

For: State and County Offices

Required Acreage Reports

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Program



1 Background

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The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provides that acreage reports for 2002 through 2007 are required for all cropland on a farm as a condition of the receipt of direct and counter-cyclical payments, loan deficiency payments (LDP's), and marketing assistance loans for that farm.

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Purpose

This notice informs County Offices of revised acreage report requirements.

2 Revised Acreage Report Requirements

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General Requirements

The requirement to report all cropland on the farm as a condition of receipt of direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, LDP's, and marketing assistance loans applies beginning with the 2002 crop year. Producers are required to file an acreage report for **all** cropland on the farm before DCP payments can be issued.

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2 Revised Acreage Report Requirements (Continued)

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General Requirements (Continued)

The Act does not change the current acreage reporting requirements for PFC's, loans, LDP's, and NAP. The requirements of 2-CP, subparagraph 17 B must be met by the applicable reporting dates in 2-CP, Exhibit 6. If an acreage report is late-filed for these programs, a late-filed fee must be charged according to 2-CP, paragraph 21.

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2002 New Requirements

Acreage reports filed only for determining bases for DCP shall not be assessed a late-filed fee.

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2003 Through 2007 Required Acreage Reports

Required acreage reports for 2003 through 2007 shall be filed by the reporting dates established in 2-CP and shall include **all** cropland. Reports taken after these dates will be considered late-filed and late-filed fees will apply.

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County Office Action

County Offices shall notify producers of the requirement for reporting all cropland to be eligible for DCP benefits, marketing assistance loans, and LDP's using all available means.
