

For: State and County Offices

Required Production Evidence Reviews for FSA Employees, STC, or COC Members

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1 Overview

A Background

1-DCP, Amendment 19 provides for required reviews when yields are established based on production evidence, and the farm owner or producer is an FSA employee, STC, or COC member, or a spouse or minor child of such individual. COC alternates and CMC members are not required reviews. Questions have been raised concerning the procedure to use for the required checks if in at least 1 of the years in the proven yield period:

- the person was not an FSA employee, STC or COC member, or a spouse or minor child of such individual
- LDP records were used.

Notice DCP-97 provided:

- clarification on selecting farms and production evidence for spot checks
- information for crediting spot checks that were completed before receiving:
 - 1-DCP, Amendment 19
 - Notice DCP-90.

B Purpose

This notice provides information for completing required production evidence reviews if the farm owner or producer is an FSA employee, STC, or COC member, including their spouses or minor children.

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Notice DCP-103

2 Spot Check Procedure for FSA Employee, STC, or COC Member

A Extent of Reviews

County Offices and COC's shall review FSA-658P's and production evidence on farms for which direct payment yields (oilseeds) and counter-cyclical payment yields (all covered commodities) are established based on production evidence for any year from 1998 through 2001, including any year(s) of the base period in which the producer was not employed by FSA.

The following table provides County Office action for required spot checks of FSA employees, STC, or COC members, including their spouses or minor children.

IF FSA employee, STC, or COC member was employed by FSA in 1 or more of the years 1998 through 2001 and the crop's production evidence for the farm...	THEN the County Office shall:
did not include LDP's for any year	continue to spot check according to provisions of Notice DCP-90 and 1-DCP.
included only LDP's for all years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review each year in base period (1998 through 2001), including year(s) in which the producer was not an FSA employee • request records to support LDP's • if records to support LDP's are unavailable, have COC review LDP amounts for reasonableness; COC decision shall be documented in COC minutes.
included both LDP's and other production evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • request records to support LDP's • if records to support LDP's are unavailable, have COC review LDP amounts for reasonableness; COC decision shall be documented in COC minutes • spot check the production evidence not supported by LDP, according to provisions of Notice DCP-90 and 1-DCP.