

**For:** State and County Offices

**Pulse Crops and Rice Projected Software Update**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Software Update**

**A Background**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act), Pub. L. 110-246, was enacted into law on June 18, 2008. The 2008 Act provides that:

- for the addition of pulse crops as “covered commodities”, pulse crops are defined as dry peas, lentils, desi garbanzo beans, and kabuli garbanzo beans
- rice, a current “covered commodity”, will now be determined as long grain or medium grain.

County Offices were advised in Notice CM-616 that pulse crops, long grain rice, and medium grain rice would **not** be available in the Farm Records Management System when 2009 rollover was completed.

**B Purpose**

This notice announces that the software update that would add additional crops is scheduled to be released in late December 2008.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
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