

For: State and County Offices

**Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) Foodfish Eligibility for  
Commercial Pond-Raised Aquaculture (CP40)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

2-CRP, paragraph 146.5 indicates that eligible land to be enrolled in FWP as CP40 is land that was devoted to commercial pond-raised aquaculture in any 1 year during 2002 through 2007. Commercial pond-raised aquaculture means any earthen facility from which \$1,000 or more of freshwater food fish were sold or normally would have been sold during a calendar year. Questions have arisen about what is considered foodfish for eligibility under practice CP40.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides clarification of policy on what is considered foodfish for eligibility under practice CP40.

**2 Policy and Action**

**A Foodfish Eligibility**

Foodfish are considered fish grown under controlled conditions (aquaculture) for human consumption. Fingerling ponds and brood ponds are considered foodfish and are eligible for enrollment under practice CP40 because these ponds are used in the overall commercial operation.

**Note:** Other aquaculture products that are not cultivated for human consumption (nonfoodfish), which includes ornamental fish, bait fish, sport fish, and plants are **not** eligible for enrollment under practice CP40.

**B State Office Action**

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices understand the provisions of this notice.

**C County Office Action**

County Offices shall read and follow the provisions of this notice.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
August 1, 2010	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices