

For: State and County Offices

2002 Compliance Spot Check Procedure

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Currently 2-CP provides that annual compliance spot-checks are performed using 35 mm slides scaled to official hard copy aerial photography. Alternative methods of acquiring compliance imagery are being tested in Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. As more County Offices receive their CLU's, additional State Offices are looking for digital compliance alternatives. FSA recognizes that there are opportunities for testing and implementing new approved compliance methods, however, any compliance method used by FSA for program purposes must meet National Office approval.

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Purpose

This notice:

- provides guidance to State and County Offices for the 2002 compliance season
- outlines the procedures that can be used for the 2002 compliance season and how to request the use of an alternate compliance method from the National Office.

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Contact

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the State Office
- State Offices shall contact Brent Reitmeier, PECD, Compliance Branch at 202-720-2090.

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December 1, 2002	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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County Offices With CLU's

County Offices with digitized CLU's can perform digital compliance by either of the following aerial compliance methods:

- scanning 35 mm slides
- using digital images from a digital camera.

Note: Refer to subparagraph B for County Offices not currently using digital imagery.

State Offices using digital compliance shall report to PECD, Compliance Branch which of the 2 methods will be used. The report should include the following:

- list of County Offices conducting digital compliance
- method of conducting digital compliance
- cost expected to conduct digital compliance
- funds available
- funds needed.

Note: County Offices with CLU's conducting digital compliance shall stay within their budget for digitalized activities unless additional funding is justified and approved by DAFP.

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County Offices With Paper Maps

Unless alternative methods have been approved, County Office using paper maps shall:

- follow instructions in 2-CP
 - obtain 35 mm slides or ground measure.
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Alternative Compliance Methods

Any method, other than what is outlined above, will require National Office approval. All requests shall be sent through the State Office to PECD, Compliance Branch. Requests shall provide a detailed description of the proposed method to be used and the name of a contact person.

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Annual State Compliance Plan Of Operation (PA-131R)

2-CP, subparagraph 4 E requires submitting an annual compliance plan by January 1 of each year.

Note: State and County Offices planning to use an alternative measure that have not submitted this report may use this report to request an alternative compliance method.
