

For: State Offices

Review of Crop Reporting Dates for 2000 and Subsequent Crop Years

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

1 Overview

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Background

Final crop reporting dates for each State are in 2-CP, Exhibit 6. In almost all cases, currently established crop reporting dates are near the end of the crop's growing (or risk) period.

2-CP, Exhibit 6, specifies that the final date for reporting any specific crop acreage for which NAP assistance may be paid is the earlier of the established acreage reporting date or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specified crop acreage being reported. Specific reporting dates are established for ornamental nursery, aquaculture, and honey for all localities.

NAP is intended to provide coverage against catastrophic losses (or prevented planting) stemming from widespread natural disasters. A NAP task force comprised of STC, State Office, and County Office personnel recently met and concluded that State Offices should establish crop reporting dates that are early in the crop's growing or risk period to implement NAP more effectively.

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Purpose

This notice instructs State Offices to review 2-CP, Exhibit 6, and established crop reporting dates to determine changes to those dates that should be made for the 2000 and subsequent crop years.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>December 1, 1999</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 Establishing Crop Reporting Dates

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Crop Reporting Dates

Crop reporting dates should be established:

- to ensure that crop acreage is reported soon after planting and early in the crop's growing (or risk) period
- for general growing periods, not necessarily **for each** crop's unique growing period, that can be identified in the county

Example: In a county small grains are planted in October or November and are ordinarily harvested as grain in May or June. Cabbage and various spring vegetables are also planted around October, November, and early December, and the produce is harvested in March, April, May, and June. A general growing period from the end of September through middle of June could be established for these **small grains and spring vegetables** (group of crop's name).

- on either the 15th or end of a month (28th, 29th, 30th or 31st, as applicable) for a particular crop or group of crops with a similar general growing period

Example: In a county fall cucumbers, fall squash, and fall zucchini, etc. (fall vegetables) have an average final planting date of August 1 and an average normal onset of harvest date (of the fall vegetables) of November 15. The recommended acreage reporting date for **fall vegetables** (group of crop's name) in the county is August 15.

- to ensure consistency from county to county within the State and across State boundaries.

Note: Differences in crop reporting dates between counties should be supported by differences in actual final planting dates or differences in growing periods.

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Final Planting Date, and Growing Periods

1-NAP, Exhibit 2 defines a final planting date as the end of the planting period for annually planted crops.

Note: FSA recognizes most RMA final planting dates as applicable to the crop.

Each crop not planted annually shall have a growing period which generally is the end of dormancy through harvest.

Example: Pecans are harvested in October and November in a county. The trees are then dormant (not producing) until late February. Buds and new leaf growth appear in early March. The growing period, for NAP purposes, could be considered February or March through November.

3 Action

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State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- review 2-CP, Exhibit 6, and established crop reporting dates to determine changes that should be made
- complete Exhibit 1 of this notice

Note: Include only those crops for which STC recommends a change of the crop reporting date

- submit the completed Exhibit 1 to PECD by FAX at 202-690-3646 within 60 calendar days of receiving this notice.
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STC Recommended Crop Reporting Dates

To: DAFP/PECD/NAPB

From: _____ State Office

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Crop or Group of Crop's Name	County, Counties, or Entire State	Growing Period or Final Planting Date	Normal Onset of Harvest Date	Recommended Crop Reporting Date
STC Representative's Signature			Date	