

For: State and County Offices

Announcing the Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), Pub. L. 110-246, authorizes up to \$10 million for DWQP to compensate producers of durum wheat for up to 50 percent of the actual cost of fungicide applied to control Fusarium head blight (FHB), commonly known as wheat scab, for FY's 2009 through 2012, subject to available funding.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (2010 Appropriations Act), Pub. L. 111-80, provides \$3 million for DWQP for FY 2010. No funding was appropriated for DWQP in FY 2009.

Notice DCP-236 announced the signup period for the 2010 crop year and provisions for implementing DWQP.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides that late-filed fees will be applicable to late-filed FSA-578's filed for DWQP
- obsoletes Notice DCP-236.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2010 7-29-10	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 General Provisions

A DWQP Signup Period

No funding was appropriated for DWQP in FY 2009, so there was no signup period for the 2009 crop year.

For the 2010 crop year, the DWQP signup period begins July 21, 2010, and ends September 15, 2010. CCC-551's received after September 15, 2010, will **not** be accepted.

Signup periods for subsequent years will be announced as funding becomes available and will always end on September 15 of the applicable crop year.

Important: There are **no** late-filed provisions for DWQP. FSA shall not refuse to accept producer's request to file CCC-551. However, CCC-551's submitted by participants after September 15, 2010, shall be disapproved because they were not filed during the signup period.

The signup period for DWQP is a matter of general applicability to all participants; therefore, disapproval of CCC-551's filed after the end of the signup period is **not** appealable. A participant's right to appeal is limited to whether FSA correctly determined that CCC-551 was timely filed by September 15, 2010.

B Source of Authority

The regulations found at 7 CFR Part 1413, Subpart A, establish the terms and conditions under which DWQP, as authorized by 2008 Farm Bill, Section 1613, will be administered.

C Funding

No funding was appropriated for DWQP in FY 2009.

For the 2010 crop year, the 2010 Appropriations Act authorizes \$3 million for DWQP. If approval of all eligible CCC-551's in the 2010 crop year results in expenditures in excess of \$3 million, the \$3 million will be prorated by a national factor to reduce the total expected payments to \$3 million.

D Payment Limitation

DWQP payments are **not** subject to a payment limitation.

E AGI

AGI provisions do **not** apply to DWQP.

2 General Provisions (Continued)

F Conservation Compliance Provisions

HEL and WC provisions, as established in 7 CFR Part 12, apply to DWQP. See subparagraph 5 A for guidance on producer's filing AD-1026.

G Assignment and Offsets

For DWQP, County Offices shall:

- accept assignments according to 63-FI
- apply offsets according to 58-FI.

3 Eligibility Criteria

A Eligible Fungicide

To be considered an eligible fungicide for DWQP, the fungicide **must** be:

- registered with EPA, as required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), unless exempt from FIFRA requirements
- compliant with pesticide regulations in the State in which benefits are being requested
- used specifically for **1 fungicide treatment** in the applicable crop year, to control FHB on eligible acres, as described in subparagraph B.

Notes: See www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/applicators/statepro.htm for information on registered pesticides and State regulations.

Fungicide used to treat the same eligible acres beyond a single treatment in a crop year, is **not** eligible for DWQP.

B Eligible Acres

To be considered eligible acres for DWQP, the acres **must** be planted to durum wheat and treated with an eligible fungicide, as described in subparagraph A:

- to specifically control FHB
- applied during the flowering stage, the period of time during the wheat growth stage after the head emergence has completed and before milk development in the kernel.

3 Eligibility Criteria (Continued)

C Eligible Producers

To be considered an eligible producer for DWQP, the producer **must**:

- have a share in the treated durum wheat crop planted on eligible acres, as described in subparagraph B
- have a share in the cost of either or both of the following:
 - purchasing an eligible fungicide
 - applying an eligible fungicide to eligible acres
- if filing CCC-551 for the purchase of an eligible fungicide, provide acceptable documentation, as provided in subparagraph 5 B, of the cost incurred for purchasing an eligible fungicide
- if filing CCC-551 for the application of an eligible fungicide, certify to either of the following:
 - that 50 percent of the farm's fungicide application cost per acre, incurred for **applying** an eligible fungicide to eligible acres, was greater than or equal to the established State fungicide application payment rate
 - their actual fungicide application cost per acre, as determined in subparagraph 4 D.

