

For: State and County Offices

**Waiver of Late-Filed Acreage Reporting Fee for 2002 Wool,
Mohair, and Unshorn Lamb Pelt Producers**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Because of the delayed enactment of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, producers could not timely file FSA-578's for the 2002 crop.

2-CP, paragraph 21, requires that FSA-578 be filed on specific dates according to the State in which a commodity is produced. 2-CP also requires late-filing fees be charged to verify crop acreage and program compliance when the final date has passed and the farm or crop may be eligible for USDA benefits.

Notice LP-1891, subparagraph 4 J, provides guidelines for acreage reporting by producers who are or are not associated with a farm with or without cropland.

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Purpose

This notice instructs County Offices to waive the late-filing fee for wool, mohair, and unshorn pelt producers who did not timely file FSA-578's.

2 County Office Action

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Waiver of Fees

For the 2002 crop only, County Offices shall accept late-filed FSA-578's as timely filed for wool, mohair, and unshorn lamb pelt producers and waive the late-filing fee.

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