

For: FSA Employees

Change of Corn Crop Data for 2019

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Crop data updates for the 2019 program year for corn require changes to acreage reporting, the NCT, and NAP.

Effective with the 2019 program year, corn with an intended use of Forage (FG), for purposes of acreage reporting and NAP, has been replaced with corn with an intended use of Silage (SG), regardless of the type. This allows for improved data matching between FSA and RMA, as well as for accurate data transfer of acreage reporting data across agencies.

B Purpose

This notice provides information on:

- crop data changes for Corn SG
- State Office actions required in the NCT and NAP to accommodate the changes
- County Office actions required in the Crop Acreage Reporting System (CARS) and NAP to accommodate the changes.

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2019	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact Information

For questions about this notice:

- County Offices will contact their State Office NAP specialist
- State Offices will contact:
 - Loretta Baxa by e-mail to loretta.baxa@wdc.usda.gov for questions about the NCT
 - Todd Pfeifer by e-mail to todd.pfeifer@wdc.usda.gov for questions about NAP
 - Alison Lenz by e-mail to alison.lenz@wdc.usda.gov for questions about the Compliance Validation System (CVS)
 - Jantrice Williams by e-mail to jantrice.williams@wdc.usda.gov for questions about CARS.

2 Corn SG Acreage Reporting for 2019 and Subsequent Years

A CVS Changes

Beginning with the 2019 program year, the following changes have been made to CVS/Product Master.

Program Year	Crop (Code)	Type (Code)	Intended Use	Action
2019 and subsequent	Corn (0041)	All type codes with intended use of FG	FG	Removed from crop beginning with 2019
			SG	Added to crop beginning with 2019

B Acreage Reporting for Corn SG in CARS

In 2019 CARS, SG will appear in the “intended use” drop-down for corn.

Producers who reported Corn FG in prior years must be made aware that the intended use is now SG.

CARS data already recorded for 2019 Corn FG will be deleted by County Office personnel.

Note: Do not record end-year dates for annual crops such as corn.

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3 NCT Action for 2019 and Subsequent Years

A NCT Data Availability in 2019 for Corn SG

The crop, crop type, and intended use data available in NCT is determined by the CVS data available for the corresponding program year. Therefore, 2019 CVS data established for corn is reflected in the 2019 NCT.

During the 2019 NCT rollover process, Corn SG records were created based on the 2018 Corn FG records. All Corn FG records data was copied to Corn SG records. Corn FG records were not created during the rollover process. The 2019 Corn SG records were created regardless of the 2018 Corn FG records approval status.

B State Office Action for 2019 Corn SG Records

States with 2019 NCT Corn SG records must review, update, and approve the records applicable in the State.

At the time Corn SG was added to the 2019 CVS, Corn FG was not removed. Even though Corn FG NCT records weren't created during the 2019 NCT rollover process, some State Offices added 2019 NCT Corn FG records. When Corn FG is removed from CVS, those records will be automatically deleted.

4 NAP Software Action for 2019 and Subsequent Years

A Availability of Corn SG in 2019 NAP

Before rollover of NCT data for an upcoming program year and during the period of time given to State Offices to review, record, and approve that year's NCT data, NAP software reads NCT data from the prior program year. For instance, 2019 NAP software is currently reading 2018 NCT data and will continue to do so until around November 1, 2018. By this point in the year, State Offices should have had adequate time to record and approve 2019 NCT data.

Corn SG will become available in 2019 NAP software along with the switch to reading the 2019 NCT. Until 2019 NAP starts reading the 2019 NCT, only Corn FG records that have been approved in the 2018 NCT will be available for selection within the 2019 NAP software.

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4 NAP Software Action for 2019 and Subsequent Years (Continued)

B 2019 NAP Coverage – Conversion of Corn FG to Corn SG

To retain 2019 NAP coverage previously recorded under Corn FG, the coverage will be automatically converted to Corn SG. This conversion will take place as soon as 2019 NAP software starts reading the 2019 NCT, but only if Corn SG has been approved. This intervention will not be required for 2020 and subsequent years of NAP coverage.

If 2019 NCT records are not timely approved for any previously recorded 2019 NAP covered crops (including Corn SG), coverage will be automatically canceled and will require user intervention, unless other crops within the same pay group(s) have been selected for coverage and approved in the 2019 NCT. Coverage that has been automatically canceled must be manually reactivated, and Corn SG must be selected in place of Corn FG, as the Corn FG coverage will automatically be removed from the application.

For continuous coverage, the producer signature date for the converted Corn SG crop coverage will be the date service fees were originally paid for the Corn FG continuous coverage, or the date the producer originally notified the County Office with intent to continue their Corn FG coverage, if they are an LR, SDA, and/or a BFR producer.

C NAP Approved Yields – Conversion of Corn FG to Corn SG

Until 2019 NAP approved yield software is revised to convert Corn FG data to Corn SG data, Corn SG must **not** be accessed through the approved yield process.

After the approved yield software is revised to convert and copy Corn FG data to Corn SG data, users will be able to process 2019 approved yields for Corn SG. Upon selection of Corn SG, the approved yield process will look for a completed Corn FG approved yield in the previous year, and if found, software will copy the Corn FG history to the Corn SG approved yield.

Notes: All 2018 approved yields must contain signature dates according to 1-NAP, paragraph 400.

A “completed” approved yield means that signature dates have been entered in the approved yield process according to 3-NAP, subparagraphs 178 C and 180 D.

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A State Office Action

State Offices will:

- ensure that County Offices are aware of the contents of this notice
- review, load data for, and approve 2019 NCT data for Corn SG, as applicable.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- inform producers of the change from Corn FG to SG, beginning with the 2019 program year, as applicable
- delete FSA-578's according to subparagraph 2 B
- review, reactivate, and/or revise affected 2019 NAP coverage, according to subparagraph 4 B
- not process Corn SG approved yields according to subparagraph 4 C until approved yield software is revised.