

For: State and County Offices

2013 Crop Acreage Reporting System (CARS)

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1 Overview

A Background

Deployment of 2013 CARS has been released. The 2013 CARS will be used to load all 2013 FSA-578's, with the exception of inventory crops, until MIDAS is deployed. Once MIDAS is deployed, 2013 CARS will be restricted to view only access. Inventory crops shall be processed manually until the Inventory Report in MIDAS is deployed.

To support MIDAS and programs, the following modifications were made to 2013 CARS:

- “Not Planted” supplemental status was removed
- “Record Farm Zero Acreage” button was removed
- “Planting Period” field will include both planting period and carrying capacity
- inventory crops are restricted from being loaded.

Note: CARS functionality for 2011 and 2012 will remain unchanged.

B Purpose

This notice provides the following:

- 2013 CARS will be:
 - used to load all 2013 FSA-578's until MIDAS is deployed
 - restricted to view only access after MIDAS is deployed
- modifications were made to 2013 CARS.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

2 2013 CARS Modifications

A 2013 CARS Supplemental Status

The Supplemental status “Not Planted” was removed from 2013 CARS. Supplemental statuses available for 2013 CARS are as follows:

- Planted
- Failed
- Prevented
- Volunteer.

Supplemental statuses shall be applied to the crop recorded, as applicable. If the crop is not failed, prevented, or volunteer, it shall be recorded as planted.

B 2013 CARS Record Farm Zero Acreage

The “Record Farm Zero Acreage” option has been removed from 2013 CARS.

Beginning with the 2013 crop year, a zero acreage report will not be required for NAP when a crop is not planted. For 2013, the certification statement on the hardcopy, FSA-578, has been modified to support the NAP zero acreage report requirement.

C 2013 CARS Planting Period

The planting period will be validated against the NCT. For 2013, when available on the NCT, both the planting period and carrying capacity will be available for selection in the planting period field in CARS.

D 2013 CARS Load Restriction for Inventory Crops

Inventory crops will not be loaded in 2013 CARS. CARS has been modified to restrict loading the following inventory crops:

- crustacean
- finfish
- honey
- maple sap
- mollusk
- mushrooms
- nursery (container)
- nursery (edible container).

Acreage reports for these inventory crops shall be processed manually until the Inventory Report in MIDAS is deployed.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are informed of the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

This notice is intended for informational purpose. There is no County Office action required.