

For: State and County Offices

2015 NAP Application for Coverage and National Crop Table (NCT)

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1 Overview

A Background

The 2015 NAP Application for Coverage became available for use on June 18, 2014. Initially, the 2015 Application for Coverage will:

- not include any of the changes provided in the 2014 Farm Bill
- use 2014 NCT records until NCT can be modified to include 2014 Farm Bill changes.

Note: To provide the correct Application Closing Date, 1 year will automatically be added to the Application Closing Dates received from the 2014 NCT record when the 2015 Application for Coverage is being updated.

Changes to Application for Coverage to incorporate the 2014 Farm Bill provisions will be made at a later date and will include, but are **not** limited to:

- recognizing SDA and beginning farmers and ranchers
- allowing producers to elect “buy-up” coverage
- requiring approved NCT records.

Note: A report of crops is being provided that were covered between 2011 and 2014 to assist counties with approving NCT records in preparation for this change.

Changes to NCT to incorporate the 2014 Farm Bill provisions will also be made at a later date.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2014	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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B Purpose

This notice:

- provides the date that 2015 NAP Application for Coverage was available
- Note:** The software was released without including 2014 Farm Bill changes.
- provides the modifications being made with the initial release for 2015 Application for Coverage
 - defines the difference between a “shell” NCT record and an “approved” NCT record and explains the future Application for Coverage change
 - provides a report that can be used to prepare for the change to read “approved” NCT records instead of “shell” NCT records.

2 2015 NAP Application for Coverage

A Overview

The 2015 NAP Application for Coverage software became available for use on June 18, 2014. This software contains no 2014 Farm Bill changes. County Offices shall use this software to load any manual 2015 CCC-471's already received and continue taking CCC-471's for crops for which the application closing dates have **not** yet passed.

B Modifications

Currently, the only modification to 2015 NAP Application for Coverage is a change to read the 2014 NCT instead of the 2015 NCT. The 2015 NCT is **not** yet available for use. The system has been modified to automatically add 1 year to the application closing date received from the 2014 NCT.

C Loading Manual CCC-471's

CCC-471's taken manually shall be entered into the 2015 NAP Application for Coverage software as soon as possible. Any CCC-471 taken manually where the application closing date has passed will need to be overridden by the State Office administrative user. See 1-NAP, paragraph 1545 for additional information on the “Override Crops Eligibility” feature.

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3 NCT and Application for Coverage Changes

A Requiring Approved NCT Records for Application for Coverage

The NAP Application for Coverage software has always used “shell” records from NCT. This means that the record contains the bare minimum required to save the record but does not contain enough information for the record to be approved.

As part of the 2014 Farm Bill changes, the 2015 NAP Application for Coverage software will be modified to require approved NCT records. This means that a crop will **not** be able to be selected for coverage until the record is approved.

The change to require approved NCT records will facilitate calculation of the “buy-up” premiums described in the 2014 Farm Bill.

Note: This change will be made at a later date and is not included in the initial release of the 2015 NAP Application for Coverage software.

B Covered Crops Report

In anticipation of the NAP Application for Coverage change to require “approved” NCT records and to minimize workload, State and County Offices shall ensure that all 2014 NCT records contain required historical information and are approved **before** 2015 NCT becomes available. A report has been provided that State and County Offices shall use as a guide for determining which records need to be approved in NCT.

The Covered Crops Report is available on the Common Provisions Branch website at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/ffas/farmbill/ccc/>. The report provides, by State and county, all crops, crop types, and planting periods with approved NAP Applications for Coverage for each year, 2011 through 2014.

4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that all County Offices are aware of the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- widely publicize, by cost-effective means, the importance of **timely** applying for 2015 NAP coverage
- process manual CCC-471’s previously accepted according to this notice
- use the automated Application for Coverage software for any further applications for coverage received.