

For: State and County Offices

**Changes to Acreage History Software**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A**

**Background**

County Offices are now loading 4-years of acreage history for computing bases under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act). Numerous changes have recently been made to the acreage history software and the FSA-578 process that will require County Offices to review and, if applicable, load additional acreage data. In addition, a forthcoming DCP notice instructs County Offices on changes for loading and/or correcting double crop and prevented planting acres that could have an effect on acreage history.

**B**

**Purpose**

This notice provides County Offices with changes made to the acreage history software.

**C**

**County Office Action**

Because of the substantial changes to the acreage history software outlined in this notice and the clarifications outlined in a forthcoming DCP notice, County Offices shall review and, if applicable, load any additional acreage data found as a result of the changes. County Offices **must** reprint the summary acreage history report for **all** farms to ensure that producers receive the most accurate information.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>  December 1, 2002	<b>Distribution</b>  State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices
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##### Software

KC-ITSDO will transmit updated acreage history software to County Offices on or about June 26, 2002. A forthcoming information bulletin will be provided. This software will also be included in County Release No. 489.

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### 2 Definitions

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#### A

##### Double Cropped Acres

Double cropped acres are the 4-year average of double cropped acres for all covered commodities, including peanuts.

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#### B

##### Subsequent Crop Acres

Subsequent crop acres are subsequent acres that were reported through the FSA-578 software or were loaded through the View/Update Acreage Screen for each crop in each year, 1998 through 2001.

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### 3 Changes

#### A Notification of Changes

The following changes have been made to the acreage history software:

- the effective cropland, calculated according to the definition in subparagraph 2 A, will now print on the Detailed and Summary Acreage History Report
- the 4-year average of double crop acres that were reported through the FSA-578 software or loaded through the View/Update Acreage Screen will now print on the Detailed and Summary Acreage History Report
- the subsequent crop acres that were reported through the FSA-578 software or loaded through the View/Update Acreage Screen will now print on the Detailed and Summary Acreage History Report
- The ability to view and/or update subsequent crop acres has been added to the View/Update Acreage Screen

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**B  
Changes to  
Screen  
MIBUTHXX**

The following is an example of updated Screen MIBUTHXX.

Farm Records		151-WASHINGTON		MIBUTH20			
View/Update Acreage Screen		Operator HKG INC		Version: AE47 06/17/2002 10:27 Term H2			
Farm Number	1000						
Tract Number	100						
<u>Crop</u>			<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	
WHEAT		Acres	.....	.....		.....	254.6
	Db1 Cropped	Acres	.....	.....			
	Subsequent	Acres	.....	.....			
UPCN		Acres	.....	.....			
	Db1 Cropped	Acres	.....	.....			
	Subsequent	Acres	.....	.....			
SOYBN		Acres	.....	.....	892.7	648.5	
	Db1 Cropped	Acres	.....	.....			
	Subsequent	Acres	.....	.....			
Cmd2=New Tract Cmd3=Previous Menu Cmd7=End Cmd16=Add Crop Cmd20=Update							

The acres displayed are subsequent acres reported for the crop for each year, 1998 through 2001. The subsequent acres may only be updated through this screen if a tract did not exist in at least 1 of the years, 1998 through 2001.

**Note:** When a tract exists the reported/determined acreage from FSA-578 will display and can only be updated through the FSA-578 software.

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**3 Changes (Continued)**

**C**

**Changes to the Summary Acreage History Report**

The following is an example of the updated Summary Acreage History Report.

**Note:** These changes also apply to the Detailed Acreage History Report.

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MISSISSIPPI                                USDA-FSA                                Prepared: 06-18-2002
WASHINGTON
Report ID: MIBAHF-R001      Summary Acreage History Report      Page: 1
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FARM:      1000
OPERATOR:  HKG INC
           1234 PINE LN
           ANYWHERE MD 12345-6789
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FARM SUMMARY
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CROPLAND   EFF   AG USE   EFF AG USE   CRP   CRP   DBL   CROPPED
-----   -----   -----   -----   -----   -----   -----
          CROPLAND   LAND      LAND      CROPLAND   MPL   ACRES   ACRES
          913.7     913.7     913.7     913.7     0.0    0.0    0.0

          CROP           1998      1999      2000      2001      2002
          ----           ----      ----      ----      ----      ----
          WHEAT           ACRES     ACRES     ACRES     ACRES     PFC ACRES
          UPCN
          SOYBN           -----   -----   -----   -----   -----
                                     254.6     167.0
                                     733.1     648.5     81.8
                                     0.0

          SUBSEQUENT   1998      1999      2000      2001
          CROP           ACRES     ACRES     ACRES     ACRES
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          SOYBN           -----   -----   -----   -----
                                     159.6

OWNER(S):
1. MARIAMNE P COUNCIL

OTHER PRODUCER(S):
NONE

Ag Use Land (Agricultural Use Land) is land for which either of the following
apply:
- the land met the definition of cropland at the time it was enrolled in PFC
and the land is currently being used for an agricultural or related activity
- the land met the definition of cropland on or after April 4, 1996, and the
land continues to be devoted to an agricultural or related activity.

Effective Ag Use Land is ag use land not subject to CRP or Water Bank Program.

CRP Cropland Acres are the acres in an approved CRP-1. These acres must be
planted to and/or maintained in an acceptable cover.

CRP MPL Acres are acres that are enrolled in CRP but not classified as cropland
or ag use land.
    
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