

For: State and County Offices

Authorizing Disclosure of Information to Boll Weevil Foundations

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The National Office has received several inquiries concerning the disclosure of acreage reporting data and common land unit (CLU) to the Boll Weevil Foundations (Foundations) as a result of Section 1619, Information Gathering, of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act).

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices authorization to disclose the following to the Foundations for the purpose of BWEP:

- acreage reporting data listed in subparagraph 2 A, for cotton only
- CLU attributed with farm and tract numbers that has been identified as having cotton planted on it, according to acreage reporting data.

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| Disposal Date January 1, 2009 | Distribution State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices |
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2 Authorized Disclosure

A Cotton Acreage Reporting Data

State and County Offices are authorized to continue to provide the following cotton acreage reporting data to the Foundations for the purposes of BWEP:

- county
- crop year
- operator's name and address
- owner's name and address
- telephone number
- Social Security number/employer identification number
- farm number
- tract number
- field number
- crop code
- cotton acreage
- producer share
- crop status code
- planting period
- practice
- planting pattern
- planting conversion factor
- aerial photographs.

Important: This acreage reporting data shall be provided to the Foundations for **cotton only**. State and County Offices are **not** authorized to provide the Foundations with acreage reporting data for any other crop.

B CLU Data

Previously, shape files of public version CLU that included only line work and calculated acres were provided to Foundations upon request. While the 2008 Act removes public version CLU from the public domain, it does allow CLU attributed with farm and tract numbers that has been identified as having cotton planted on it, according to acreage reporting data, to be provided to Foundations.

Important: Not all Foundations use CLU. CLU shape files should not be provided unless requested. If requested, State and County Offices are **not** authorized to provide Foundations with CLU data on lands other than those with cotton.

C State Office Action

State Offices and County Offices shall refer to Notice:

- AS-2143 when moving data authorized in this notice to the Foundations using any **non-electronic** method
- IRM-372 when moving data authorized in this notice to the Foundations using any **electronic** method