

For: State and County Offices

Shrimp Approved for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in North Carolina

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 North Carolina, 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:

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

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2004	State Office; State Office relay to County Offices

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A Approved Petitions

A petition was filed on behalf of shrimp producers in North Carolina by the North Carolina Fisheries Association, of New Bern, North Carolina. FAS published the notice in the Federal Register on February 23, 2004, accepting that petition for review. On March 29, 2004, FAS announced certification of that petition, and based on that certification, producers of shrimp in North Carolina are now eligible to apply for TAA benefits based on the quantity of shrimp marketed in North Carolina in calendar year 2002.

B Notifying Approved Petitions

The approved and certified North Carolina petition is implemented based on a Departmental press release issued on March 29, 2004. The 90-day application period begins the day after this certification is announced.

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

C Sign-Up Period

Sign-up for TAA benefits by shrimp producers covered by the approved North Carolina petition begins March 30, 2004, and will continue for 90 calendar days, ending on June 28, 2004.

TAA applicants must submit a completed FSA-229 by **COB June 28, 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 28, 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 Sign-Up Period for All Petitions

TAA sign-up 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 pro-rated. This summary table does not change previously announced sign-up dates or rates. It is included to summarize TAA programs to date.

Commodity	State/Year	FAS Preliminary Petition Number	Application Software Petition Number	Preliminary Rate (\$ per pound)	Application Period (Includes last day)
Catfish	AL, AR, FL, GA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, NC, NV, OH, OK, SC, TX, UT 2002	P4-0002-0405	P200400050	\$0.003	November 18, 2003 through February 17, 2004
Lychee	Florida 2003	P4-0020-0000	1/	\$0.53	March 30, 2004 through June 28, 2004
Salmon	Alaska 2002	P3-0002-0402	P200400020	\$0.03	October 22, 2003 through January 20, 2004
	Washington 2002	P3-0004-0403	P200400030	\$0.07	October 22, 2003 through January 20, 2004
Shrimp	Alabama 2002	P4-0010-0408	P200400080	\$0.01	January 13, 2004 through April 12, 2004
	Arizona 2002 (head off weight basis)	P4-0014-0000	P200400090	\$0.10	March 24, 2004 through June 22, 2004
	Florida 2003	P4-0016-0000	1/	\$0.06	March 30, 2004 through June 28, 2004
	Georgia 2002 (head off weight basis)	P4-0003-0406	P200400060	\$0.13	November 10, 2003 through February 09, 2004
	North Carolina 2002	P4-0017-0000	1/	\$0.05	March 30, 2004 through June 28, 2004
	South Carolina 2002	P4-0001-0404	P200400040	\$0.11	November 10, 2003 through February 09, 2004
	Texas 2002	P4-0004-0407	P200400070	\$0.16	November 10, 2003 through February 09, 2004
Wild Blueberries	Maine 2002	P3-0001-0401	P200400010	\$0.028	October 22, 2003 through January 20, 2004

1/ To be determined.

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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 North Carolina 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 Form 1040, Schedules C or C-EZ. Applicants who farm-raise shrimp may report net farm income on Form 1040, Schedule F.

F Eligible Production

The quantity of shrimp eligible for payment must:

- have been marketed in North Carolina from January 2002 to December 2002
- 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 North Carolina
- verify that applicants marketed the shrimp in North Carolina regardless of where the shrimp producer lives
- convert all North Carolina shrimp weights that are reported as a "heads-on" or whole-shrimp weight to a "heads-off" weight basis.

Note: The whole shrimp weight is multiplied times 0.629 to convert to a "heads-off" weight

B Contact

The petitioner, North Carolina Fisheries Association, may be contacted at 252-633-9616. The contact is Jerry Schill.