

For: Peanut State and County Offices

Segregation 2 and 3 Peanut Marketing

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Handling Segregation 2 and 3 Peanuts

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Background

7 CFR part 1446 restricted marketing and disposition of Segregation 2 and 3 peanuts to non-human consumption use such as seed, oilstock, animal feed, and birdseed. Further, it allowed Segregation 3 farmers stock peanuts to be reconditioned within 72 hours, then reinspected once to determine the final grade of the load.

7 CFR part 996 published on September 9, 2002, establishes the peanut quality and handling requirements for 2002 crop peanuts. The regulation provides that handlers may purchase farmers stock peanuts of any segregation for shelling and eventual disposition for human consumption provided that the peanuts after handling, meet the established outgoing quality standards.

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Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- cleaning and reinspection requirements for Segregation 3 peanuts under 7 CFR part 1446 are no longer applicable to the 2002 crop year
- there is no limit to the number of times farmers stock peanuts graded Segregation 3 may be reconditioned at the buying point to remove foreign material and loose shelled kernels
- a copy of FV-95 must be presented to the inspector to identify the load to be regraded.

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Action**

State and County Offices shall:

- ensure that peanut producers are informed of the change in the Segregation 2 and 3 marketing requirements
 - refer inquiries about handling of Segregation 2 and 3 peanuts to AMS, Fruits and Vegetable Programs.
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