

For: State and County Offices

Deadline to Process Rice Production Program (RPP) Applications for Payment

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 reallocated \$250 million of exercised unobligated balances from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 to the Secretary to provide financial assistance to rice producers through RPP. Unobligated RPP funds will be returned to the U.S. Treasury at the end of FY 2023.

B Purpose

RPP sign-up ended on July 10, 2023, but new payment activity is still occurring. This notice instructs County Offices to complete all FSA-174 determinations and record the initial payment by **August 18, 2023**, according to notice SP-95, even if the producer has not provided all payment eligibility documentation. This will enable the National Office to determine the second payment rate.

Once a second payment rate is determined, additional information will be provided on issuing the second payment. All RPP activity must be completed by the end of FY 2023. RPP funds not obligated by midnight on September 30, 2023, will no longer be available for FSA to incur new obligations.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2024	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C State Office Contact

State Offices will direct questions to the appropriate contact according to the following table.

IF the question is about...	THEN contact...
RPP policy	Alison Groenwoldt by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to alison.groenwoldt@usda.gov• telephone at 202-720-4213.
RPP payment issues	Tina Nemecek by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to tina.nemecek@usda.gov• telephone at 202-690-4027.

D County Office Contact

County Offices will direct questions to the applicable DD or State Office Program Specialist.