

For: State and County Offices

Impact of Popcorn History on Eligible Oilseeds Acreage

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1 Overview

A Background

Notice DCP-76 informed State and County Offices that 1998 through 2001 popcorn acreage history shall be considered as corn acreage for DCP base purposes. The acreage history credit provisions in subparagraph 2 A of the notice correctly address the impact of popcorn history using Base Option 4; however, the impact of popcorn history in determining eligible oilseeds acreage under Base Options 2 and 5 was inadvertently excluded.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the impact that 1998-2001 popcorn history has in determining eligible oilseed acreage.

2 Eligible Oilseeds

A Base Option 2

Provisions for determining the eligible oilseed acreage under Base Option 2 are in 1-DCP, subparagraph 54 A. One of the steps used to determine eligible oilseed acreage is to subtract 2002 PFC acres from the total planted and prevented planted acres of covered commodities, for each crop year from 1998 through 2001.

As authorized by the Agriculture Appropriations Act of 2003, acreage planted to popcorn in 1998 through 2001 shall be considered as corn for determining corn acreage for DCP purposes.

Note: There is no authority to increase 2002 PFC acres based on popcorn history.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Eligible Oilseeds (Continued)

B Impact of Popcorn History (Base Option 2)

The eligible oilseeds acreage under Base Option 2 **may** increase for a farm, when popcorn is considered corn acreage. Accordingly, owners of farms with popcorn history may wish to revise base and yield elections; however, the base limitations in 1-DCP, subparagraph 53 A remain applicable.

Note: Although popcorn history has no impact on the eligible oilseeds acreage under Base Option 3, an owner may wish to change an election from Base Option 3 to Base Option 2, because of an increased acreage of eligible oilseeds under Base Option 2. Base Option 5 may be impacted because of an increase in minimum oilseeds.

3 County Office Action

A Software and Base Options Reports

Information Bulletin No. 2672 indicated that modified software, to consider popcorn acreage as corn, would be broadcast to all State and County Offices on April 3, 2003. Upon request, County Offices shall provide a copy of the revised Base Options Report, printed according to 1-DCP, paragraph 608, to applicable owners and producers.

B Notice DCP-76 Remains Effective

The contents of this notice do **not** obsolete any part of Notice DCP-76. Accordingly, all of the provisions contained in Notice DCP-76 shall continue to apply.

C Publicizing Popcorn Provisions

The letter in Notice DCP-76, Exhibit 1, was mailed by KC-ITSDO, to owners and producers of farms with popcorn history in 1 or more years from 1998 through 2001. The content of the letter is correct and does not require changes based on this notice; however, County Offices shall publicize the provisions of this notice and Notice DCP-76.