

For: State and County Offices

Correcting Double-Cropped Acres and Bases on Farms Resulting From a Farm Division

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1 Overview

A Background

Procedure was provided in 2-CM (Rev. 5), paragraph 254 for dividing double-cropped acres during farm divisions. In some cases the method used to divide double-cropped acres has created out of balance farms. In some of these cases, County Offices have processed CCC-505 and permanently reduced base acres.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs County Offices that the procedure for dividing double-cropped acres will be amended in 2-CM (Rev. 5), Amendment 3
- provides new policy for dividing double-cropped acres
- provides instructions for correcting double-cropped acres and/or base acres on resulting farms.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Revision of Dividing Double-Cropped Acres Policy

A Dividing Double-Cropped Acres Using Existing FSA-517

FSA-517's will be on file for any farm on which:

- option 4 was selected as the base option during the base and yield election process
- bases were redistributed according to 3-CM (Rev. 3), paragraph 249.

The distribution of double-cropped acres may have been documented on FSA-517's completed according to 3-CM (Rev. 3).

County Offices shall use data on FSA-517's on file to determine the number of double-cropped acres to be attributed to each resulting farm.

If double-cropped acres were:

- documented on FSA-517, use those acres to determine the double-cropped acres for each resulting farm and enter the acres on Screen MIQFCE01
- **not** documented on FSA-517, determine the acres according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Add the bases for all tracts on each resulting farm.
2	Add the effective DCP cropland for all tracts on each resulting farm.
3	For each resulting farm, subtract the results of step 2 from the results of step 1. The result is the number of double-cropped acres needed to support the bases on the resulting farm. Enter the result on Screen MIQFCE01 for the applicable resulting farm.

If all of the parent farm's double-cropped acres are not accounted for using this method of distribution, then distribute the remainder of the acres using effective DCP cropland ratio according to 2-CM (Rev. 5), subparagraph 254 C. In 2-CM (Rev. 5), Amendment 3, information in paragraph 254 will be moved to paragraph 237.5.

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3 Correcting Resulting Farms

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For resulting farms that are out-of-balance because of double-cropped acres being distributed according to 2-CM (Rev. 5), paragraph 254, use this paragraph to correct data on those farm.

B Determine Double-Cropped Acres

Determine the double-cropped acres that should be on each resulting farm according to paragraph 2.

C Correct Double-Cropped Acres

Correct the double-cropped acres for each resulting farm for applicable farm divisions. The total of the revised double-cropped acres for the resulting farm shall not exceed the double-cropped acres for the parent farm. Therefore, if double-cropped acres are increased on 1 farm, they must be reduced from 1 or more of the other resulting farms of the same reconstitution.

Update the new double-cropped acres in the "Avg Dbl Hist" field on Screen MIBUFL31 according to 3-CM (Rev. 3), paragraph 202.

D Bases Reduced by CCC-505

If a resulting farm is out-of-balance because reconstitution procedure was followed and excess bases were permanently reduced using CCC-505, restore the bases to the applicable farm. Make a note on existing CCC-505 that the reduced acres are being revised because of revised double-cropped acres. Document the changes in the crop and number of acres.

Restore base acres at the tract crop level on Screen MIDUCP01 according to 3-CM-(Rev. 3), paragraph 226.

Reprint FSA-476DCP according to 2-CM (Rev. 5), paragraphs 216 and 218. Mail FSA-476DCP's to the farms' producers and inform the producers that bases have been revised because of revised double-cropped acres.

Revise CCC-509 for the applicable farm(s) and obtain applicable signatures by September 30, 2003.

4 Pending Reconstitutions

A Review Pending Reconstitutions

Review all pending reconstitutions to determine if the parent farm and resulting farms have double-cropped acres. If so, for each resulting farm, determine if the effective DCP cropland plus double-cropped acres are sufficient to support all the bases. If the effective DCP cropland plus double-cropped acres for each resulting farm:

- support the bases, no further action is needed concerning the double-cropped acres, update the reconstitution as applicable
- do **not** support the bases:
 - delete the pending reconstitution according to 2-CM (Rev. 5), paragraph 506
 - determine the double-cropped acres for each resulting farm according to paragraph 2
 - reinitiate the farm division using the redetermined double-cropped acres.