

**For:** State and County Offices

**Preparing the Crop Table for the 2003, 2004, and 2005 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The Military Constructions Appropriations Act of 2005 authorizes payments to be issued for 2003, 2004, and 2005 crop disaster losses. A forthcoming DAP handbook will provide additional information.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- instructs State Offices on the actions to take regarding data load of prices and yields for CDP
- informs State Offices that they can begin to load crop data:
  - immediately into the 2004 National Crop Table (NCT)
  - into the CDP crop table when it becomes available.

**Note:** A future notice will provide information on the CDP crop table.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
May 1, 2005	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Historical Yield and Price Data

#### A Yields

The 2003 and 2004 crop record yields will be calculated using the Olympic average of 1998 through 2002 historical data. Therefore, States will be required to load historical data only once, in either 2004 NCT or in 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
- do **not** have 5 years of historic yield data, the average will be calculated based on the simple average of the available years.

Because the data consists of averages and not annual data, 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

The 2003 and 2004 crop record prices will be calculated using the Olympic average of 1998 through 2002 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 2004 NCT, validations will require that prices be entered.

<b>IF...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
States wait to load the insurance records after the CDP crop table becomes available	price data will not be required.
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.

<b>IF...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
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.

Because the data consists of averages and not annual data, 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.

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### 3 Crop Disaster Table

#### A CDP Crop Table Provided in Phases

The CDP crop table will:

- be released in 2 phases determined by crop year
- be created by duplicating last year's crop table software
- not contain NAP specific validations.

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

#### B 2003 and 2004 Records

CDP crop table will contain 2003 and 2004 records after the duplication of 2004 NCT takes place. When duplication of 2004 NCT occurs, all historic price and yield data will carry forward to CDP crop table. The disaster crop table software 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 dataload ranking and conversion factors to accommodate loss because of quality
- allow crops to have multiple prices for a crop, type, graduated price, and intended use when recognized by RMA
- use the pay group definition established for the 2001/2002 disaster program, upgraded with any possible changes to crop insurance policies.

**Note:** The 2004 NCT crop table record must be approved by either the State or National Office to be used for the initial build of the disaster crop table records. These initial records will be modified by an edit to create records with RMA codes and update the pay groupings. This will make the records available to be downloaded to the County Offices without being modified first, which the last disaster program required.

#### C 2005 Records

The 2005 crop table process will be provided in a future notice.

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### 4 Loading Records in 2004 NCT

#### A 2004 NCT Historic Records Used for CDP

Historic crop data records loaded in NCT, before the crop table duplication process, will be moved forward to CDP crop table. States may begin immediately updating historic crop data through 2004 NCT. Once the 2003/2004 crop table is available, all updates to CDP crop table will be made using the 2003/2004 disaster crop table process. Although the same historic data will be used for both crop years, separate crop table records 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 2003 and 2004 may not be the same. States can add or modify historic price and yield data in 2004 NCT for CDP, however, only those records that have not been previously approved by the State can be accessed. States **must** set approval flags in 2004 NCT for those records added or modified for the sole purpose of CDP.

#### B Differences Between NAP and CDP

1998 through 2002 data is used to establish a price and yield for both 2003 and 2004 CDP; thus, NAP and CDP may have different prices and yields for the same crop especially for 2003.

#### C 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 2004 NCT and CDP process by providing to **Steve.Peterson@wdc.usda.gov**, NAP Branch, PECD:
  - full name
  - Social Security number
  - level of authority, that is, State and or County
- load crop data through 2004 NCT process according to 1-NAP, Part 10 until the 2003/2004 crop table is available
- load historic price and yield data through the 2003/2004 crop table when available.