

**For:** State and County Offices

**Impact of Subsequent Covered Commodities After  
Non-Covered Commodities Software Modification**

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**1 Overview**

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Background**

During the National Farm Bill Training, it was requested that the National Office provide a modification to the acreage reporting software that would summarize subsequent covered commodities following initial non-covered commodities as initial crop acreage for establishing Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) acreage history credit. However, as discussed at national training, the software modification does not recognize unique sub-field identifiers.

Notice DCP-34 provided that a software modification would summarize subsequent covered commodities following initial non-covered commodities as initial crop acreage.

Notice DCP-44 provided County Offices with specific instructions for running the subsequent covered commodities after non-covered commodities software modification. The County Office initiates the edit to the acreage reporting software every time the option to print the Subsequent Covered Commodities After Non-Covered Commodities Report is selected.

The National Office has received numerous phone calls from State Offices requesting a software modification to reverse the edit for counties that did not benefit from the original software modification.

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## Notice DCP-49

### 1 Overview (Continued)

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#### B

#### Purpose

This notice:

- clarifies the impacts of the software modification described in Notice DCP-34
  - provides revised instructions for running the software edit and printing the report
  - notifies County Offices of a software modification that will be transmitted to County Offices from KC-ITSDO, that will **reverse** the subsequent covered commodities after non-covered commodities software modification
  - provides options for the County Office with respect to subsequent covered commodities following initial non-covered commodities
  - obsoletes Notice DCP-44.
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## Notice DCP-49

### 2 Results of Software Edit

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#### A Software Modification

The subsequent covered commodities after non-covered commodities software modification does not recognize unique sub-field identifiers. The software modification only recognizes field numbers.

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#### B Example

The following example shows the impact that the software modification has on the acreage reporting software when unique sub-field identifiers exist.

Field Identifier	Crop	Intended Use	Reported Acreage	Original Crop Status	Modified Crop Status
1A	Wheat	Grain	200	I	I
1A	Wheat	Graze	200	S	O
1B	Grass	Graze	50	I	I
2A	Grass	Graze	50	I	I
2B	Wheat	Grain	50	S	O

#### **Field 1**

Since the edit only looks at the field number, not the sub-field identifiers, the edit changed the crop status code from “S” to “O” for all records with field number 1 and a crop status code of “S”. In this example, the crop status code for wheat for grazing was changed to “O”. However, the wheat for grazing was not subsequent to the grass, it was subsequent to wheat for grain. Therefore, the edit changed the crop status code in the acreage reporting software from “S” to “O” for wheat for grazing because unique sub-field identifiers existed. The crop status code for wheat for grazing should be an “S”. In cases where the crop code should be “S”, County Offices shall revise the code through the acreage reporting software.

#### **Field 2**

The software modification was designed for the situation in field number 2. The subsequent covered commodity, wheat, follows a non-covered commodity, grass. Therefore, wheat’s crop status code is correctly changed from “S” to “O”.

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## Notice DCP-49

### 3 Revised Instructions

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#### A

##### Overview

The edit to the acreage reporting software and the Subsequent Covered Commodities After Non-Covered Commodities Report are both initiated under 1 option in the software. The software has been changed to provide 2 separate options to initiate the edit and print the report.

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#### B

##### Initiate Software Modification

County Offices shall take the following steps to run the edit for subsequent covered commodities following initial non-covered commodities for 1998 through 2001 crop years.

Step	Action
1	On Application Selection Menu FAX07001, ENTER "11", "PFC/DCP/Compliance".
2	On PFC/Compliance Menu M00000, ENTER "3", "Acreage and Compliance Determinations".
3	On Acreage and Compliance Determinations Year Menu MEA000, select the applicable crop year (Options 1 through 4).  <b>Important: The County Office must run the edit separately for each of the 1998 through 2001 crop years.</b>
4	On Menu MEAL00, ENTER "13", "Subsequent Covered Commodities After Non-Covered Commodities Edit".

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### 3 Revised Instructions (Continued)

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#### **C** **Printing the** **Report**

After the County Office runs the edit according to subparagraph B, the County Office may print the Subsequent Covered Commodities After Non-Covered Commodities Report according to the following table.

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	On Application Selection Menu FAX07001, ENTER "11", "PFC/DCP/Compliance".
2	On PFC/Compliance Menu M00000, ENTER "3", "Acreage and Compliance Determinations".
3	On Acreage and Compliance Determinations Year Menu MEA000, select the applicable crop year (Options 1 through 4).
4	On Menu MEAL00, ENTER "10", "Reports".
5	On Compliance Reports Menu MEALX0, ENTER "4", "Subsequent Covered Commodities After Non-Covered Commodities Report".

The report will provide every record with a crop status code of "O", "OP", and "OF".

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## Notice DCP-49

### 4 Reverse Software Edit

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#### A

##### Purpose for Software

Software to reverse the subsequent covered commodities after non-covered commodities software edit will be transmitted to County Offices. An information bulletin will be provided when the software is released. The reverse software modification will change the crop status code for all records in the acreage reporting software from "O" back to "S".

**Note: This option should only be selected if the County Office ran the original software modification as described in paragraph 2 and wishes to reverse the results of the edit.**

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#### B

##### Running the Reverse Edit

County Offices that want to run the reverse edit shall take the following steps to initiate the reverse software edit to change the crop status code from "O" back to "S" in the acreage reporting software.

Step	Action
1	On Application Selection Menu FAX07001, ENTER "11", "PFC/DCP/Compliance".
2	On PFC/Compliance Menu M00000, ENTER "3", "Acreage and Compliance Determinations".
3	On Acreage and Compliance Determinations Year Menu MEA000, select the applicable crop year (Options 1 through 4).  <b>Important: The County Office must run the edit separately for each of the 1998 through 2001 crop years.</b>
4	On Menu MEAL00, ENTER "14", "Reverse Covered Commodities Edit".

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## Notice DCP-49

### 5 County Office Options

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#### A

##### Overview

The subsequent covered commodities after initial non-covered commodities software edit, described in paragraph 2, is advantageous in many counties when resolving subsequent crop acreage for establishing acreage history credit. However, the edit is not advantageous in other counties because of sub-field identifiers. Therefore, County Offices have several options with respect to running the original and **reverse** software edits as described in subparagraphs B and C.

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#### B

##### Original Software Edit Has Not Been Initiated

If the County Office has not initiated the original software edit, the County Office has the following 2 options:

- initiate the original software edit according to paragraph 3 and manually change the crop status code from “O” to “S” in the acreage reporting software, as needed
  - do not initiate the original software edit and manually change the crop status codes from “S” to “O” in the acreage reporting software, as needed.
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#### C

##### Original Software Edit Has Been Initiated

County Offices that have initiated the original software edit have the options provided in the following table.

<b>IF the initial software edit was...</b>	<b>THEN the County Office shall...</b>
advantageous to the County Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>not</b> run the <b>reverse</b> software edit according to paragraph 4</li><li>• manually change the crop status code from “O” to “S” in the acreage reporting software, as needed.</li></ul>
<b>not</b> advantageous to the County Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• run the <b>reverse</b> software edit according to paragraph 4</li><li>• manually change the crop status code from “S” to “O” in the acreage reporting software, as needed.</li></ul>

**Note: County Offices may use the Resolve Subsequent Acres Report according to 1-DCP, paragraph 618 to assist in identifying subsequent acres.**

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