

For: State and County Offices

Establishing 2010 Fungicide Application Rates for the Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP)

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1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill), authorized DWQP to partially compensate producers for the cost of fungicides applied to durum wheat to control Fusarium Head Blight (FHB), commonly known as wheat scab.

Notice DCP-231 provided State and County Offices with guidance:

- on acceptable types of documentation for producers to prove purchases of eligible fungicides applied to durum wheat to control FHB
- that DWQP provides cost share assistance, not to exceed 50 percent, for the purchasing cost of the applied fungicide, but **not** the application cost of the applied fungicide.

However, the National Office determined that 50 percent of the cost of applying an eligible fungicide to the durum wheat crop specifically to control FHB will be included in the cost-share assistance under DWQP.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs State and County Offices that DWQP will partially compensate producers for the acquisition **and application** of an eligible fungicide applied to durum wheat to control FHB for the 2010 crop year
- instructs State Offices to immediately set the State’s 2010 fungicide application payment rate based on 50 percent of the average cost in the State for applying an eligible fungicide per acre of durum wheat for the 2010 crop year.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2010 7-15-10	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Establishing 2010 Fungicide Application Payment Rate

A 2010 Fungicide Application Payment Rate

The 2010 fungicide application payment rate shall be established based on 50 percent of the average cost in the State to apply an eligible fungicide per acre of durum wheat for the 2010 crop year.

Note: The fungicide application payment rate shall **not** include the cost of purchasing fungicide (cost of the chemical itself). The National Office will announce the national fungicide acquisition payment rate, set by the Deputy Administrator, for the 2010 crop year, in a forthcoming notice.

B STC Action

STC's shall:

- take the necessary action to set the State's 2010 fungicide application payment rate based on 50 percent of the State's average cost of applying an eligible fungicide to 1 acre of durum wheat for the 2010 crop year
- take into account the following when setting the State's 2010 fungicide application payment rate:
 - different fungicide application methods used in the State, such as aerial or ground application, during the 2010 crop year
 - whether the majority of 2010 durum wheat producers in the State apply fungicide themselves or hire a custom applicator.