

For: State and County Offices

**Extending 2016 CCC-471 Filing Date for
Forage Buy-Up Crops to Obtain Quality Adjustment Benefits**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

1-NAP (Rev. 2) Amendment 5 provides procedure for determining forage quality loss adjustments beginning in 2016 for producers who have buy-up coverage.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of:

- CCC-471 filing options available to producers of 2016 forage crops intended for mechanical harvest for which the application closing date has already passed or will occur soon, in which the producer may wish to obtain or modify buy-up forage coverage for the purpose of quality loss adjustment
- the November 13, 2015, deadline for electing buy-up coverage for forage to take advantage of quality loss adjustment.

2 Application Closing Dates for 2016

A One-Time Opportunity for Obtaining 2016 Forage Buy-Up and Quality Loss Coverage

Because 2016 application closing dates for some forage crops intended for mechanical harvest may have already passed before provisions for determining forage quality loss adjustments were issued and made available, producers may still obtain buy-up coverage for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the quality adjustments for forage crops or change levels of coverage (increasing or decreasing) under buy-up for the 2016 crop year through Friday, November 13, 2015.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2016	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Application Closing Dates for 2016 (Continued)

A One-Time Opportunity for Obtaining 2016 Forage Buy-Up and Quality Loss Coverage (Continued)

A producer **must** submit CCC-471 when:

- no coverage was previously obtained under basic 50/55 NAP or buy-up and pay the service fee

Note: Coverage will attach no sooner than 30 calendar days after CCC-471 is filed.

- coverage was previously obtained under basic 50/55 NAP and the service fee was paid

Note: The producer will need to select buy-up coverage on CCC-471. Coverage attaches on the originally filed basic 50/55 NAP coverage CCC-471.

- buy-up coverage was previously obtained, the service fee was paid, and producer wants to change coverage level (up or down) (for example, from 50/100 to 65/100 or somewhere in between).

Notes: In this instance, coverage attaches on the originally filed buy-up CCC-471.

In all instances, where an original timely filed CCC-471 is allowed to be amended by the provisions of this notice to increase or decrease coverage levels and where the coverage period will begin as it would have with the originally filed CCC-471, a copy of the originally filed CCC-471 **must** be attached to the new CCC-471. There will **not** be an additional service fee for the amended CCC-471.

Basic 50/55 NAP coverage for the 2016 crop year was available for forage intended for mechanical harvest before the application closing date. Therefore, if a producer did not file a timely CCC-471 for forage intended for mechanically harvest and that producer is only interested in basic 50/55 NAP coverage, offices will follow 1-NAP (Rev. 2), paragraph 301, to process that late-filed CCC-471. The provisions of this notice do **not** apply to that late-filed CCC-471 for basic 50/55 NAP coverage.

B Coverage Periods and Late-Filed CCC-471's

Except as specified in subparagraph A:

- coverage periods for all crops will be specified in CCC-471 NAP BP, paragraph 13
- late-filed CCC-471's will be processed according to 1-NAP (Rev. 2), paragraph 301, or as otherwise directed by DAFP.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will:

- ensure that County Offices are notified of the contents of this notice
- contact LAP manager with questions about this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- follow the instructions in this notice for taking 2016 CCC-471's for producers wanting to obtain mechanical harvest buy-up coverage for the purpose of quality loss adjustment benefits
- advertise the extended November 13, 2015, deadline in those counties in which the established application closing date has or will pass before November 13, 2015.