

For: State and County Offices

**Limited Waiver of Cooperative State Research, Education, and
Extension Service (CSREES) Training Under Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

1-SP, Amendment 2 announced that TAA program applicants who reported zero production for the program payment year could be approved for zero payment if they:

- otherwise met program requirements
- provided evidence of production for the year immediately prior to the payment year.

Even with this change in eligibility policy, some applicants with zero production may remain ineligible because of missing CSREES training scheduled for the current year in that:

- prior to this policy change the applicant would have been ineligible for benefits, and therefore, were unmotivated to attend
- they may have applied for TAA after the announced application period which was after the scheduled CSREES training sessions.

TAA regulations at 1580.501(f) provide that the Deputy Administrator may, in consultation with the Administrator, FAS, authorize the State and County Committee to waive or modify non-statutory application deadlines or other program requirements in cases where lateness or failure to meet such other requirements by applicants does not adversely affect the operation of the program.

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B Purpose

This notice provides limited waiver of CSREES training requirement.

2 Limited Waiver of the CSREES Training Requirement

A Limited Waiver of CSREES Training

DAFP waives the requirement that TAA applicants provide documentation by September 30, 2004, of having contacted CSREES to receive technical assistance if both of the following apply:

- applicant reported zero production for the payment year
- TAA petition was certified before March 30, 2004.

B Other Provisions of the Waiver

The waiver does not apply to:

- petitions that may be approved after August 15, 2004
- Any TAA application that was based on production greater than zero.

Applicants eligible for this waiver are required to obtain the technical training provided by CSREES and to provide documentation of the training following the next available training provided by CSREES within the locale for their commodity.

C County Office Action

For TAA applications subject to this waiver, County Offices shall enter “Yes” for item 9d and approve the application if other requirements are met.