

For: State and County Offices

Including Sesame and Crambe for DCP Base Acreage

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

A notice to the Federal Register dated April 1, 2003, informed the public of USDA’s decision to designate crambe and sesame seed as eligible oilseeds. The notice stated that owners of farms with crambe or sesame seed acreage history from 1998 through 2001 must make their DCP base acreage election before May 1, 2003. However, because of the late inclusion of crambe and sesame seed as covered commodities, owners of farms with crambe and sesame acreage have until May 16, 2003, to establish or revise base acres, and update crop yields, if applicable.

1-DCP, Amendment 14 provided procedure for including sesame and crambe as eligible oilseeds.

Because of the late inclusion of crambe and sesame as covered commodities, a special 2003 crop year fruit, vegetable, and wild rice exception will be applied to certain fruit, vegetable, and wild rice plantings.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- owners of farms with 1998 through 2001 crop crambe or sesame seed acreage history must complete all actions, including obtaining all required signatures on CCC-515’s to the County Office to make or revise their base and yield election by COB May 16, 2003
- a 2003 crop year fruit, vegetable, and wild rice exception shall be applied to certain fruit, vegetable, and wild rice plantings on base acreage.

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

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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- adhere to the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- allow owners of farms with sesame and crambe acreage to make or revise base and yield elections **on or before May 16, 2003, regardless** of whether or not they have been placed on a register

Note: All actions must be completed by May 16, 2003, including obtaining all required signatures on CCC-515's and submitting CCC-515 to the County Office by COB May 16, 2003.

- promptly submit information to COC for applicable farms, to allow the completion of base and yield election, including signatures, on or before May 16, 2003
- use the 2002 crop year fruit, vegetable, and wild rice exception on applicable farms, according to procedure in 1-DCP, subparagraph 470 B
- use the 2003 crop year fruit, vegetable, and wild rice exception on applicable farms, according to Notice DCP-76, paragraphs 5 and 6, on base acreage that would have been nonbase acreage had crambe and sesame not been included as covered commodities. 1-DCP will be amended to reflect the 2003 crop year fruit, vegetable, and wild rice exception.