	1998	1999	2000	2001
Wheat	100.0 Initial	100.0 Initial	0.0	0.0
Soybeans	50.0 Double	50.0 Double	0.0	0.0

As a result of the planting history, the farm's 4-year average of double-cropped acreage is 25.0 acres and the farm's effective DCP cropland is 0.0 acres. The base options software will limit the farm to 0.0 acres of base.

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3 Changes to Farm Maintenance Software

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Overview

Although the base options software has been corrected, there may be situations where a base election has already been made on a farm where the double-cropped acres are in excess of the farm's effective DCP cropland. This will be handled through farm maintenance software.

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Example 1

Farm 4695 enrolled 50.0 acres in a CRP contract on October 1, 2001, which reduced the farm's effective DCP cropland from 65.2 acres to 15.2 acres. The following table describes the planting history from 1998 through 2001 on farm number 4695.

Crop	1998	1999	2000	2001
Corn	25.3 Initial	25.3 Initial	25.3 Initial	0.0
Soybeans	25.2 Double	25.2 Double	25.2 Double	0.0

As a result of the planting history, the farm's 4-year average of double-cropped acreage is 18.9 acres and the farm's effective DCP cropland is 15.2 acres. The base election for this farm was made before the base options software was changed. Following is an example of Screen MIDSCR01 before the change.

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Farm Records          043-FARIBAULT          MIDSCR01
Crop Selection Screen          Version: AE61  01/13/2003 10:14 Term H2
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Fiscal Year 2002          Base Acres      34.1
Farm Number 4695          Double-cropped Avg  18.9
Operator JOHN E EVANS          Cropland          65.2
DCP Cropland 65.2          Eff DCP Cropland  15.2

Line #  Crop          Base  Direct  CC  CRP  CRP
        Acres  Yield  Yield  Reduction  Pending
1  Wheat
2  Oats
3  Rice
4  Upland Cotton
5  Flax
6  Corn          19.0    129    106
7  Grain Sorghum

More Crops

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3 Changes to Farm Maintenance Software (Continued)

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Example 1
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Farm Records          043-FARIBAULT          MIDSCR01
Crop Selection Screen          Version: AE61  01/13/2003 10:14 Term H2
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Fiscal Year 2002
Farm Number 4695
Operator JOHN E EVANS
DCP Cropland 65.2
Base Acres 34.1
Double-cropped Avg 18.9
Cropland 65.2
Eff DCP Cropland 15.2

Line #  Crop          Base  Direct  CC      CRP      CRP
      #  Crop          Acres  Yield  Yield  Reduction  Pending
1     1  Sunflowers          15.1    21     25
2     2  Safflower
3     3  Soybeans
4     4  Barley
5     5  Rapeseed
6     6  Mustard
7     7  Canola

More Crops

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The farm enrolled 19.0 acres of corn and 15.1 acres of soybeans for a total of 34.1 acres of base. However, only 30.4 acres of base is eligible to be enrolled. Following is an example of Screen MIDSCR01.

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Farm Records          043-FARIBAULT          MIDSCR01
Crop Selection Screen          Version: AE61  01/13/2003 10:14 Term H2
-----
Fiscal Year 2002
Farm Number 4695
Operator JOHN E EVANS
DCP Cropland 65.2
Base Acres 30.4
Double-cropped Avg 18.9
Cropland 65.2
Eff DCP Cropland 15.2

Line #  Crop          Base  Direct  CC      CRP      CRP
      #  Crop          Acres  Yield  Yield  Reduction  Pending
1     1  Wheat
2     2  Oats
3     3  Rice
4     4  Upland Cotton
5     5  Flax
6     6  Corn          19.0    129    106
7     7  Grain Sorghum

More Crops
Total Base acres exceed Eff DCP Cropland + Eff Double-cropped by 3.7
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3 Changes to Farm Maintenance Software (Continued)

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**Example 1
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Farm Records          043-FARIBAULT          MIDSCR01
Crop Selection Screen          Version: AE61  01/13/2003 10:14 Term H2
-----
Fiscal Year 2002
Farm Number 4695
Operator JOHN E EVANS
DCP Cropland 65.2
Base Acres 34.1
Double-cropped Avg 18.9
Cropland 65.2
Eff DCP Cropland 15.2

