

For: State and County Offices

**Drought-Related Payment Reduction for Emergency and Managed Haying and Grazing**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

For FY 2008, a number of counties have been approved for emergency haying and/or grazing based on:

- 2-CRP, Part 13, Section 2, in response to drought conditions
- Presidential disaster area designations in counties because of flooding.

The payment reduction required by 2-CRP, paragraph 310, has been decreased from 25 percent to 10 percent for participants using haying or grazing because of drought for:

- emergency haying or grazing in areas that have been approved based on drought
- managed haying or grazing in areas that have been approved for emergency haying or grazing based on drought

**Note:** Drought approvals are limited to approvals based on D3 or higher using the Drought Monitor or cases approved by CEPD where moisture loss is greater than or equal to 40 percent of normal moisture and forage loss is greater than or equal to 40 percent.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides guidance about implementing the revised payment reduction in cases because of drought.

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### 2 Policy

#### A Decreased Payment Reduction for Drought-Related Emergency Haying and Grazing Approvals

The payment reduction has been decreased from 25 percent to 10 percent of the annual payment for counties which have been approved for emergency haying and/or grazing based on either:

- D3 on the Drought Monitor
- 40 percent loss of normal moisture and a 40 percent loss in normal forage according to 2-CRP, paragraph 310.

#### B Payment Reduction for Flood-Related Emergency Haying and Grazing Approvals

The payment reduction for flood-related emergency haying and grazing approvals remains at 25 percent.

**Note:** Subject to approval by CEPD, County Offices initially approved based on flooding conditions may submit a request to be designated as a drought related county according to 2-CRP, Part 13, Section 2.

#### C Decreased Payment Reduction for Managed Haying and Grazing in Counties Approved for Drought-Related Emergency Haying and Grazing

The payment reduction has been decreased from 25 percent to 10 percent of the annual payment for managed haying and grazing for counties which have been approved for emergency haying and/or grazing according to subparagraph 2 A.

#### D Issuing Haying and Grazing Refunds

For all land enrolled in CRP that has been approved for emergency haying and grazing based on drought, a payment reduction shall be assessed based on the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times the CRP annual rental rate times **10** percent. Producers who prepaid the 25 percent payment reduction, shall have the difference refunded through the disbursement/check writing function.

Instructions to process refunds will be provided in a future notice.

### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow instructions in this notice.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the provisions of this notice.