

For: State and County Offices

Measurement Service Rate Review

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1 Overview

A Background

2-CP, paragraph 460 instructs COC's to set measurement service rates to recover the cost of performing measurement service. COC's should consider other costs in addition to regular compliance operations when determining rates. Additional costs used to determine rates may include, but are not limited to the following:

- office rent
- compliance equipment
- employee wages for time spent handling requests and performing the service
- travel distance
- supervising assistants
- training costs.

To better understand the variations of measurement service rates across counties and States and determine whether large discrepancies between counties and States exist, measurement service rates from each County Office are requested for review.

B Purpose

This notice directs State Offices to submit a report showing measurement service rates for their counties to PECD for review.

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October 1, 2006 4-20-06	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- retrieve measurement service rates for all counties in the State

Note: CRP compliance review fees shall **not** be included in this request (see Notice CRP-511).

- submit measurement service rate reports using the Excel spreadsheet which is available on the FSA Intranet in each State's library

Note: The title of the spreadsheet is "2006 Measurement Service Rates.xls" and it can be downloaded from the State Intranet Home Page. A link for each state library is available on the Home Page

- submit only 1 spreadsheet per State containing all county rates

Note: If 1 rate is established Statewide for each type of measurement service provided, input 1 line item on the spreadsheet showing rates and enter "Statewide" in the "County Name" field.

- e-mail the completed report to **david.tidwell@wdc.usda.gov** no later than May 5, 2006.

Example of Excel Spreadsheet for Measurement Service Rates Report

This is an example of the Excel Spreadsheet used for the Measurement Service Rates Report.

County Name/Code	\$ Per Farm Visit/Producer +	MS after Planting \$ per ???	Stake & Ref \$ per ???	Verifying Crops & Appraisals \$ per ???	Verifying Prod & FS Com \$ per ???	Late Filed Fees
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

- Column 1 County name and code
- Column 2 Basic farm visit fee (do not include additional fees here)
- Column 3 Additional charge for measurement after planting and include how rate is based, acre, field, plot, etc
- Column 4 Additional charge for staking and referencing
- Column 5 Addition cost for verifying or appraising crops and describe how rate is based, acre, field, plot, etc
- Column 6 Additional cost for verifying production and farm stored commodities, based on producer, bin, etc
- Column 7 Additional cost for late file reports that requires farm visit

Note: Replace “???” with acre, field, plot, bin, etc, as applies.