

For: Arizona and California State and County Offices

Shrimp Approved for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in Arizona

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Under the TAA Program, both technical assistance and cash benefits are provided to eligible agricultural commodity producers if an increase in imports has contributed importantly to a decline in price, resulting in a drop in net farming or fishing income.

FAS has determined, based on a petition filed on behalf of shrimp producers in the State of Arizona, that increased imports of shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in prices from January 2002 through December 2002 when compared with the previous 5-year average. Therefore, the shrimp producers represented by the approved petition are eligible to receive TAA benefits.

B Purpose

This notice provides Arizona and California State and County Offices with:

- information about FAS certification of the petition filed by shrimp producers
- instructions to begin signup for shrimp producers represented by the FAS-certified petition.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>December 1, 2004</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>Arizona and California State Offices; State Office relay to County Offices</p>
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A Approved Petitions

A petition was filed on behalf of shrimp producers in Arizona by Desert Sweet Shrimp, LLC, of Gila Bend, Arizona. FAS published the notice in the Federal Register on February 13, 2004, accepting that petition for review. On March 23, 2004, FAS announced certification of that petition, and based on that certification, producers of shrimp in Arizona are now eligible to apply for TAA benefits based on the quantity of shrimp marketed in Arizona in Calendar Year 2002.

B Notification of Approved Petitions

The approved and certified Arizona petition is implemented based on a Departmental press release issued on March 23, 2004. The 90 calendar day application period begins the day after this certification is announced.

FAS will publish a notice in the FR as soon as practical to summarize the petition and the reasons for approving it for TAA eligibility.

C Signup Period

Signup for TAA benefits by shrimp producers covered by the approved Arizona petition begins March 24, 2004, and will continue for 90 calendar days, ending on June 22, 2004.

TAA applicants must submit a completed FSA-229 by **COB June 22, 2004**, at the FSA County Office or USDA Service Center nearest their place of residence. This application deadline does **not** affect the application deadlines previously announced for shrimp applications in other States.

Note: Acceptable production evidence, such as receipts, ledgers, income statements, landing reports, etc., shall be submitted at the time of application, but **no later than June 22, 2004**. Such evidence must verify shrimp production from January 2002 through December 2002. All other documentation required for application approval must be submitted by COB September 30, 2004.

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D Signup Period for All Petitions

TAA signup dates and preliminary rates are listed in the following table for petitions approved as of the date of this notice. The listed preliminary rates may change if TAA funds are prorated. This summary table does not change previously announced signup dates or rates. It is included to summarize TAA programs to date.

Commodity	Approved State	Preliminary Rate (\$ per pound)	Signup Dates (Includes last day)
Salmon	Alaska (approved varieties)	\$0.030	October 22, 2003, to January 20, 2004
	Washington (approved varieties)	\$0.070	October 22, 2003, to January 20, 2004
Wild Blueberries	Maine	\$0.028	October 22, 2003, to January 20, 2004
Catfish	Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah	\$0.003	November 18, 2003, to February 17, 2004
Shrimp	Georgia	\$0.130*	November 10, 2003, to February 9, 2004
	South Carolina	\$0.110	
	Texas	\$0.160	
	Alabama	\$0.010	January 13, 2004, to April 12, 2004
	Arizona	\$0.100*	March 24, 2004, to June 22, 2004
* The Arizona and Georgia payment rates are applied to heads-off shrimp weights. Rates for SC, TX, and AL are for whole-shrimp weight.			

E Eligible Producers

For purposes of this notice, an eligible applicant is a shrimp producer as defined according to 1-PL, subparagraph 110 A, who commercially markets shrimp in Arizona and directly or indirectly, as determined by the Secretary, shares in the risk of catching and marketing shrimp. Regulations further define a qualified fisherman as a person who reports net fishing income to the Internal Revenue Service on Schedules C or C-EZ. Applicants who farm-raise shrimp may report net farm income on Schedule F.

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F Eligible Production

The quantity of shrimp eligible for payment must:

- have been marketed in Arizona from January 2002 to December 2002
- be farm raised
- be verified by sales receipts or other marketing evidence from the processor.

3 Action

A State and County Offices

State and County Offices shall:

- provide information to shrimp producers about TAA program requirements through:
 - over-the-counter discussion
 - newsletters
 - other methods of communication, as applicable
- begin accepting FSA-229's and acceptable production evidence for TAA applicants based on sales receipts or other evidence of marketing in Arizona
- verify that applicants marketed the shrimp in Arizona regardless of where the shrimp producer lives
- convert all Arizona shrimp weights that are reported as a "heads-on" or whole-shrimp weight to a "heads-off" weight basis. The whole shrimp weight is multiplied by 0.629 to convert to a head-off weight.

B Contact

The petitioner, Desert Sweet Shrimp, LLC, may be contacted at 623-393-0136. The contact is Gary Wood.