

For: State and County Offices

Second Rice Production Program (RPP) 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.

An initial payment rate of \$0.01 per pound resulted in total payments of close to \$195 million, with \$55 million remaining that will now be allocated to eligible RPP applicants in a final payment rate of \$0.0128 per pound.

RPP signup ended on July 10, 2023, and eligibility documentation was required to be submitted by September 8, 2023.

B Purpose

This notice:

- announces an increased RPP payment rate of \$0.0128 per pound
- provides instructions for processing the final payment.

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

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2 Payment Processing

A Existing Payments

The payment amount will automatically adjust to the increased payment rate for all applications with payments entered in RPP payment software by COB, August 22, 2023.

County Offices **must not** access the RPP payment software to adjust the payment amount for these applications. The additional RPP payments will process the night of September 22, 2023, and will appear in NPS the next business day for certifying and signing by the County Office.

B New Payments

New payments entered in RPP payment software on or after August 23, 2023, must be updated manually. The RPP workbook has been updated to reflect the updated payment rate. County Offices will:

- access the workbook from the RPP SharePoint at <https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/FPAC-FSA-RiceProductionProgram>
- determine the payment amount
- enter the updated payment amount into the RPP payment software.

Note: A new FSA-174 application is not required.

3 Contact

A State Office Contact

State Offices will direct questions to the appropriate person(s) according to this 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 Nemeč by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to tina.nemec@usda.gov• telephone at 202-690-4027.

B County Office Contact

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