Line #  Crop          Base  Direct  CC      CRP      CRP
      1  Sunflowers      Acres  Yield  Yield  Reduction  Pending
      2  Safflower
      3  Soybeans          15.1    21     25
      4  Barley
      5  Rapeseed
      6  Mustard
      7  Canola

More Crops
Total Base acres exceed Eff DCP Cropland + Eff Double-cropped by 3.7
Line Number
Enter=Continue  Cmd2=Select Fm/Tract/Producer  Roll=Page
    
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The double-cropped average calculation has not been changed in farm maintenance. Farm maintenance will show that farm 4695 has 18.9 double-cropped acres, but a validation has been added that the base acres cannot exceed 2 times the effective DCP cropland acres. The base acres on farm 4695 now exceed the effective DCP cropland plus eligible double cropped by 3.7 acres.

The producer(s) must reduce the base acres on farm 4695 using CCC-505. County Offices shall follow procedure in 3-CM (Rev. 3), paragraph 247 for notifying the producer(s) and reducing the base acres.

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Example 2

Farm 100 enrolled 100.0 acres in a CRP contract on October 1, 2000, which reduced the farm’s effective DCP cropland from 100.0 acres to 0.0 acres. The following table describes the planting history from 1998 through 2001 on farm number 100.

Crop	1998	1999	2000	2001
Wheat	100.0 Initial	100.0 Initial	0.0	0.0
Soybeans	50.0 Double	50.0 Double	0.0	0.0

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3 Changes to Farm Maintenance Software (Continued)

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Example 2
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As a result of the planting history, the farm's 4-year average of double-cropped acreage is 25.0 acres and the farm's effective DCP cropland is 0.0 acres. The base election for this farm was made before the base options software was changed. Following is an example of Screen MIDSCR01 before the change.

```

Farm Records          043-FARIBAULT          MIDSCR01
Crop Selection Screen          Version: AE61  01/13/2003 10:14 Term H2
-----
Fiscal Year 2002          Base Acres          25.0
Farm Number 100          Double-cropped Avg  25.0
Operator JOHN E EVANS          Cropland          100.0
DCP Cropland 100.0          Eff DCP Cropland  0.0

Line #  Crop          Base  Direct  CC  CRP  CRP
        Acres  Yield  Yield  Reduction  Pending
1  Sunflowers
2  Safflower
3  Soybeans          25.0    21    25
4  Barley
5  Rapeseed
6  Mustard
7  Canola

More Crops

Enter=Continue  Cmd2=Select Fm/Tract/Producer  Roll=Page          Line Number
    
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The farm enrolled 25.0 acres of soybeans for a total of 25.0 acres of base. Because the effective DCP cropland is 0.0, 0.0 acres of base is eligible to be enrolled. Following is an example of Screen MIDSCR01.

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Farm Records          043-FARIBAULT          MIDSCR01
Crop Selection Screen          Version: AE61  01/13/2003 10:14 Term H2
-----
Fiscal Year 2002          Base Acres          25.0
Farm Number 100          Double-cropped Avg  25.0
Operator JOHN E EVANS          Cropland          100.0
DCP Cropland 100.0          Eff DCP Cropland  0.0

Line #  Crop          Base  Direct  CC  CRP  CRP
        Acres  Yield  Yield  Reduction  Pending
1  Sunflowers
2  Safflower
3  Soybeans          25.0    21    25
4  Barley
5  Rapeseed
6  Mustard
7  Canola

More Crops
Total Base acres exceed Eff DCP Cropland + Eff Double-cropped by 25.0
Enter=Continue  Cmd2=Select Fm/Tract/Producer  Roll=Page          Line Number
    
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3 Changes to Farm Maintenance Software (Continued)

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**Example 2
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The double-cropped average calculation has not been changed in farm maintenance. Farm maintenance software will show that farm 100 has 25.0 double-cropped acres, but a validation has been added that the base acres cannot exceed 2 times the effective DCP cropland acres. The base acres on farm 100 now exceed the effective DCP cropland plus eligible double cropped by 25.0 acres.

The producer(s) must reduce the base acres on farm 100 using CCC-505. County Offices shall follow procedure in 3-CM (Rev. 3), paragraph 247 for notifying the producer(s) and reducing the base acres.
