

For: State and County Offices

Base and Yield Update Option Analyzer (BYA)

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1 Overview

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Background

FSA is offering producers a free web-based tool for use in evaluating base and yield options for direct and counter-cyclical payments. The new tool, BYA, helps producers analyze the economic consequences of selecting different base and yield options. The BYA software was developed by Texas A&M University, Agricultural Food and Policy Center (AFPC) in conjunction with FSA to help farmers make the best selection from 5 base options and 4 yield options.

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Purpose

This notice provides County Offices with:

- information on:
 - public access to BYA
 - County Office access to BYA
- instructions for accessing and downloading BYA in the County Office.

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2 Using BYA

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Overview

The following 2 versions of BYA have been designed:

- public use
- County Office use.

The version for the:

- **public** is accessible online and all data will be entered online
 - **County Offices** will be available online but must be downloaded and used locally.
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Public Use

The BYA tool designed for public use is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farbill/tools.asp. Producers shall be directed to this website. **Do not** access the public use website from the County Office. An alternate BYA is provided for the County Office to avoid overloading the network.

A link is provided that explains how to use the tool. Producers must enter specific data about their farming operation(s), such as planted acres and yields for each type of crop grown. BYA will calculate a combination of 7 base and yield options and 6 years of projected payment for each covered commodity.

Producers who have **technical questions** not related to program policy should contact AFPC by e-mail at Bya@tamu.edu. Producers who do not have access to the internet or have questions about the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and their options should contact their local USDA Service Center or County Office. Upon request by producers, FSA can enter farm data and provide a copy of the output to individual producers. Producers shall also be advised to consult with their local FSA office before reaching any final conclusions about their choices.

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C County Office Use

The BYA tool for County Office use is available online at <http://servicecenter.usda.gov/release/>. County Offices shall **not** direct producers to this website. This website is for County Office use only. BYA is available at this website and must be downloaded. See subparagraph D for instructions for downloading BYA. Similar instructions are also provided on the website.

Producers without access to the public use BYA may consult with the County Office. County Offices **must** use the downloaded version of BYA to assist the producers.

It is anticipated that:

- BYA will be updated periodically in response to suggestions on how to improve the tool

Note: Bulletins will be sent to County Offices notifying of such changes and how to download the new software.

- an updated version of the County Office BYA will be available that will automatically transfer acreage and production data from the System 36 to the BYA tool.

Note: County Offices will be notified if this version becomes available.

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BYA Download and Installation Instructions

Before beginning the BYA download and installation, County Offices shall verify that:

- CCE-4 software has been installed
- there is a current backup of the PC before beginning.

Step	Action
1	Sign on as administrator.
2	Download file “ BYASetup.exe ” from the CCE Certified Software website (http://servicecenter.usda.gov/release/ , listed as Base and Yield Analyzer) or from the Release FTP website. Save to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temp directory• C:\Program Files\USDA\download.
3	Verify that all applications within Windows NT, including toolbars like the one used for Microsoft Office, are closed.
4	Using Windows NT Explorer, locate file “ BYASetup.exe ” at its saved location.
5	Double click on file “ BYASetup.exe ”.
6	The BYA installation process will begin. When prompted, click “Next” to continue or “Cancel” to terminate the BYA installation.
7	Click “Finish” at the end of the BYA installation.

If there are any problems, contact the National Help Desk.

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Uninstall

The following instructions shall be used only if it is necessary to uninstall BYA.

Instructions

Step	Action
1	Sign on as administrator for your local PC domain.
2	Click "Start".
3	Select "Settings".
4	Select "Control Panel".
5	Double click "Add/Remove Programs".
6	The Add/Remove Programs Properties window will be displayed. Highlight "Base and Yield Analyzer".
7	Click "Add/Remove".
8	Select "Remove" and click "Next". Click "OK" on the Confirm Uninstall box. BYA will be uninstalled.

If there are any problems, contact the National Help Desk.

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Installing New Versions of BYA

Periodically, new versions of BYA will become available. The following instructions shall be used only when a new version of BYA is posted to the CCE Certified Software website.

Step	Action
1	Sign on as administrator for your local PC domain.
2	Download the update file from the CCE Certified Software website (http://servicecenter.usda.gov/release , listed as Base and Yield Analyzer Update) or from the Release FTP website. Save to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temp directory• C:\Program Files\USDA\download.
3	Verify that all applications within Windows NT, including toolbars like the one used for Microsoft Office, are closed.
4	Using Windows NT Explorer, locate the downloaded file at its saved location.
5	Double click on the file.
6	On the InstallShield Wizard Welcome screen, select the “ REPAIR ” radio button and click on “Next”.
7	If displayed, on the InstallShield Wizard Select Components screen, click on “Next”.
8	If displayed, click “OK” on the information message box.

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Accessing the BYA Tool After Installation

The following table provides instructions for opening the BYA tool after it has been installed.

Step	Action
1	Click “START”.
2	Select “Programs”.
3	Select “USDA Applications”.
4	Select “Base and Yield Analyzer”.
5	Click “Base and Yield Analyzer”.