Notes: Producers are **not** required to provide documentation of their actual fungicide application cost.

See subparagraph 4:

- C for a description of State fungicide application payment rate
- D for a description of producer's fungicide application cost per acre.

4 DWQP Payments

A DWQP Benefits

DWQP provides eligible producers cost share assistance based on their share of 50 percent of either or both of the following:

- cost of **purchasing** an eligible fungicide to be applied to eligible acres, based on the **lesser** of either of the following:
 - 50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide cost, per acre, of purchasing an eligible fungicide
 - National fungicide acquisition payment rate established for the applicable crop year, as described in subparagraph B
- cost of **applying** an eligible fungicide to eligible acres, based on the lesser of the following:
 - applicable State fungicide application payment rate, as described in subparagraph C
 - 50 percent of the farm's fungicide application cost per acre, calculated by dividing:
 - the farm's actual fungicide application cost, **by**
 - eligible acres on the farm.

B National Fungicide Acquisition Payment Rate

The national fungicide acquisition payment rate, set by the Deputy Administrator, is based on 50 percent of the national average cost of purchasing an eligible fungicide (only including the cost of the chemical itself) to be applied to 1 acre of durum wheat for the applicable crop year.

For the 2010 crop year, the Deputy Administrator determined the national average cost of purchasing an eligible fungicide for 1 acre of durum wheat is \$14. Therefore, the Deputy Administrator set a national fungicide acquisition payment rate of **\$7** (50 percent of \$14) for the 2010 crop year.

C State Fungicide Application Payment Rate

The State fungicide application payment rate, set by the applicable STC, is based on 50 percent of the average cost for producers in the State to apply an eligible fungicide to 1 acre of durum wheat for the applicable crop year.

See Notice DCP-235 for State Office instructions on establishing the State fungicide application payment rate.

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4 DWQP Payments (Continued)

D Producer's Fungicide Application Cost Per Acre

If an eligible producer does **not** certify that 50 percent of the farm's cost incurred for applying an eligible fungicide to eligible acres was greater than or equal to the established State fungicide application payment rate, then producers **must** provide the farm's actual fungicide application cost on CCC-551 and determine their fungicide application cost per acre, calculated by **dividing**:

- the result of multiplying the producer's share in the farm's actual fungicide application cost times the farm's actual fungicide application cost, **by**
- eligible acres on the farm.

Note: The producer's fungicide application cost per acre is provided in CCC-551, item 17.

E Payment Calculation

Payments to eligible producers will be calculated by adding the following:

- eligible cost for **purchasing** an eligible fungicide, determined by **multiplying**:
 - number of eligible acres on the farm, **times**
 - producer's share in the farm's actual fungicide cost, **times**
 - the **lesser** of either of the following:
 - national fungicide acquisition payment rate
 - 50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide cost per acre (farm's actual fungicide cost **divided** by eligible acres on the farm)
- **plus**, the eligible cost for **applying** an eligible fungicide, determined by **multiplying**:
 - number of eligible acres on the farm, **times**
 - producer's share in the farm's actual fungicide application cost, **times**
 - the lesser of the following:
 - applicable State fungicide application payment rate
 - 50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide application cost per acre.

4 DWQP Payments (Continued)

F Example 1

Producer A has 50 percent interest in 500 acres of durum wheat planted on Farm 1. The 500 acres of durum wheat planted on Farm 1 were treated, during the flowering stage, with an eligible fungicide to control FHB. Producer A has 100 percent share in the cost of purchasing and applying the eligible fungicide. Producer A provided the County Office with invoices totaling \$7,500 for the purchase of eligible fungicides to treat the 500 acres of durum wheat planted on Farm 1.

