

For: State and County Offices

Change in Crop Definition for 2005 Sorghum

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1 Overview

A Background

1-NAP (Rev. 1), Exhibit 7.5 lists the various crop types that are associated with the crop definition for the 2005 crop year. All acreage and production within the crop definition are summarized for loss calculation purposes. Normally changes to the crop definition are not made after the application for coverage software has been released because it may have an adverse impact on service fees collected. However, for the 2005 crop year, a change has been made to the crop definition for sorghum. A new crop code for dual purpose sorghum has been added.

Because the crop definition has changed for sorghum, the crop records that no longer exist must be deleted from the National Crop Table (NCT). However, applications for coverage have already been taken for the sorghum types that are impacted by this change. The sorghum types impacted are HIF, HSF, HSG, and HSS. Before any records can be deleted from NCT, those applications for coverage records must be corrected. A memorandum will be provided to State Offices with a list of counties that are impacted by this change. State and County Offices shall be aware that if all of these records are not corrected, it will result in an out-of-balance condition in the application for coverage software.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that for the 2005 crop year:

- a change has been made in the crop definition for sorghum
- service fees collected may have been impacted
- four types of sorghum previously used have been deleted
- dual purpose sorghum has been added as a new crop
- applications for coverage can be taken for dual purpose sorghum.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>March 1, 2005</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that:

- County Offices are notified of the contents of this notice
- County Offices take no action at this time to correct applications for coverage
- County Offices discontinue taking applications for coverage for crop types deleted from the sorghum definition
- County Offices take applications for coverage for dual purpose sorghum
- if requested, a shell record is added for the dual purpose sorghum.

B County Office Action

County Office shall:

- immediately discontinue taking applications for coverage for the following:

Crop Code	Crop	Crop Type	Crop Type Name	Pay Crop	Pay Type
0051	Sorghum	HIF	Hybrid Interplant Forage	0051	001
0051	Sorghum	HSF	Hybrid Standard Plant FG	0051	001
0051	Sorghum	HSG	Hybrid Standard Plant GR	0051	002
0051	Sorghum	HSS	Hybrid Standard Plant SU	0051	003

Notes: Do **not** make corrections to any applications for coverage that have been taken on these crops until notified by the National Office. The memorandum provided to State Offices will show the counties impacted by this change and instructions on how to correct the applications. As soon as the memorandum is received, those applications must be corrected immediately.

If an application is taken for sorghum, the types of grain (GRS) or hybrid interplant grain (HIG), the type of hybrid standard plant grain (HSG) will also be automatically added to the application for coverage because currently they are in the same crop definition. County Offices shall follow 1-NAP (Rev. 1), subparagraph 885 C to delete the HSG type if automatically added by the system; however, not selected.

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2 Action (Continued)

B County Office Action (Continued)

- use the following additional crop definition for the 2005 crop year for producers who intend to plant dual purpose sorghum. See 2-CP for the definition of dual purpose sorghum.

Crop Code	Crop	Intended Use	Crop Type	Pay Crop	Pay Type
0052	Sorghum, dual purpose	GR		0051	002
0052	Sorghum, dual purpose	FG, GZ		0050	001

Notes: The crop definition will be added to 1-NAP, Exhibit 7.7.

Applications for coverage can be taken on these crops as soon as they are added to the shell record.

For NAP purposes, the intended use of seed shall be taken under crop code 0050 (sorghum forage) or 0051 (sorghum).