

For: State and County Offices

Reporting Prevented Planted Acreage

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1 Overview

A Background

According to the 2002 Farm Bill, any acreage prevented from planting because of disaster during crop years 1998 through 2001 was eligible for base acres. Therefore, any acreage that was prevented planted for crop years 1998 through 2001 had to be taken manually and also had to be verified. This caused a massive workload for County Offices. To prevent this from happening in the future, County Offices have been instructed to record prevented planted acres on the acreage report.

Beginning with crop year 2002, as a condition on the receipt of DCP payments, loans and LDP's, an annual acreage report must be filed with respect to all cropland on the farm; this includes prevented planted acreage.

B Purpose

This notice provides procedure to State and County Offices on:

- accepting prevented planted acreage
- verifying prevented planted acreage.

Note: This procedure will be included in a future 2-CP amendment.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>December 1, 2003</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 Action

A Producer Action

Producers who are requesting prevented planted credit shall:

- report acreage on FSA-578
- complete CCC-576. Part B
- provide evidence that:
 - the land was prevented from being planted to the intended crop as a result of a natural disaster
 - an effort was made to plant the crop.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall accept and verify prevented planted acreage according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Ensure that all acreage has been loaded into the automated acreage reporting system according to 2-CP, paragraph 63. Note: Do not certify acreage using option 9 on Menu MEAO0101 until the acreage has been approved by COC.
2	Process CCC-576 according to 1-NAP, paragraph 401.
3	If COC approval is obtained, certify FSA-578 according to 2-CP, paragraph 141.