

For: State and County Offices

Preparing the Crop Table for the 2001 and 2002 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

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1 Overview

A Background

Notice DAP-156 instructed State and County Offices that STC's shall begin reviewing and approving additional price and yield data for all potential noninsurable crops for 2001 and 2002 that have not been previously approved. Instructions in the notice informed State and County Offices that the web based NCT would be used for creating the CDP crop table. It has been determined that because of the previous differences in definitions and policy that a new crop table must be developed for CDP. However, data loaded in the 2002 NCT will be moved to the CDP table.

B Purpose

This notice:

- updates State and County Offices on actions to take about the data load of prices and yields for CDP
- informs State Offices that they can begin loading crop data:
 - immediately through the 2002 NCT
 - on or about May 12, 2003, through the CDP crop table
 - for insurable crops having multiple prices or different crop definitions at a later date
 - obsoletes Notice DAP-156.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Historical Yield and Price Data

A Yields

For both the 2001 and 2002 crop table, yields will be calculated using the Olympic average of 1996 through 2000 historical data. Therefore, States will only be required to load historical data in the 2002 NCT or CDP crop table when available. If States have 5 years of historic yield data available, all 5 years must be loaded to calculate a yield. If 5 years of data are not available, then the average will be calculated based on the simple average of the available years. States shall not use previous disaster yield data, NAP approved yield data, or RMA data as a source when establishing the historic 5-year data base unless no other data is available. If disaster, NAP, or RMA data is the only data available, then it shall be entered in the historic database for only 1 year.

B Prices

For both the 2001 and 2002 crop table, prices will be calculated using the Olympic average of 1996 through 2000 historical data. The price for insurable records will be obtained from the insurability file obtained from RMA and automatically loaded for the State.

If an insurance record is loaded under the 2002 NCT, validations will require that prices be entered. If States wait to load the insurance records after the CDP crop table becomes available, then price data will not be required. However, when the record is validated under CDP, if there is not a matching insurance record for the crop, that record will not pass validation until historic price data is loaded.

For those crops that are not insurable, if States have 5 years of historic price data available, all 5 years must be loaded to calculate a price. If 5 years of data is not available, then the average will be calculated based on the simple average of those years available. States shall not use previous disaster price data, NAP approved price data, or RMA data as a source when establishing the historic 5-year data base unless no other data is available. If disaster, NAP, or RMA data is the only data available, then it shall be entered in the historic database for only 1 year.

3 Crop Disaster Table

A CDP Crop Table Provided in Phases

The CDP crop table will:

- be released in 2 phases
- be created by duplicating NCT
- not contain NAP specific validations.

The validations that will be removed include graduated prices, dates, the averaging of insurance prices to come up with a State average, and approval flags.

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3 Crop Disaster Table (Continued)

B Phase I

Phase I of the CDP crop table will be completed after the duplication of the 2002 NCT takes place. When duplication of the 2002 NCT occurs, all historic price and yield data will carry forward to the CDP crop table. Phase I will:

- allow States to data load 5 years of historic data for both price and yield
- recognize other RMA practices such as double crop, summer fallow, and continuous crop
- include additional fields for States to data load ranking and conversion factors to accommodate loss because of quality

Note: A future notice will address the establishment of ranking and conversion factors.

- be validated against 2-CP, Exhibit 10.5 for crop, type, and intended use
- be available on or about May 12, 2003.

Note: Under Phase I, all records **must** be reviewed by the State Office by accessing the modify option to run CDP validations before download to the County Office.

B Phase II

The 2002 NCT has 1 crop definition nationwide and requires 1 Statewide average price for the crop, type, and intended use. Certain insurable crops have different crop definitions between States and have multiple prices within the State for the same crop, type, and intended use. Phase II will:

- allow crops to have multiple prices for a crop, type, and intended use when recognized by RMA

Note: RMA recognizes multiple prices on the following crops:

- cotton (2001)
 - grapes
 - peaches
 - potatoes
 - wheat (hard amber durum).
- recognize different crop definitions by State for CDP to maintain consistency with RMA's crop definition.

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4 Loading Records in 2002 NCT

A 2002 NCT Historic Records Used for CDP

Historic crop data records loaded in NCT before the crop table duplication process will be moved forward to the CDP crop table. States may begin immediately updating historic crop data through the 2002 NCT with some exceptions as discussed in subparagraph B. Once Phase I is available, all updates to the CDP crop table will be made using the new crop table process. Although the same historic data will be used for both crop years, separate crop tables will be developed so software can accommodate insurance information, that is, price, plan of insurance, practice, etc., downloaded from RMA for each year. The insurance records for 2001 and 2002 may not be the same.

States can add or modify historic price and yield data in the 2002 NCT for CDP. However, only those records that have not been previously approved by the State can be accessed.

States **shall not** set approval flags in the 2002 NCT for those records added or modified for the sole purpose of CDP.

B 2002 NCT Exceptions

Because of the different rules between insurance and NAP, certain insurable crops shall not be loaded into the 2002 NCT. Situations where insurable records shall not be loaded include:

- RMA practices not recognized by NCT, such as double crop, summer fallow, or continuous crop

Note: These practices are not recognized by NCT and shall not be loaded until after the CDP crop table is available.

- States that have multiple insurance prices, such as cotton (2001 only), grapes, peaches, potatoes, and wheat (hard amber durum). These records shall not be loaded until after the modifications under Phase II are received.

C Differences Between NAP and CDP

Because we are using 1996 through 2000 data to establish a price and yield for both 2001 and 2002 CDP, NAP and CDP may have different prices and yields for the same crop especially for 2001.

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4 Loading Records in 2002 NCT (Continued)

D State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- continue to compile historic price and yield data
- obtain STC approval of prices and yields for CDP
- obtain user ID's and passwords for those additional specialists wanting access to the 2002 NCT and CDP process by providing the full name, social security number, and level of authority, that is, State, County, to **Earline_Brown@wdc.usda.gov**, NAP Branch, PECD.
- load crop data through the 2002 NCT process according to 1-NAP (Rev. 1), Part 10
- continue loading historic price and yield data once Phase I is complete.