

For: State and County Offices

**Shrimp for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)
Recertified for Alabama and Certified in Louisiana**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

FAS has:

- recertified the TAA petition for shrimp marketed in Alabama in marketing year 2003
- certified a new petition for 2003 crop shrimp marketed in Louisiana during marketing year 2003.

Note: Therefore, shrimp producers represented by these 2 petitions are eligible to apply for TAA benefits.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- information about the FAS recertification of the Alabama petition and certification of the Louisiana petition filed by shrimp producers
- instructions to provide benefits to shrimp producers represented by these 2 petitions.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2005	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Recertified Alabama Shrimp TAA Petition for Marketing Year 2003

A Original Petition and Recertification for 2003

A petition for TAA benefits was originally filed for Alabama shrimp producers by the Organized Seafood Association of Alabama, Inc., Bayou LaBatre, Alabama. The original petition that applied to the 2002 marketing year was announced as certified by FAS on December 29, 2003. That initial petition has been recertified for shrimp marketed in Alabama during the 2003 marketing year. The approved marketing year for Alabama shrimp is the same as the calendar year, January through December.

B Payment Rate for Alabama Shrimp

The payment rate applicable to the 2003 marketing year petition for Alabama is \$0.043 cents per pound, **head-on** weight basis. This rate applies to wild catch or pond-raised shrimp.

C Years for Net Income Comparison

Applicants must provide documentation that their net income from fishing was less in 2003 than it was in 2001. These comparison years apply to all applicants under this petition regardless of whether they received a cash TAA payment for their 2002 marketings.

3 Certified Louisiana Shrimp TAA Petition for Marketing Year 2003

A Announcement of Certified Petition

A petition for TAA benefits was originally filed for Louisiana shrimp producers by the Louisiana Shrimp Association, Grand Isle, Louisiana. This petition requested certification for TAA benefits for shrimp marketed in Louisiana for the marketing year from January through December 2003. The petition:

- applies to wild and pond-raised shrimp
- was reviewed based on market prices expressed on a **head-on** weight basis.

Note: FAS announced this petition as certified on December 23, 2004.

B Payment Rate for Louisiana Shrimp

The payment rate applicable to the 2003 marketing year petition for Louisiana is \$0.056 cents per pound, **head-on** weight basis. This rate applies to wild catch or pond-raised shrimp marketed in Louisiana from January through December 2003.

C Years for Net Income Comparison

Applicants must provide documentation that their net income from fishing was less in 2003 than it was in 2002. These comparison years apply to all applicants under this petition.

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4 Provisions Common to the Alabama and Louisiana Petitions

A Application Period and Documentation Requirements

Shrimp producers covered by the Alabama and Louisiana shrimp petitions may apply for benefits by submitting a completed FSA-229 starting January 10, 2005, through April 11, 2005, at their closest FSA County Office or USDA Service Center. FSA-229's received late cannot be approved for cash benefits.

Acceptable production evidence must be submitted at the time of application, but no later than April 11, 2005. This evidence must verify shrimp marketings in either State from January through December 2003. Applicants who marketed shrimp in more than 1 State certified for TAA benefits may apply separately under each petition.

All other required application documentation must be submitted by COB September 30, 2005. This includes the following:

- documentation that the applicant's net income from fishing was lower in 2003 than in the pre-adjustment year
- documentation of having met the CRSEES training requirement.

County Offices are reminded to encourage all applicants to submit all documentation as early as possible. This allows for payments to be processed sooner and reduces ineligibility because of incomplete FSA-229's.

B 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 Alabama or Louisiana and directly or indirectly, as determined by the Secretary, shares in the risk of catching and marketing shrimp.

C Eligible Production

The quantity of shrimp eligible for payment must:

- have been marketed in Alabama or Louisiana from January through December 2003
- be verified by sales receipts or other marketing evidence from the buyer
- be expressed on a head-on weight basis under both the Alabama and Louisiana petitions.

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4 Provisions Common to the Alabama and Louisiana Petitions (Continued)

D CSREES Training Period

Applicants under either the Alabama or Louisiana petitions for 2003 marketing year shrimp who did not receive technical assistance under a prior TAA application must obtain the technical assistance no later than July 11, 2005, to be eligible for cash benefits.

This training deadline will be enforced by CSREES for all FY 2005 TAA training because of administrative and budgetary constraints.

Applicants who did receive the technical training last year must still contact CSREES, but will not be required to attend training as a requirement for cash payments. However, these applicants must still provide their County Office documentation from CSREES. Any documentation from CSREES, whether a letter to the applicant or the CSREES Technical Assistance Certification Form, must be submitted to FSA by COB September 30, 2005.

5 Action

A State and County Office Action

State and County Offices shall:

- inform potential applicants about program enrollment and eligibility requirements through:
 - over-the-counter discussion
 - newsletters and articles in local newspapers
 - other methods of communication, as applicable
- accept FSA-229's.

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6 Summary of New FY 2005 Petitions

This table includes the summary of new FY 2005 petitions.

Commodity	State/Year	FAS Preliminary Petition Number	Application Software Petition Number	Preliminary Rate (\$ Per Pound)	Application Period (Includes Last Day)
Salmon	Alaska 2003	S3-0002-0501	P200400021	\$0.031	9/15/04 - 1/13/05
	Washington 2003	S3-0002-0502	P200400031	\$0.021	11/1/04 - 1/31/05
Shrimp	Alabama 2003 (Head-on weight)	S4-0002-0502	P200400081	\$0.043	1/10/04 - 4/11/05
	Georgia 2003 (Head-off weight)	S4-0003-0503	P200400061	\$0.39	11/29/04 - 2/28/04
	Louisiana 2003 (Head-on weight)	P5-0001-0508	P200500130	\$0.056	1/10/04 - 4/11/05
	North Carolina 2003 (Head-on weight)	S4-0017-0505	P200400111	\$0.08	11/29/04 - 2/28/04
	South Carolina 2003 (Head-on weight)	S4-0001-0506	P200400041	\$0.25	11/29/04 - 2/28/05
	Texas 2003 (Head-on weight)	S4-0004-0504	P200400071	\$0.28	11/29/04 - 2/28/04

Note: Rates shown are for informational purposes only and may vary from final rates. Weights entered into payment software must be converted, if necessary, to the approved weight basis for the petition.