

For: State and County Offices

2003, 2004, and 2005 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

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1 Overview

A Background

The Military Construction Appropriations Act of 2005 (2005 Act), signed on October 13, 2004, provides for:

- crop loss disaster assistance for producers who suffered 2003, 2004, and 2005 crop losses caused by damaging weather and related conditions
- disaster assistance specifically for producers in Virginia and producers of fruit and vegetable crops located in North Carolina who suffered losses because of adverse weather and related conditions occurring in 2003.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides preliminary information on the 2003, 2004, and 2005 CDP
- announces that signup for the 2003 and 2004 CDP is anticipated to begin in late March 2005.

Note: Additional information will be provided in a forthcoming DAP handbook.

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2 2003, 2004, and 2005 CDP

A General Provisions

The 2005 Act authorizes the following assistance for 2003, 2004, and 2005 crop losses caused by damaging weather and related conditions:

- unlimited funding for 2003 and 2004 CDP implemented in the same manner as provided under the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-387), 2000 CDP
- unlimited funding for 2005 CDP limited to only those losses caused by a hurricane or tropical storms of the 2004 hurricane season in counties declared disaster areas by the President
- \$50 million available until expended, for Virginia crop losses because of hurricanes, tropical storms, and other related disaster that occurred during the 2003 calendar year
- \$3 million available until expended, for North Carolina fruit and vegetable losses because of hurricanes, tropical storms, and other related disasters that occurred during the 2003 calendar year.

B Exceptions

The 2003, 2004, and 2005 CDP will be implemented in the same manner as the 2000 CDP, including the same loss thresholds for the quantity and quality losses and the same per “person” payment limitation (\$80,000). However, the following exceptions will apply:

- producers who received payments from Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of August 24, 1935, with respect to 2004 hurricane crop losses, are not eligible for assistance
- producers of sugar cane and cottonseed are not eligible for assistance
- disaster assistance is limited to only 1 of the 2003 or 2004 crop years
- 2005 crop losses are limited to only those losses caused by a hurricane or tropical storm of the 2004 hurricane season in counties declared disaster areas by the President
- 95 percent payment cap will apply to disaster payments
- adjusted gross income provision, as defined by Section 1001D of the Food Security Act of 1985, is applicable.

C Signup

2003 and 2004 signup is anticipated to begin in late March. Program provisions will be provided in a forthcoming DAP handbook.