STC has established a State fungicide application payment rate of \$1 per acre. Producer A certified on CCC-551 that 50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide application cost per acre incurred to apply the eligible fungicide to the 500 acres of durum wheat was greater than or equal to the State fungicide application payment rate of \$1.

- Eligible Cost of **Purchasing** Eligible Fungicide - Producer A's DWQP cost share assistance for purchasing eligible fungicide to treat eligible acres on Farm 1 is \$3,500, calculated as follows:
 - 500, number of eligible acres on the farm, **times**
 - 1, producer's share in the farm's actual fungicide cost, **times**
 - \$7, the **lesser** of either of the following:
 - \$7, national fungicide acquisition payment rate
 - \$7.50, 50 percent of Farm 1's actual fungicide cost, per acre, calculated as follows:
 - \$7,500, farm's actual fungicide cost, divided by 500, eligible acres, **times**
 - 50 percent.
- Eligible Cost of **Applying** Eligible Fungicide - on CCC-551, Producer A certified that 50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide application cost per acre incurred to apply the eligible fungicide to the 500 acres of durum wheat was greater than or equal to the State fungicide application rate of \$1. Therefore, Producer A's DWQP cost share assistance for applying eligible fungicide is solely based on the State fungicide application payment rate of \$1. Producer A's DWQP cost share assistance for applying eligible fungicide to eligible acres on the farm is \$500, calculated by **multiplying**:
 - 500, number of eligible acres on the farm, **times**
 - 1, producer's share in the farm's actual fungicide application cost, **times**
 - \$1, applicable State fungicide application payment rate.

4 DWQP Payments (Continued)

F Example 1 (Continued)

Producer A's cost share assistance for purchasing and applying an eligible fungicide to 500 eligible acres on Farm 1, before applying a National payment factor, if applicable, is \$4,000, the **sum** of:

- \$3,500, eligible cost of purchasing eligible fungicide, **plus**
- \$500, eligible cost of applying eligible fungicide.

Important: Even though Producer A has 50 percent interest in the 500 eligible acres on Farm 1, Producer A receives cost share assistance based on his 100 percent share in the cost of purchasing and applying an eligible fungicide to treat the 500 eligible acres.

G Example 2

Producer B has 75 percent interest in 2,500 acres of durum wheat planted on Farm 1. The 2,500 acres of durum wheat planted on Farm 1 were treated, during the flowering stage, with an eligible fungicide to control FHB. Producer B has 75 percent share in the cost of purchasing and applying the eligible fungicide. Producer B provided the County Office with invoices totaling \$30,000 for the **purchase** of eligible fungicides to treat the 2,500 acres of durum wheat planted on Farm 1.

STC has established a State fungicide application payment rate of \$1 per acre. Producer B certified on CCC-551, that Farm 1's total cost for **applying** an eligible fungicide to the 2,500 eligible acres was \$3,750 and that **50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide application cost per acre was less than the State fungicide application payment rate of \$1.**

Note: The other producer on Farm 1 that has 25 percent interest in the cost for purchasing and applying the eligible fungicide must file a separate CCC-551.

- Eligible Cost of **Purchasing** Eligible Fungicide - Producer B's DWQP cost share assistance for purchasing an eligible fungicide to treat eligible acres on Farm 1 is \$11,250, calculated as follows:
 - 2,500 eligible acres on the farm, **times**
 - .75, Producer B's share in the farm's actual fungicide cost, **times**
 - \$6, the **lesser** of either of the following:
 - \$7, national fungicide acquisition payment rate
 - \$6, 50 percent of farm's actual fungicide cost, per acre, calculated as follows:
 - \$30,000, farm's actual fungicide cost, divided by 2,500 eligible acres, **times**
 - 50 percent.

