

For: State and County Offices

**Change to Fruits and Vegetables (FAV) and Wild Rice (WR) Planted on Base Acres Report**

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**1 Report Change**

**A Background**

The FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report was created as a tool for County Offices to identify **potential** FAV/WR violations. The 2006 FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report was included in County Release No. 592. Since the release of the 2006 report, the National office discovered that crops recorded on FSA-578 with status codes of “E”, “F”, and “H” are not printing on the report. Upon further research, it was determined that crops recorded with status codes of “E”, “F”, and “H” were inadvertently removed from the report sometime during the 2005 crop year. Therefore, neither the 2005 nor 2006 reports included **all potential** violations. As a result, both the 2005 and 2006 reports have been changed to include the “E”, “F”, and “H” status codes.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides County Offices with instructions for:

- reprinting the 2005 and 2006 reports
- identifying additional violations
- ensuring that planting violations are identified and DCP payments are issued correctly.

**C Software**

The change to the 2005 and 2006 FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Reports is included in County Release No. 599.

**Disposal Date**

March 1, 2007

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**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 County Office Action

#### A Overview

Because of the changes made to both the 2005 and 2006 FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Reports, both reports must be reprinted and additional reviews conducted to ensure that all planting violations are identified.

#### B Reprinting FAV Reports

Upon receipt of corrected software, County Offices shall immediately print both the 2005 and 2006 FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Reports. These reports can be printed according to instructions in 4-CP.

#### C Identifying Violations

Because DCP base acres are not tied to specific land, automating a process to accurately identify FAV violations is not currently possible. As a result, the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report has been developed as a tool to identify **all potential** violations. Effectively, this report lists all farms that have FAV planted for the applicable crop year.

For each farm listed on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report, County Offices shall:

- conduct a thorough review of FSA-578's filed for the farm to determine FAV's that were planted for the farm
- follow the provisions of 1-DCP, Part 8 for determining whether a FAV planting violation exists
- follow the provisions of 4-CP to record violation information in the system.

#### D Payments

After loading violations into the automated system, County Offices shall:

- process 2005 and 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 8
- process 2005 and 2006 direct and counter-cyclical payments according to 2-DCP, Part 4.

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### 3 Examples

#### A Status Code “E”

According to 2-CP, status code “E” shall be used to record a covered commodity followed by FAV or wild rice or vice versa that meets the 2-CP double-cropping definition on FSA-578. Following are examples of when this status code will be used.

**Situation 1:** A producer on farm number 1 planted 100 acres of wheat followed by 50 acres of lettuce on field number 1. In the county, this combination meets the 2-CP double-cropping definition. On FSA-578, the County Office recorded:

- 100 acres of wheat with a status code of “I”
- 50 acres of lettuce with a status code of “E”.

The 50 acres of lettuce recorded with a status code of “E” will print on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report.

**Situation 2:** A producer on farm number 1 planted 75 acres of radishes followed by 75 acres of corn on field number 1. In the county, this combination meets the double-cropping definition. On FSA-578, the County Office recorded:

- 75 acres of radishes with a status code of “I”
- 75 acres of corn with a status code of “E”.

The 75 acres of radishes recorded with a status code of “I” will print on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report, but the 75 acres of corn recorded with a status code of “E” will not since it is not FAV.

County Offices shall research both of these situations to:

- ensure that the crops were recorded correctly on FSA-578

**Note:** If an error is found, the County Office shall correct FSA-578 and reprint the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report to ensure that all violations are identified.

- determine whether the combinations of crops meet the double-cropping exception defined in 1-DCP, Part 8
- determine whether the farm or producer history exceptions, as provided in 1-DCP, apply to the situation.

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### 3 Examples (Continued)

#### A Status Code “E” (Continued)

If a violation exists, County Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of 4-CP to record violation information in the system
- process 2005 and/or 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 8
- process 2005 and/or 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 4.

If **no** violation exists, County Offices shall manually annotate on the report that no violation was found.

#### B Status Code “F”

According to 2-CP, status code “F” shall be used to record FAV followed by a different FAV that meets the 2-CP double-cropping definition on FSA-578. Following are examples of when this status code will be used.

**Situation 1:** A producer on farm number 1 planted 100 acres of lettuce followed by 50 acres of spinach on field number 1. In the county, this combination meets the 2-CP double-cropping definition. On FSA-578, the County Office recorded:

- 100 acres of lettuce with a status code of “I”
- 50 acres of spinach with a status code of “F”.

Both the 100 acres of lettuce recorded with a status code of “I” **and** the 50 acres of spinach recorded with a status code of “F” will print on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report.

**Situation 2:** A producer on farm number 1 planted 75 acres of spinach followed by 75 acres of lettuce on field number 1. In the county, this combination meets the 2-CP double-cropping definition. On FSA-578, the County Office recorded:

- 75 acres of spinach with a status code of “I”
- 75 acres of lettuce with a status code of “F”.

Both the 75 acres of spinach recorded with a status code of “I” **and** the 75 acres of lettuce recorded with a status code of “F” will print on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report.

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### 3 Examples (Continued)

#### B Status Code “F” (Continued)

County Offices shall research both of these situations to:

- ensure that the crops were recorded correctly on FSA-578

**Note:** If an error is found, the County Office shall correct FSA-578 and reprint the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report to ensure that all violations are identified.

- determine whether the farm or producer history exceptions, as provided in 1-DCP, apply to the situation.

If a violation exists, County Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of 4-CP to record violation information in the system
- process 2005 and/or 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 8
- process 2005 and/or 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 4.

If **no** violation exists, County Offices shall manually annotate on the report that no violation was found.

#### C Status Code “H”

According to 2-CP, status code “H” shall be used to record a noncovered commodity/ non-FAV followed by FAV or wild rice or vice versa that does **not** meet the 2-CP double-cropping definition on FSA-578. Following are examples of when this status code will be used.

**Situation 1:** A producer on farm number 1 planted 100 acres of rye followed by 50 acres of lettuce on field number 1. In the county, this combination does **not** meet the 2-CP double-cropping definition. On FSA-578, the County Office recorded:

- 100 acres of rye with a status code of “I”
- 50 acres of lettuce with a status code of “H”.

The 50 acres of lettuce recorded with a status code of “H” will print on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report.

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### 3 Examples (Continued)

#### C Status Code "H" (Continued)

**Situation 2:** A producer on farm number 1 planted 75 acres of radishes followed by 75 acres of rye on field number 1. In the county, this combination does **not** meet the 2-CP double-cropping definition. On FSA-578, the County Office recorded:

- 75 acres of radishes with a status code of "I"
- 75 acres of rye with a status code of "H".

The 75 acres of radishes recorded with a status code of "I" will print on the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report, but the 75 acres of rye recorded with a status code of "H" will not since it is not FAV.

County Offices shall research both of these situations to:

- ensure that the crops were recorded correctly on FSA-578

**Note:** If an error is found, the County Office shall correct FSA-578 and reprint the FAV and WR Planted on Base Acres Report to ensure that all violations are identified.

- determine whether the farm or producer history exceptions, as provided in 1-DCP, apply to the situation.

If a violation exists, County Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of 4-CP to record violation information in the system
- process 2005 and/or 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 8
- process 2005 and/or 2006 direct and counter-cyclical overpayments according to 2-DCP, Part 4.

If **no** violation exists, County Offices shall manually annotate on the report that no violation was found.