

For: State and County Offices

**2008 National Crop Table (NCT) Record Loading for New Disaster Programs**

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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act), Pub. L. 110-246, was enacted June 18, 2008. The 2008 Act created several new disaster programs, which were introduced in Notice DAP-283. To be eligible for these programs, producers must purchase at least the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable crops, and obtain Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for noninsurable crops. A waiver has been authorized in the 2008 Act to allow producers to pay, within 90 calendar days of enactment, a buy-in fee to be eligible for Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance for those crops for which they did not purchase crop insurance or obtain NAP coverage for 2008. Notice DAP-285 addressed the specific requirements of the waiver for the 2008 crop year.

Notice DAP-286 provided State and County Offices with instruction for accessing the NAP Buy-In software and CAT Buy-In software. Following the release of Notice DAP-286, the National Office has received concerns from field offices that were unable to process CAT Buy-In applications, because the crops were missing from the buy-in software screen. All crops must be loaded in the 2008 NCT before processing NAP or CAT buy-in applications.

Additionally, the National Office is anticipating, and prepared for, an increase in submissions of **Requests for New Crop or Intended Use** forms, (2-CP, Exhibit 9). States may expect to find producers requesting buy-in coverage for crops which are not currently on the Crop Validation System (CVS), according to 2-CP, Exhibit 10.5.

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### B Purpose

This notice reminds State and County Offices to:

- load all crops, including insurable and NAP crops, into the 2008 NCT at least 48 hours **before** processing NAP or CAT buy-in applications
- remember that NCT is used to store crop records for insurable crops, as well as NAP crops
- perform sufficient research on any new crops or crop types and submit a **Request for New Crop or Intended Use** form (2-CP, Exhibit 9), along with sufficient supporting documentation, to the National Office as soon as possible.

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#### A Crop Record Load

NCT is used to store records for all crops, including insurable crops and NAP crops. Often, State and County Offices only use NCT to store NAP crops, and fail to load insurable crops.

State and County Offices shall be aware that insurable crop records must also be loaded into NCT, before processing buy-in applications according to Notice DAP-286. The crop record should be added as either a new record or a shell record, depending on what crop data is currently available.

<b>If the crop price and yield data is...</b>	<b>THEN in the 2008 NCT load a...</b>	<b>according to 1-NAP, subparagraph 756...</b>
not yet available	shell record	E.
available	new record	B.

Once the crop record is loaded into NCT, the record will be transmitted to the County Office within **48 hours**, and the crop will then be available for selection in the CAT or NAP Buy-In software program.

#### B Requests for New Crops

State Offices may encounter producers requesting buy-in coverage for crops which are not currently listed on CVS, according to 2-CP, Exhibit. 10.5. State Offices are reminded to perform **thorough research** on the crop, and follow instruction in 2-CP, subparagraph 41 B to submit a **Request for New Crop or Intended Use** form, (2-CP, Exhibit 9) along with adequate supporting documentation to the National Office. These requests shall be sent in as soon as possible, to process the request and add the new crops or crop types to CVS so that the buy-in application may be accepted.