

For: Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico State and County Offices

**Announcing Signup for FY 2011 Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment (RTCP-II)
Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in
Alaska, Hawaii, and Insular Areas**

Approved: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 FY 2011 RTCP-II Signup

A Background

The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 authorizes \$1.996 million for FY 2011 to assist geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers according to Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), Section 1621. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized the RTCP Program for each FY through 2012, subject to appropriated funding.

To be eligible for RTCP-II Program benefits, the geographically disadvantaged farmer or rancher must meet the eligibility requirements provided at 7 CFR 755.4 and submit FSA-218 during the announced FY 2011 signup period.

The following are forthcoming:

- 2-SP containing RTCP-II policy and procedures
- software to enter calculated payment amount and process RTCP-II payments.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with the signup period for RTCP-II.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Dani Cooke in PSD at either of the following:

- e-mail to danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov
- telephone at 202-720-1919.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2011	AK, FL, HI, and PR State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 FY 2011 RTCP-II Signup (Continued)

D Period for Accepting FSA-218's

Accepting FSA-218's will begin **July 25, 2011**, and will end on **September 9, 2011**. Eligible applicants may file FSA-218 for benefits any time during the application period. Completed FSA-218's must be submitted to either the County Office where the agricultural operation is located or in the producer's administrative County Office. Multi-county producers must return completed FSA-218's to their administrative County Office. FSA-218's received by mail after the application deadline date must have a postmark date of no later than **September 9, 2011**, to be considered timely filed.

For areas where FSA County Offices do not exist, FSA-218's may be submitted to the respective State Office.

Note: Late-filed provisions will **not** apply to the RTCP-II Program. FSA-218's received after the deadline date will **not** be approved. This includes FAXed FSA-218's.

2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- immediately publicize the contents of this notice by all available means
- see 2-SP, when available, for RTCP-II policy and procedure
- forward any RTCP-II Program questions to the National Office according to subparagraph 1 C.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- immediately notify producers, by all available means, of the RTCP-II Program signup period
- forward questions about the contents of this notice to the State Office Price Support specialist.