4 DWQP Payments (Continued)

G Example 2 (Continued)

- Eligible Cost of **Applying** Eligible Fungicide - on CCC-551, Producer B certified that **50 percent of the farm's actual fungicide application cost per acre was less than the State fungicide application payment rate of \$1**. Therefore, Producer B's DWQP cost share assistance for applying an eligible fungicide is \$0.75, Producer B's share of 50 percent of the farm's fungicide application cost per acre. Producer B's DWQP cost share assistance for applying an eligible fungicide to 2,500 eligible acres is \$1,406, calculated as follows:
 - 2,500 eligible acres on the farm, **times**
 - .75, producer's share in the farm's actual fungicide application cost, **times**
 - \$0.75, 50 percent of the farm's fungicide application cost per acre of \$1.50, determined by **dividing**:
 - \$3,750 Farm 1's actual fungicide application cost
 - **by** 2,500 eligible acres.

Producer B's cost share assistance for purchasing and applying an eligible fungicide to 2,500 eligible acres on Farm 1, before applying a National payment factor, if applicable, is \$12,656, the **sum** of the following:

- \$11,250, eligible cost of purchasing eligible fungicide, **plus**
- \$1,406, eligible cost of applying eligible fungicide.

5 Applying for Payment

A Filing Applications for Payment

To apply for DWQP benefits, producers shall file the following forms in their administrative County Office:

- CCC-551
- FSA-578

Note: Late-filed FSA-578's may be accepted for DWQP when all requirements for late-filed FSA-578's are met according to 2-CP, including the collection of late-filed fees.

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5 Applying for Payment (Continued)

A Filing Applications for Payment (Continued)

- required documentation to prove the cost for purchasing and/or applying an eligible fungicide, if applicable, as provided in subparagraph B
- AD-1026 for the applicable crop year, if AD-1026 is not on file for the participant and affiliates, if applicable.

Note: If a new AD-1026 is required to be filed, payments may be issued to eligible participants after signing AD-1026, item 12. It is **not** necessary to withhold payments pending NRCS HEL or WC determinations. The AD-1026 continuous certification statement requires participants to refund program payments if an NRCS determination results in the discovery of a HEL/WC violation.

CCC-551's for DWQP will be based on the following:

- administrative county
- crop year
- participant.

At any point when 1 of these items is different, it will require a separate CCC-551 to be filed.

CCC-551's shall be filed in the producer's administrative County Office. The administrative County Office is the County Office designated by FSA to:

- handle official records
- issue payment to eligible producers
- make determinations.

B Documentation of Fungicide Purchasing Cost

To qualify for DWQP cost share assistance, the producer must provide verifiable documentation of the producer's actual fungicide cost, excluding application cost, for purchasing the eligible fungicide claimed on CCC-551 used to control FHB, for the applicable crop year.

See Notice DCP-231 for the types of documentation that are considered as acceptable proof of the producer's actual fungicide cost.

5 Applying for Payment (Continued)

C Certifying Fungicide Application Cost

If eligible producers do **not** certify that 50 percent of the farm's cost of applying an eligible fungicide to eligible acres on the applicable farm was greater than or equal to the established State fungicide application rate, then producers must certify on CCC-551 to:

- the farm's total fungicide application cost incurred to apply eligible fungicide to eligible acres on the applicable farm
- their fungicide application cost per acre he incurred to apply eligible fungicide to eligible acres on the applicable farm.

Producers are **not** required to provide documentation to prove the farm and producer's fungicide application costs, if applicable.

D Supporting Documents

All supporting documents must be completed by the participant and on file in the County Office before CCC-551 may be approved.

To be eligible for DWQP payments, producers **must** provide documentation to show **all** the following:

- total number and location of acres of durum wheat planted for which an eligible fungicide was applied to control FHB
- type of eligible fungicide applied to acres certified as planted to durum wheat
- cost to purchase the eligible fungicide.

Producers **must** certify to **all** of the following:

- date:
 - durum wheat was planted
 - eligible fungicide was applied to durum wheat to control FHB
- farm and producer's actual fungicide application costs, if applicable.

