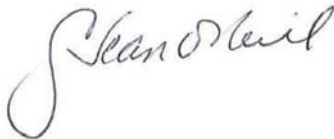


**For:** Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico State and County Offices

**Announcing Signup for FY 2019 Reimbursement Transportation Cost  
Payment (RTCP-X) Program for Geographically Disadvantaged  
Farmers and Ranchers in Alaska, Hawaii, and Insular Areas**

**Approved:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 FY 2019 RTCP-X Signup**

**A Background**

The Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2019 authorized \$1.996 million for FY 2019 to assist geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers according to the Appropriations Act 2019, Pub. L. 116-6, Section 741. The Appropriations Act 2019, re-authorized the RTCP program for each succeeding FY through 2023 subject to appropriated funding.

To be eligible for RTCP-X 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 2019 signup period.

The following are forthcoming:

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

**B Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices of the signup period for FY 2019 RTCP-X.

**C Contact**

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Angela Payton, PSD by either of the following:

- e-mail to [angela.payton@usda.gov](mailto:angela.payton@usda.gov)
- telephone at 202-720-0482.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2019	AK, FL, HI, and PR State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 FY 2019 RTCP-X Signup (Continued)

#### D Period for Accepting FSA-218's

County Offices will begin accepting FSA-218's on **July 15, 2019**. The signup period will end on **September 6, 2019**. Eligible applicants may file FSA-218 for benefits any time during the application period.

Completed FSA-218's must be submitted to either of the following:

- County Office where the agricultural operation is located
- producer's administrative County Office.

**Note:** 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 no later than **September 6, 2019**, 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-X Program. FSA-218's received after the deadline date will **not** be approved. This includes FAXed FSA-218's.

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### 2 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices will 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, for RTCP-X policy and procedure
- forward any RTCP-X Program questions to the National Office according to subparagraph 1 C.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- immediately notify producers, by all available means, of the RTCP-X Program signup period
- follow 2-SP, paragraph 41 to complete FSA-218-1 as FSA-218's are completed
- forward questions about the contents of this notice to the State Office Price Support specialist.