

For: State and County Offices

The National Crop Table (NCT)

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

NCT will be used for NAP purposes to recommend and approve crop data as well as maintain a historical database for prices and yields.

At the national NAP training in June 2001, State and County Office personnel were instructed to provide crop data to the National Office for review. At that time, it was the intention of the National Office to review and load into the NCT system all data received before releasing NCT.

Because of the delay in the NCT software development and the volume of data received, the National Office is unable to timely load all of the crop data. To complete the review and entry of all crop data in a timely manner, State and County Office personnel must enter data for their State and/or county.

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Purpose

This notice:

- notifies State Offices that they shall be responsible for loading crop data not previously entered in NCT, using all available resources
- provides guidance for data entry.

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October 1, 2002	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Entering Crop Data

A Data Entry Instructions

1-NAP (Rev.1) Amendment 5:

- is forthcoming
- will contain procedure for entering crop data.

State and County Offices will be able to add new records or modify existing records for those crops not previously loaded and approved by the National Office.

The crop data for all types/varieties and intended uses grown within the county within the payment grouping must be loaded. Refer to 1-NAP (Rev. 1), Exhibit 7 for payment groupings.

Note: The State Office must set the State approval flag to “Y” before the National Office will review the data. Reviewing will be a time consuming process because the approval is done by county, crop code, type/variety, intended use, planting period, and practice.

When a producer intends for a crop to be mechanically harvested, but the actual use of the crop acreage is completely grazed, the loss calculation for the acreage grazed will be determined using the animal-unit-day (AUD). To ensure that records are available for the proper forage calculation on the application for payment, NCT requires a grazing record to be data loaded before a forage crop intended for forage and some forage crops intended for seed. Even though some crops may not normally be grazed, even in a drought year, i.e., alfalfa, State Offices are required to establish the acres per animal unit and grazing days should a producer attempt to graze the crop. These grazing records must be established for each practice, i.e., irrigated or nonirrigated.

The following table shows intended uses that are required to have a grazing record on NCT before a record being entered with the intended use of forage (FG) or (SD). The intended use column indicates when a record for grazing must exist.

Examples: A grazing record will only be required for small grains if the intended use is forage. Intended uses of seed and grain for small grains does not require a grazing record to be entered.

For alfalfa mix, a grazing record must exist before entering a record for the intended uses of seed and forage.

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Crop	Crop Code	Crop Type	Intended Use
Alfalfa	0027		FG, SD
Alfalfa Mix	0296	AGM, ASG, GMA	FG, SD
All other grass and legumes	0102, 0265, 0273, 0355, 0435 0296	All types ICG, IGS, LCG, LEG, LGG, LGM, LSG, MSG, NSG, OTP, SSG	FG, SD
Seed Small Grain Forages	0011, 0091, 0016, 0158, 0094	All types	FG
Sorghum Forage	0050	CAN, ALU, SUD, SWT	FG
FG Soybean/Sorghum	0125		FG
Perennial Peanuts	9033		FG

Note: The grazing (GZ) record is not required to have a forage or seed record loaded.

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Historical Data

State and County Offices are required to enter the historical crop data used to calculate the 2001 yield and price.

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2 Entering Crop Data (Continued)

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Data Already Loaded

A blank crop record has been established in NCT for most crops for which a producer may file an application for coverage.

Note: Once 1-NAP (Rev. 1) Amendment 5 has been issued, State and County Office shall review procedure for loading crops not on NCT, either through the “Add a Crop” or “Modify a Current Record” option.

The National Office has loaded some of the crop data that was submitted by State Offices. State Offices will be notified of any data that has been entered. Once the National Office has entered and approved the data, State and County Offices **cannot** modify the data.

Note: If the National Office has entered the information for a crop, crop data, i.e., planting period, will be shown in the record when using the view/change option.

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Prioritizing Data Entry

Based on the following priority, State and County Offices shall enter the crop data for:

- all applicable crops within a payment grouping for which CCC-576 has been filed
- all other crops for which CCC-471 has been filed
- any other potential crops.

Note: Crop data must be entered for all types/varieties and intended uses within the same payment grouping.

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3 Additional Information

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Download

The NCT record will be downloaded to County Office computers after the National Office has set the national approval flag.

Initially, downloads will occur once each week.

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Contact Person

If errors or problems are encountered when loading crop data in NCT, the State Office shall contact either of the following:

- Earline Brown, PECD at 202-690-1324 or by e-mail at **Earline_Brown@wdc.fsa.usda.gov**
 - Helen Mathew, PECD at 202-720-9878 or by e-mail at **Helen_Mathew@wdc.fsa.usda.gov**.
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