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6 Acting on CCC-551's

A Approving CCC-551's

COC or CED **must** act on **all** completed and signed CCC-551's.

Note: CED's may delegate approval authority to PT's for routine cases. PT's shall **not** be delegated authority to disapprove any CCC-551. Delegation **must** be documented in the COC minutes.

Important: DD review of initial CCC-551's **must** be completed according to subparagraph D **before** CCC-551's may be approved or disapproved.

CCC-551 shall be approved or disapproved as certified by the participant. When more than 1 type eligible fungicide is claimed on CCC-551, CCC-551 shall be approved or disapproved based on **all** eligible fungicide claimed. However, COC does have authority to make adjustments to certain information reported on CCC-551 when documentation warrants making adjustments.

Before approving CCC-551, COC or CED **must**:

- ensure that **all** program eligibility requirements are met
- be satisfied with **all** the following:
 - fungicide and acres, ensure that they are eligible fungicides and acres according to subparagraphs 3 A and B
 - participants, ensure that participant is an eligible producer according to subparagraph 3 C
 - reasonableness, ensure that the fungicide application date entered for each farm listed on CCC-551 is within the flowering stage as described in subparagraph 3 B.

Note: See subparagraph B when:

- COC or CED questions any data provided by participant
- disapproving CCC-551.

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6 Acting on CCC-551's (Continued)

B Disapproving CCC-551's

COC or CED **must** act on all completed and signed CCC-551.

Note: CED's may delegate approval authority to PT's for routine cases. PT's shall **not** be delegated authority to disapprove any CCC-551.

Important: DD review of initial CCC-551's **must** be completed according to subparagraph D **before** CCC-551's may be approved or disapproved.

CCC-551 shall be approved or disapproved as certified by the producer. When more than 1 type eligible fungicide is claimed on CCC-551, CCC-551 shall be approved or disapproved based on all eligible fungicide claimed. However, COC does have authority to make adjustments to certain information reported on CCC-551 when documentation warrants making adjustments.

If it is determined that any information provided on CCC-551 is not reasonable or is questionable, additional verifiable documentation or evidence shall be requested from the participant, in writing. Other agencies, organizations, or facilities may be contacted to verify information provided by participants.

Important: See subparagraph C when contacting other agencies, organizations, or facilities to verify information provided by participants.

Exception: COC's shall **not** require tax records; however, participant may voluntarily provide tax records.

If all program eligibility requirements are **not** met and/or it is determined that the information on CCC-551 or any additional supporting documentation provided by participant is **not** accurate or reasonable, then the following actions shall be taken:

- disapprove CCC-551
- notify participant of disapproval
- provide participant applicable appeal rights according to 1-APP
- thoroughly document reason for disapproval in COC minutes, if disapproved by COC.

6 Acting on CCC-551's (Continued)

C Verifying Data With Other Agencies, Organizations, or Facilities

When contacting agencies, organizations, or facilities to verify data provided by a producer, the County Office shall be specific in the information requested. The request should include, but is **not** limited to, the following:

- participant's name and address
- fungicide name
- why the request is being made
- what information is being requested.

D DD Review and Report of Initial CCC-551's

DD's shall review the first five CCC-551's submitted in each Service Center **before** approval. The review shall include the following:

- CCC-551's are submitted by participant and County Office
- signature requirements, including power of attorney, are met
- no State or County Office developed forms, worksheets, applications, or other documents are being used to obtain or collect the data required from participants
- supporting data required for payment eligibility is properly completed and on file, such as AD-1026, and accurate SCIMS data.

Within 10 workdays of completing the review, DD shall provide a written report to SED describing the review findings, including a list of errors discovered, and the overall status of the implementation of DWQP in the County Office.

DD review of the initial CCC-551's and supporting documentation submitted is critical to ensuring that DWQP is being administered according the procedures provided in this notice and the regulations in 7 CFR Part 1413, Subpart A.

