

For: State and County Offices

Indiana Snapdragons Certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

FAS has certified a petition for Indiana snapdragons for marketing year 2004. Producers represented by this petition are eligible to apply for TAA benefits.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- information about the Indiana petition certified by FAS
- instructions to provide benefits to eligible snapdragon producers.

2 Provisions of Indiana Snapdragon Petition

A Original Petition Certification for Marketing Year 2004

On February 13, 2006, FAS announced the certification of a petition for TAA benefits for Indiana snapdragon producers. The petition requests benefits for snapdragon producers for the 2004 marketing year (January through December 2004.)

B Preliminary Payment Rate for Indiana Snapdragons

The preliminary payment rate applicable to the 2004 marketing year petition for Indiana snapdragons is \$0.627 per bunch (bundle) of 10 stems.

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

2 Provisions of Indiana Snapdragon Petition (Continued)

C Application Period and Documentation Requirements

Producers covered by this new petition may apply for benefits by submitting a completed FSA-229 and evidence of production between February 21, 2006, and May 22, 2006, at their closest FSA County Office or USDA Service Center. If either FSA-229 or the production evidence is received late, then the application cannot be approved for cash benefits. Production evidence must verify snapdragon production in Indiana from January through December 2004.

All other required application documentation must be submitted by COB September 29, 2006. This includes the following:

- documentation that the applicant's net farm income was lower in marketing year 2004 than in marketing year 2003
- documentation of having met the CSREES training requirement
- CCC-502, CCC-526, AD-1026, and either SF-1199A or FFAS-12.

County Offices shall encourage, **but not require**, applicants to submit the required forms and income documentation within the 90-calendar-day application period. This earlier submission will allow County Offices to establish subsidiary files before the September 2006 rollover. FSA cannot require submission of these other forms by May 22, 2006, because regulations allow producers to submit these forms through September 29, 2006.

Because the CSREES training certification is not entered into the subsidiary files, there is no special urgency in having it for application processing within the 90-calendar-day application period. However, the sooner an application is completed, the sooner it can be approved for payment.

D Eligible Producers

For purposes of this petition, an eligible applicant is a producer as defined according to 1-PL, subparagraph 110 A, who commercially produced snapdragons in Indiana and directly or indirectly shared in the risk of such production.

E Years for Net Income Comparison

Applicants must provide documentation that their net income from farming was less in marketing year 2004 than it was in marketing year 2003. See 1-SP, paragraph 54 for the documentation requirements. The documentation may be for the 2004 calendar year or the tax year most closely associated with the petition marketing year as explained in 1-SP, subparagraph 54 D.

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F Eligible Production and Quantity for Payment

The quantity of snapdragons eligible for payment must:

- have been produced in Indiana from January through December 2004

Note: Snapdragons produced in any other State but marketed by an Indiana producer are **not** eligible for payment under TAA.

- be verified by production evidence such as sales receipts or other marketing evidence from the buyer.

Snapdragons are commonly marketed in **bunches (bundles) of 10 stems**, with 12 bunches per shipping carton or box. For the web-based TAA application software to correctly calculate an applicant's payment, the eligible quantity to be entered in FSA-229, item 1G and the application software shall:

- be entered only in units of bunches (bundles) of 10 stems
- not be entered in units of boxes or individual stems.

If an applicant submits FSA-229 with item 1G indicating either units of "boxes" or "cartons," or units of individual stems, then have the producer sign and date a notation on FSA-229 to indicate the equivalent number of **bunches of 10 stems** for which payment is requested.

G CSREES Training Period

Applicants under the snapdragon petition must obtain the technical assistance from CSREES to be eligible for cash benefits. However, snapdragon producers who may otherwise be ineligible for a cash payment may still take the CSREES training. CSREES provides applicants who take the training with a certification of training form (see 1-SP, Exhibit 5).

To be eligible for a cash payment, applicants must provide documentation of the training from CSREES to their County Office no later than September 29, 2006.

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3 Action

A State and County Office Action

State and County Offices shall:

- inform potential applicants about enrollment and eligibility requirements by mailing FSA-230 (see 1-SP, paragraph 30) to producers thought to be eligible and, as considered appropriate, through over-the-counter discussions, newsletters, and articles in local newspapers, and other methods of communication
- encourage all applicants to submit all forms other than the CSREES training certificate within the 90-calendar-day application period.

Note: TAA regulations provide that documentation supporting a TAA application (excluding production evidence) must be submitted no later than September 30. For 2006, September 30 falls on a Saturday which is not an FSA workday. Thus, the deadline for submitting supporting documentation (excluding production evidence) is established by FAS to be September 29, 2006. Usual FSA policy of extending the deadline to the next FSA workday does not apply to TAA.

B Software Reminders

County Office staff shall enter applicant information into the appropriate subsidiary-file and application software as soon as possible upon receiving the information from the applicant so that such files, to the extent possible, are established before the September 2006 rollover.

Application software at item 6B that asks, "Is the applicant a ship Captain/Skipper", must be allowed to default to "No" for TAA applications under all petitions. This allows item 7A also to default to "No". These questions will be removed from application software because there is no FSA-229-A.

Direct questions about TAA application and payment software to Joseph Doleski, PSD, at 202-720-8401.