

For: State and County Offices

Loading FSA-578D's for Acreage History Purposes

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1 Overview

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Background

County Offices are now loading manual FSA-578D's because 4 years of acreage history are needed for computing bases under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. There has been some confusion on when to load the FSA-578 acreage data through acreage reporting software versus through acreage history software.

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Purpose

This notice provides County Offices with additional procedure on where to load manual FSA-578D acreage.

Note: This procedure also applies to new FSA-578's taken for acreage history purposes.

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December 1, 2002	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Loading Manual FSA-578D Acreage

A

Acreage Reporting Software

County Offices shall load manual FSA-578D acreage data through the acreage reporting software, according to procedure in 2-CP, paragraphs 63, 64, 72 through 78, and 84, in the following instances:

- the farm and tract existed in all 4 years
- the farm did not exist in all 4 years, but the tract existed on another farm number.

Note: This situation will only occur if a farm reconstitution was done. FSA-578D must be loaded through the acreage reporting software under the parent farm number for the applicable year.

B

Acreage History Software

County Offices shall load manual FSA-578D acreage data through the View/Update Acreage Screen, according to procedure in Notice PF-181, paragraph 5, in the following instances:

- the farm existed in all 4 years, but the tract did not

Note: This situation will only occur if a tract reconstitution was done or the tract was added through maintenance.

- the farm and tract did not exist in all 4 years.

Note: This situation will only occur as a result of an in transfer, farm **and** tract reconstitution, or if the County Office did not build the farm for the applicable year.

Example: 1999 FSA-578D was taken for 2000 Oilseeds Program purposes, but the farm was not built for 1999.
