

For: State and County Offices

**2000 Oilseeds Program (OP)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A**

**Background**

Pub. L. 106-224, The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, which was signed by the President on June 20, 2000, authorized the Secretary to use \$500,000,000 of CCC funds to make payments to producers who planted an eligible oilseed in 2000.

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**Purpose**

This notice provides preliminary information for State and County Offices about 2000 OP.

**C**

**Contact**

Contact PECD, Emergency Preparedness and Programs Branch, at 202-720-6602 with any questions.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>March 1, 2001</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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### 2 2000 Oilseeds Program

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#### **Producer Eligibility**

A producer must have planted or shared in the production of an eligible oilseed in **2000** to be eligible for the 2000 OP.

**Note:** Prevented planted oilseed acreage cannot be used to determine 2000 OP eligibility, or payment acreage purposes.

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#### B

#### **Eligible Oilseeds**

2000 OP payments may be made available to producers who planted or shared in the production of the following oilseeds in 2000:

- soybeans
- canola
- crambe
- flaxseed
- mustard seed
- rapeseed
- safflower seed
- sesame
- sunflower seed (oil and confectionary).

**Note:** A producer who planted an eligible oilseed in 2000 is eligible for payment only for that specific oilseed. Planting 1 oilseed does not make another oilseed eligible for payment.

**Example:** Soybeans planted by a producer in 2000 do not make sunflowers planted in 1997, 1998 or 1999 eligible.

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#### C

##### Control County

OP applications shall be submitted to the county that controls a producer's payment limitation for the producer. KC-ITSDO determined the "control" county for each producer in October 2000, based on the most recent data on file at that time. Subsequent control county changes will not change the control county for OP purposes.

**Note:** Producers may not change the control county designated as of October 2000, to another county to increase the average yield for OP purposes. Producers may certify to receive payment based on their actual yield, if higher than the control county average yield.

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#### D

##### New Producer

A new producer of an oilseed is a producer (as determined by the producer's I.D. number) who shared in the production of an oilseed in 2000 but did not share in the production of that specific oilseed in 1997, 1998, or 1999 on any farm.

**Note:** A producer may be considered a new producer of 1 oilseed and an established producer of another oilseed.

New producers are eligible to receive payment based on their share of the 2000 planted acreage.

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##### Established Producer

An established producer is a producer (as determined by the producer's I.D. number) who shared in the production of an oilseed in 2000 and shared in the production of that specific oilseed in 1997, 1998, or 1999.

**Note:** Established producers are eligible to receive payment based on the producer's share of the 1997, 1998, or 1999 planted acreage of the oilseed on all farms, whichever is highest.

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#### Reporting Late-Filed Acreage

The final date to report acreage using FSA-578D for farms or crops not previously reported:

- was February 18, 2000, for producers who submitted CCC-780 under the 1999 OP
- is January 12, 2001, for producers submitting CCC-780 for the first time, under the 2000 OP.

Follow procedure in 2-CP, paragraph 21, for producers requesting that late-filed acreage reports for 2000 OP be used for other FSA program purposes.

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#### Payment Acreage

The payment acreage for a **new producer** of an oilseed is the producer's share of all acreage of the specific oilseed **planted** in 2000 on all of the producer's farms.

The payment acreage for an **established producer** of an oilseed is the producer's share of 1997, 1998, or 1999 acreage of that oilseed **planted** on all farms, whichever is highest.

**Note:** Acreage not planted to an oilseed because of prevented planting, or because of crop rotation practices or other management decisions, shall not be used to determine eligibility or payment acreage.

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#### B

#### Payment Yield

The payment yield for **new producers** is the higher of the following:

- an Olympic average of the 1995 through 1999:
  - control county average soybean yields
  - applicable national average yield for oilseeds other than soybeans
- producer's actual yield for all production of the oilseed in all counties for 2000.

The payment yield for **established producers** is the higher of the following:

- an Olympic average of the 1995 through 1999:
    - control county average soybean yields
    - applicable national average yield for oilseeds other than soybeans
  - producer's actual yield for all production of the oilseed in all counties for 1997, 1998, or 1999.
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#### C

#### Actual Yield

Producers may elect to certify to a yield higher than the county or national average yield, as applicable. Actual yields must be computed using certified or determined acreage.

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**Projected  
Payment Rates**

The Secretary determined the following payment rates based on the projected eligible payment quantity for each oilseed multiplied times the applicable 5-year Olympic average price. The price of each oilseed was then reduced to remain within the appropriated amount.

2000 OP Projected Payment Rates	
Soybeans (bu)	\$0.1400
Sunflowers (cwt)	\$0.2603
Flax (bu)	\$0.1240
Canola (cwt)	\$0.2526
Rape Seed (cwt)	\$0.2742
Safflower (cwt)	\$0.3414
Mustard Seed (cwt)	\$0.3222
Crambe (cwt)	\$0.2526
Sesame (cwt)	\$0.5794

**Note:** A national factor, as determined by the Secretary, will be applied to each oilseed payment rate, after the close of signup, to ensure that total outlays will not exceed the appropriated amount. Actual payment rates may be less than, equal to, or greater than the projected payment rates.

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### 4 2000 Signup and Filing 2000 OP Applications

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#### 2000 OP Signup

Signup for the 2000 OP is October 16, 2000, through January 12, 2001.

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#### B

#### Producer Notification

A postcard (Exhibit 1) will be mailed from KC-ITSDO the week of October 16, 2000, to:

- notify 2000 oilseeds producers of possible eligibility
  - provide the address of control County Office
  - instruct the producer to apply at the control County Office.
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#### Filing CCC-780 Application

Each producer will file only **one CCC-780** in the producer's control county for all of the producer's farms. CCC-780 will include all of the producer's eligible acreage of each oilseed and the control county or national average yields or actual yields, as applicable. The producer will certify the data by signing CCC-780.

2000 OP software was included in County Office Release No. 443, however, the software cannot be accessed until the payment rate file and multi-county download files are transmitted by KC-ITSDO. These files will be transmitted to State and County Offices no later than October 13, 2000.

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#### D

#### Issuance of Payments

2000 OP payments will be issued after the end of signup. No advance payments will be issued.

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#### E

#### County Office Action

County Offices shall ensure that producers receive complete and accurate program information by providing information through the following:

- program leaflets, newsletters, and print media
  - meetings
  - radio, television, and video.
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**State Office  
Action**

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices use all available practical means to notify producers according to subparagraph E.

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**Additional  
Program  
Information**

Complete instructions will be provided in 1-PF, Amendment 30.

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2000 OP Postcard

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Grant Parish FSA Office  
P.O. Box 296  
Colfax, LA 71417

PRSR First Class  
POSTAGE & FEES PAID  
USDA-FSA  
Permit No. G-96

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Frank Farmer  
119 Farmer Road  
Colfax, LA 71417

## Reverse of Postcard

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act, 2000, provides funds for producers who planted certain oilseeds in 2000.

Our records indicate you are a tenant, operator, or owner with an eligible oilseed crop on at least one farm in 2000. Accordingly, you may be eligible to receive a 2000 Oilseed Program payment based on your individual oilseed planting history.

To be eligible for payment, you must have planted or shared in the production of an eligible oilseed in 2000.

**IMPORTANT!** In order to receive payments under this program, you must file an application in the Farm Service Agency office that serves as your control county, as identified in the return address on this card, during the signup period scheduled to run from mid-October 2000 through January 12, 2001.

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