

For: State and County Offices

Subsidiary “Print” Option Programming Changes

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1 Overview

A Background

On June 13, 2006, the Farm Records Management System (FRMS) was released to County Offices. Since that time updates have been made to FRMS web service. These updates caused 2 significant problems with the subsidiary “Print” option, Farm/Tract Section:

- deleted tracts were printing on the subsidiary print
- incorrect eligibility information was printing for tracts.

The current programming changes, in addition to correcting these 2 problems, will display the actual determination in farm records on the subsidiary “Print” option, rather than display a “Y” or “N” value for the determination on a tract.

B Purpose

This notice provides information to County Offices about:

- programming changes to the subsidiary “Print” option, Farm/Tract Section
- future enhancement for a validation after a modification of farm records
- bringing the subsidiary “Print” option into compliance with Privacy Act provisions.

Note: The new subsidiary “Print” will be made available after a forthcoming Information Bulletin is posted.

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2 Programming Changes to the Subsidiary “Print” Option, Farm/Tract Section

A Selection Criteria for Farm/Tract Section

The subsidiary “Print” option, Fields to Print Section had 2 options:

- all
- bad tracts.

With the implementation of the programming changes, there will be 3 options:

- all

Note: The “All” option provides a list of every active tract that the selected producer is associated with in some capacity in every county in the United States.

- tracts with producer exceptions

Note: The “Tracts With Producer Exceptions” option provides a list of every active tract in the United States in which the selected producer has any exception at the farm or tract level.

- bad tracts.

Note: The “Bad Tracts” option provides a list of every active tract in the United States in which the selected producer has a farm/tract exception of “Has Appeal Rights” or “Appeals Exhausted.”

B New Format for the Subsidiary “Print” Option, Farm/Tract Section

The subsidiary “Print” option, Farm/Tract Section will now:

- provide accurate information to users
- include the exact determination as listed in FRMS for each tract.

The following is an example of the subsidiary “Print” option, Farm/Tract Section.

George, MS								
Farm	Tract	Relationship to Farm/Tract	Highly Erodible Land		Converted Wetland		Planted Converted Wetland	
			Determination	Producer Exception	Violation	Producer Exception	Violation	Producer Exception
1234567	1234567	Owner	HEL: conservation system is not being applied.	Good Faith	None	None	None	None

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2 Programming Changes to the Subsidiary “Print” Option, Farm/Tract Section (Continued)

C Separate Entries for Farm and Tract Exceptions

The producer exceptions were recorded at the farm **and** tract level. With the programming change, the subsidiary “Print” option has been designed to display exceptions at the farm and tract level by leaving the tract entry blank when displaying the farm level exceptions.

The following is an example of the subsidiary “Print” option, Farm/Tract Section displaying different farm and tract level exceptions.

Mower, MN								
Farm	Tract	Relationship to Farm/Tract	Highly Erodible Land		Converted Wetland		Planted Converted Wetland	
			Determination	Producer Exception	Violation	Producer Exception	Violation	Producer Exception
1234567		Operator	HEL: conservation system is not being applied.	Has Appeal Rights	Wetland converted after November 28, 1990.	Has Appeal Rights	An agricultural commodity has been planted on a converted wetland.	Has Appeal Rights
1234567	1234567	Operator	None	None	None	None	None	None

Note: This example was created to show that there can be differences in producer exceptions at the farm and tract levels. The farm level exceptions have the tract number entry blank to allow the user to see that this line represents farm level producer exceptions.

3 Enhancements to FRMS

A Future Validation Enhancement

A future enhancement to FRMS will validate the farm and tract level exception against each other. This validation will ensure that farm and tract level exceptions are consistent. County Offices shall use this notice as a reference when using the subsidiary “Print” option. 3-PL will be amended to reflect the program changes.

B Privacy Act Compliance Programming Change

Previous versions of the subsidiary “Print” option displayed/printed the selected producer’s entire tax ID number. With the programming change, the subsidiary “Print” option displays/prints the selected producer’s last 4 digits of the tax ID number.