

For: State and County Offices

Publication of the Proposed Rule for Revisions to Actively Engaged in Farming Provisions

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Requesting Comments on Proposed Rule

A Background

Section 1604 of the 2014 Farm Bill directs the Secretary to promulgate, with an opportunity for notice and comment, a regulation that defines “a significant contribution of active personal management”. If this is determined appropriate, establish limits on the number of individual per farming operation who may use a management contribution to meet the actively engaged in farming requirement for payment eligibility. Furthermore, the 2014 Farm Bill specifies that this rulemaking cannot have an adverse effect on farming operations comprised solely of family members.

A proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on March 26, 2015. A copy of the proposed rule is available through the FSA homepage at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. A 60-calendar-day public comment period also began at that time and ends May 26, 2015. Comments may be submitted either electronically or in writing as instructed in the published rule.

B Purpose

This notice provides information about publicizing the proposed rule and public comment period.

C State and County Office Actions

State and County Offices are instructed to:

- access “Laws and Regulations” on the FSA Internet and print a copy of the proposed rule
- make available copies of the proposed rule to all who request a copy
- encourage interested producers and others to timely provide written comments.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to all County Offices