

For: State and County Offices

Updating 2003 and 2004 Grazed Forage Records on the National Crop Table (NCT)

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1 Overview

A Background

NAP grazed forage requires STC's to establish a carrying capacity that is made up of grazing days and acres per animal unit. The price is established nationwide by the National Office. Rarely are carrying capacities modified from 1 year to the next because historic data is not taken into consideration in establishing these carrying capacities. State Offices rely on forage experts in their State when establishing and recommending this data.

The NCT was designed using a State approval process to encourage second party reviews of the crop data entered. With the release of the 2001/2002 Crop Disaster Program (CDP), the need to update crop records for that program, and the accelerated need for updates to the 2003 and 2004 NCT for NAP, State Offices have been overwhelmed in maintaining these crop tables. Numerous requests have been made to provide a bulk load process for these tables as initially done for the 2001 NCT to decrease workload. Although it was feasible in 2001 based on the fact that these records were loaded for the first time, in subsequent years it is difficult to program bulk load processes because not all crop records have the same data sources or years of information that are required to be loaded. The need for a bulk load process is still recognized; however, Phase II of the CDP crop table is higher on the list of priorities at this present time.

To decrease the time spent by State and County Offices in the processing of crop data, the State approval flag for grazed records will be updated using a National edit process on the NCT.

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| Disposal Date January 1, 2004 | Distribution State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices |
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B Purpose

This notice informs State Offices:

- that the State approval flag for all 2003 and 2004 grazed crop records will be set using a National edit process
- a deadline has been established to verify and notify the National Office that all grazing records within the State are correct before the edit is run.

Note: This edit will:

- only be run if the National Office has been notified that all grazed records in the State are correct
- not be completed by specific crop, type.

2 State Office Action

A Reviewing Grazing Records

State Offices shall ensure that all 2003 and 2004 grazing records are reviewed and accurate. If 2003 records are correct and no changes were made upon completing 2002 rollover, the 2004 records should also be correct because they too were rolled over from 2002; therefore, no additional review of 2004 would be required.

Notes: State Offices shall ensure the:

- unharvested factor for all grazing records is 100 percent
- planting periods established are associated to either:
 - the correct carrying capacity for those forage types having multiple carrying capacities
 - the designation of warm and cool season grasses.

B Reporting Deadline

State Offices have until **July 31, 2003**, to inform their assigned National Office NAP specialist in writing that all 2003 and 2004 grazing records in their State have been reviewed and are accurate. States unable to confirm the status of their grazing records by July 31, 2003, will not be included in the National edit process and will be required to update the State approval flag for each crop record.