Reviewing the initial CCC-551's and supporting documentation in a timely manner:

- identifies possible weaknesses in the administration of DWQP that may be resolved by additional training and clarified procedures
- prevents numerous participants from being impacted by erroneous DWQP administration
- allows corrections to be made in a timely manner before erroneous payments are issued.

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7 CCC-551, Durum Wheat Quality Program Application

A Completing CCC-551

Complete CCC-551 according to the following.

Item	Instruction
1	Enter State and county code. This is the administrative County Office where the producer's farm records are maintained.
2	Enter crop year during which an eligible fungicide was applied to durum wheat.
3	Enter County Office name. This is the administrative County Office where the producer's farm records are maintained.
Part A – Producer's Information	
4	Enter producer's name and address.
Part B – Durum Wheat Crop Information	
5	Enter FSN for each farm on which the applicant has a share in durum wheat acres planted and treated with an eligible fungicide, during the flowering stage, for the applicable crop year.
6	Enter number of durum wheat acres certified as planted and treated with an eligible fungicide, during the flowering stage, for which the applicant has an interest on the applicable farm.
7	<p>Enter date the durum wheat acres listed in item 6 were planted.</p> <p>Note: If a farm has multiple planting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a date range may be entered if the multiple planting dates are within 7 calendar days <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Note: Date ranges longer than 7 calendar days must be entered separately for the farm in Parts B and C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the applicant may enter "See attached FSA-578's".
8	Enter share the applicant has in the durum wheat acres listed in item 6.
9	<p>COC shall enter the adjusted number of durum wheat acres certified as planted and treated with an eligible fungicide, during the flowering stage, for which the applicant has an interest on the applicable farm.</p> <p>Note: An entry is only required when COC determines the actual number of durum wheat acres certified and treated with an eligible fungicide, during the flowering stage, is different than the number of durum wheat acres, provided in item 6, by the applicant.</p>
Part C – Fungicide Information	
10	Enter corresponding FSN from item 5, for each farm on which the applicant has a share in the durum wheat acres that were planted and treated with an eligible fungicide, during the flowering stage, for the applicable crop year.

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7 CCC-551, Durum Wheat Quality Program Application (Continued)

A Completing CCC-551 (Continued)

Item	Instruction
11	Enter name of the eligible fungicide applied, during the flowering stage, to the durum wheat acres listed in item 6.
12	<p>Enter date (1 application only) on which the eligible fungicide was applied, during the flowering stage, to the durum wheat acres listed in item 6.</p> <p>Note: If a farm has multiple application dates, a date range may be entered if the multiple application dates are within 7 calendar days. Date ranges longer than 7 calendar days must be entered separately for the farm in Parts B and C.</p>
13	<p>Enter farm's actual fungicide cost incurred for purchasing the eligible fungicide, entered in item 11, to treat the durum wheat acres, listed in item 6, during the flowering stage.</p> <p>Notes: For this and other cost entries you may only list the costs for 1 application of the fungicide.</p> <p>Only enter the cost of the fungicide itself. Do not enter the cost to apply the fungicide.</p>
14	Enter applicant's share in the farm's actual fungicide cost, entered in item 13, incurred for purchasing the eligible fungicide, entered in item 11, to be applied, during the flowering stage, to durum wheat acres listed in item 6.
15	<p>An entry is only required when the producer does not certify that 50 percent of the farm's fungicide application rate (farm's actual fungicide application cost divided by eligible acres on the farm) is greater than or equal to the State fungicide application payment rate set by the applicable STC, as provided in Part D, item 1.</p> <p>Enter farm's actual fungicide application cost incurred for applying the eligible fungicide, entered in item 11, during the flowering stage, to the durum wheat acres, listed in item 6.</p> <p>Notes: Only enter the cost to apply the fungicide. Do not enter the cost of the fungicide itself.</p> <p>For this and other cost entries you may only list the costs for 1 application of the fungicide.</p>
16	Enter applicant's share in the farm's actual fungicide application cost, entered in item 15, incurred for applying the eligible fungicide, entered in item 11, during the flowering stage, to the durum wheat acres listed in item 6.

