

For: State Offices

Crop Acreage Reporting Date Discrepancies Between FSA and RMA

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Action

A Background

According to 1-NAP and 2-CP, producers are required to report acreage annually on FSA-578.

RMA also requires producers to report acreage annually for crop insurance purposes.

Reports of acreage are used for various purposes, including the following:

- Ad Hoc Disaster Programs
- CRP annual rental payment
- DCP
- loans and LDP's
- NAP.

FSA and RMA are currently undertaking efforts to be more consistent on numerous provisions. The reporting dates for each agency is 1 of the areas being reviewed to determine if they can be made more consistent.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides instructions for States to determine crop types that have an acreage reporting date not consistent with RMA acreage reporting date
- requests States to determine whether the acreage reporting date instituted by RMA can be used by FSA to establish consistency between agencies.

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State Offices shall compare FSA's reporting date to the corresponding RMA reporting date for each crop. The review should be done by type and planting period, where applicable.

Acreage reporting dates **not** consistent between the 2 agencies shall be notated using Exhibit 1 to report the following:

- crop, by type and planting period where applicable
- FSA reporting date
- RMA reporting date.

For each crop with inconsistent dates, provide an explanation of whether or not the RMA reporting date could be used by FSA for the crop for consistency purposes. Also note any program impacts that may occur by changing FSA's reporting date to that of RMA.

Note: In the event multiple FSA acreage reporting dates are listed for the same crop, type, and planting period within the State, list the crop again on a separate line entry in Exhibit 1 to compare that acreage reporting date with RMA's date for that same area or region of the State.

All findings shall be submitted on Exhibit 1 to the National Office:

- no later than COB **July 14, 2006**
- by either of the following:
 - FAX at 202-690-3646
 - FedEx/UPS to:

USDA FSA DAFP DAB CDS
ROOM 3646 SO BLDG
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Negative reports are required.

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