

For: State and County Offices

**Mississippi Shrimp and California Fresh Olives Certified
for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

FAS has certified a petition for TAA benefits for:

- shrimp marketed in Mississippi in calendar year 2003
- fresh olives produced in California in marketing year 2003.

Producers represented by either of these petitions are eligible to receive TAA benefits.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- information about the Mississippi shrimp and California olive petitions
- instructions to begin signup for producers represented by either petition.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2006	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Provisions of the California Olive Petition

A Announcing and Approving Petition

A petition on behalf of California olive producers was filed by the Olive Growers Council, Visalia, California requesting TAA benefits for producers of California olives for production during the period beginning August 2003 through July 2004. This petition was announced as certified by FAS on February 28, 2005.

B Application Period and Documentation Requirements

Olive producers eligible under the California petition may apply for benefits by submitting a completed FSA-229 starting March 14, 2005, through June 13, 2005, at the FSA office or USDA Service Center serving their county of residence. Applications received late cannot be approved for cash benefits.

Acceptable production evidence must be submitted at the time of application, but no later than June 13, 2005.

All other required application documentation, including documentation that the applicant's net income from fishing or farming was lower in 2003 than in 2002, and of CSREES training, must be submitted by September 30, 2005.

C Eligible Production

Production evidence must verify olive production in California from August 2003 through July 2004. Production can be documented by evidence of sold or delivered quantities.

Evidence of production must show that the olives are 1 of the following listed varieties to be approved for TAA payment:

- Ascolano
- Manzanillo
- Mission
- Sevillano.

D Preliminary Payment Rate

The preliminary payment rate for California olives is \$23.17 per 2,000-pound ton. This rate is based on the assumption that all TAA preliminary payment rates will not be reduced. A reduction of all preliminary rates may occur if needed to prevent total TAA outlays for FY 2005 from exceeding the statutory limit of \$90 million.

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3 Provisions of the Mississippi Shrimp Petition

A Announcing and Approving Petition

A petition on behalf of Mississippi shrimpers was filed by Gollott's Oil Dock and Icehouse, Inc., Biloxi, Mississippi requesting TAA benefits for shrimpers who marketed shrimp in Mississippi during the marketing year period beginning January 2003 through December 2003. This petition was announced as certified by FAS on February 28, 2005.

B Application Period and Documentation Requirements

Shrimp producers eligible under the Mississippi petition may apply for benefits by submitting a completed FSA-229 starting March 14, 2005, through June 13, 2005, at the FSA office or USDA Service Center serving their county of residence. Applications received late cannot be approved for cash benefits.

Acceptable production evidence must be submitted at the time of application, but no later than June 13, 2005.

All other required application documentation, including documentation that the applicant's net income from fishing or farming was lower in 2003 than in 2002, must be submitted by COB September 30, 2005.

C Eligible Production

Evidence of domestic shrimp production must verify shrimp marketings in Mississippi from January 2003 through December 2003.

All varieties of shrimp marketed in Mississippi are eligible. Shrimp caught and marketed as bait are also eligible. See 1-SP, Exhibit 7, paragraph C to convert live bait shrimp volumes to pounds.

D Preliminary Payment Rate

The preliminary payment rates for Mississippi shrimp is \$0.108 cents per pound, head-on weight basis. This rate is based on the assumption that all TAA preliminary payment rates will not be reduced.

4 Provisions Common to both the Mississippi Shrimp and California Olive Petitions

A Eligible Producers

An eligible applicant is a shrimp producer or olive producer defined as a person according to 1-PL, subparagraph 110 A, who commercially marketed shrimp in Mississippi or olives in California during the approved periods of the petition, and who directly or indirectly, as determined by the Secretary, shared in the risk of producing the approved commodity.

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4 Provisions Common to both the Mississippi Shrimp and California Olive Petitions (Continued)

B Years for Net Income Comparison

Applicants under either of these new petitions must provide documentation that their net income from farming or fishing was less in 2003 than it was in 2002. These comparison years apply regardless of whether the applicant previously received a cash TAA payment.

Net income is defined as net farm or fishing profit or loss excluding payments received under TAA.

C CSREES Training Availability Periods

Applicants who did not receive technical assistance under a prior TAA program must obtain the technical assistance from CSREES no later than September 12, 2005, to be eligible for cash benefits under the Mississippi shrimp and California olive petitions.

Applicants who received technical assistance last year:

- for the **same commodity** for which they are applying for TAA benefits this year will not be required to attend training as a requirement for cash payments

Note: These applicants must still contact CSREES and must provide to FSA a letter from CSREES that their training requirement has been met.

- that was for a **different commodity** are required to attend training in the new commodity as a requirement for cash payments.

Example: An applicant under both the 2003 crop California olive and Washington salmon petitions received CSREES training under the Washington salmon petition last year. The applicant is not required to obtain CSREES salmon training, but is required to obtain training provided for olive producers.

All applicants must submit CSREES documentation, whether a letter to the applicant from CSREES, or the CSREES Technical Assistance Certification Form, by September 30, 2005.

5 Action

A State and County Office Action

State and County Offices shall:

- inform potential applicants about program requirements
- accept FSA-229's.

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6 Summary of FY 2005 TAA Petitions

The following is a summary of the FY 2005 TAA petitions.

Commodity	State/Crop Year	FAS Preliminary Petition Number	Application Software Petition Number	Preliminary Payment Rate	Application Period (Includes last day)
FY 2005 Petitions					
Olives	California 2003	P5-0003-0509	P200500040	\$23.17 ton	3/14/05 - 6/13/05
Salmon	Alaska 2003	S3-0002-0501	P200400021	\$0.031 lb	10/15/04 - 1/13/05
	Washington 2003	S3-0002-0502	P200400031	\$0.021 lb	11/01/04 - 1/31/05
Shrimp	Alabama 2003	S4-0002-0502	P200400081	\$0.043 lb	1/10/04 - 4/11/05
	Georgia 2003	S4-0003-0503	P200400061	\$0.39 lb	11/29/04 - 2/28/05
	Louisiana 2003	P5-0001-0508	P200500010	\$0.056 lb	1/10/04 - 4/11/05
	Mississippi 2003	P5-0004-0510	P200500020	\$0.108 lb	3/14/05 - 6/13/05
	North Carolina 2003	S4-0017-0505	P200400111	\$0.08 lb	11/29/04 - 2/28/05
	South Carolina 2003	S4-0001-0506	P200400041	\$0.25 lb	11/29/04 - 2/28/05
	Texas 2003	S4-0004-0504	P200400071	\$0.28 lb	11/29/04 - 2/28/05