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7 CCC-551, Durum Wheat Quality Program Application (Continued)

A Completing CCC-551 (Continued)

Item	Instruction
17	<p>An entry is only required when item 15 has a value greater than \$0.</p> <p>Enter applicant’s fungicide application cost per acre for the farm determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multiplying farm’s actual fungicide application cost, item 15, times applicant’s share in the farm’s actual fungicide application cost, item 16 • dividing the result by the durum wheat acres, item 6, for the farm.
18	<p>Enter COC-adjusted farm’s actual fungicide cost for the farm.</p> <p>Note: An entry is only required when COC determines the farm’s actual fungicide cost is different than the farm’s actual fungicide cost entered in item 13.</p>
19	<p>Enter COC-adjusted farm’s actual fungicide application cost for the farm.</p> <p>Note: An entry is only required when COC determines the farm’s actual fungicide application cost is different than the farm’s actual fungicide application cost entered in item 15.</p>
<p>Part D – Producer Certification</p>	
<p>Important: County Offices shall enter the average, per acre, State fungicide application payment rate set by STC for the applicable crop year in the producer certification statement provided in Part D, item 1.</p>	
20A through 20C	<p>After reading the certification, applicant or applicant’s representative signs and dates.</p> <p>Signatory in item 20B shall enter title/relationship when signing in the representative capacity.</p> <p>If an applicant is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not signing in the representative capacity, this field should be left blank • signing on behalf of themselves, it is acceptable to write “self”; however, it is not necessary.
<p>Part E – County Committee Determination</p>	
21A	Enter COC, CED, or designee signature.
21B	Enter date of COC, CED, or designee action.
21C	<p>CHECK (✓) “Approved” or “Disapproved”.</p> <p>Important: CCC-551 shall be approved or disapproved as certified by the applicant after applicable COC adjustment fields are completed.</p>

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7 CCC-551, Durum Wheat Quality Program Application (Continued)

B Example of CCC-551 (Continued)

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PART D – PRODUCER CERTIFICATION (CONTINUED)		
By signing this application, the producer:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. I understand that compensation available only with respect to one fungicide application and state that all figures listed by me are for one application only. Further, I understand that this application may be disapproved if the information or evidence provided is false or in error, and that other sanctions or penalties may apply. 6. Agrees to provide FSA with any documentation it requires to determine eligibility that verifies and supports all information provided, including the producer's certification, and understands the application may be disapproved if the producer fails to provide any such information requested by FSA; 7. Authorizes FSA, at any time, with or without their presence, to enter upon, inspect, and verify all certified durum wheat acres in which they have an interest; 8. Agrees to comply with, and acknowledges that they and this application are subject to, all the regulations governing the program and understands that instructions and assistance are available for completing this form; and, 9. Authorizes FSA to obtain from third parties, such as, but not limited to, other government agencies, individuals, suppliers, or contractors, any records or other evidence that substantiates the information provided on this application or any supporting documentation. 10. Any payment under this application may only be made to the extent allowed by program regulations and other provision of law. No entitlement of any kind is created by this application. 		
<p>NOTICE: FSA may require additional information. This application shall also not be considered complete until the following forms and records necessary to determine DWQP eligibility are accepted by the county committee as completed and approved, including, but not limited to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(1) AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation Certification (2) FSA-578, Report Acreage.</p>		
20A. Signature (By)	20B. Title/Relationship of the individual signing in the Representative Capacity	20C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
PART E – COUNTY COMMITTEE DETERMINATION		
21A. COC or Designee Signature	21B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	21C. Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved

8 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are immediately aware of the content of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall ensure that DWQP general provisions and other important items are publicized immediately, including but **not** limited, to the following:

- signup period
- eligible fungicides and acres
- basic participant eligibility criteria
- general data required to complete CCC-551's.

Program information may be provided through the following:

- program leaflets, newsletters, and print media
- meetings
- radio, television, and video
- County Office visits.