

For: State and County Offices

2002 Compliance Issues

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Some County Offices have:

- failed to publicize final acreage reporting deadlines and the requirement that **all** cropland on the farm must be certified for crop years 2002 through 2007 for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) eligibility
- been unable to complete 2002 compliance spot checks.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- crop reporting dates shall be publicized
- late-filed fees for 2002 crop acreage reports for DCP, price support loans, and LDP's are waived
- late-filed fees for 2001 and 2002 crop acreage reports for CDP are waived
- **all** cropland is required to be reported for program participation
- Notice CP-558 is obsolete; the requirement for completing 2002 spot checks has been waived unless County Offices determine that the report is questionable.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>October 1, 2003</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 Reporting and Waived Items

A Publishing Crop Reporting Dates

Acreage reporting dates established in 2-CP, Exhibit 6, shall be published timely for producers to have ample time to meet deadlines.

B Reporting Total Cropland Requirement

The 2002 Farm Bill requires that to receive DCP, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), or commodity loan program benefits for a farm, the producer must file a complete acreage report for the farm which includes **all** cropland. This information shall be publicized.

Note: Software has been developed that compares reported cropland to actual cropland. If all cropland has been accounted for, a flag is set that allows payments to be issued. All cropland on the farm must be reported before final DCP payments can be processed. If the total cropland has not been reported, the flag is defaulted to "N". A flag set to "N" will not allow payments to be issued.

C 2002 Spot Check Requirements Waived for the Automated Inspection Selections Process

Notice CP-558 instructed State and County Offices to continue spot checking and to submit Crop Compliance Data Reports through June. States and counties are advised that:

- 2002 spot checks, selected by the Automated Farm Inspection Selection Process, that have not completed can be waived unless the County Office determines that the report is questionable
- transmissions of Crop Data Reports for April, May, and June are not required
- completing Notice CP-558, Exhibit 1, is not required.

D Late-Filed Fees Waived

There will be no charge for late-filed acreage reports accepted for the purpose of DCP, LDP's, price support loans, or 2001 and 2002 Crop Disaster Program. However, the provision which requires evidence of existence and disposition of the crop for the acreage report to be accepted is still applicable. Those provisions are outlined in the following:

- 1-DCP, paragraph 52
- 2-CP, subparagraph 21 F
- 3-DAP, subparagraph 35 C.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall advise County Offices of the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall carry out the actions outlined in this notice.