

For: State and County Offices

National SURE Review Results

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1 Overview

A Background

The SURE program signup period for 2008 crop losses began January 4, 2010, and the SURE Interim Workbook was developed for County Offices to load data elements necessary to compute SURE payment amounts. The computed 2008 payment amounts were recorded in the SURE web-based system which initiated the payment process. To identify any weaknesses in the manual process, ORAS directed the COR's to conduct a National SURE Review, targeting FSA-682's and the SURE Interim Workbook.

The National SURE Review included 202 counties within 28 States. A total of 300 producer payments were reviewed. COR's verified that:

- FSA-682 was on file and properly completed
- data entered in the SURE Interim Workbook correctly reflected the supporting documentation.

Note: Eligibility was **not** within the scope of this review.

As of March 2011, County Offices disbursed over 103,232 payments totaling \$2.1 billion in 2008 SURE benefits. State and County Offices accomplished a tremendous amount of work associated with 2008 SURE using the SURE Interim Workbook and processing the payments.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the identified CORP findings for 2008 SURE.

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2011	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 CORP Review Findings for 2008 SURE

A Results

The National SURE Review results are based on SURE payment data from January 4 through April 1, 2010. The review results represent initial County Office operations on SURE. The review was designed to estimate the amount of nationwide SURE payments affected by manual errors. The statistical estimates reflect that a significant percent of FSA-682's may have been associated with a dollar error.

Program Area	Description of Findings
Guarantee Data	Guarantee Adjustment Factor is incorrect.
	RMA Guarantee Basis in Dollars is incorrect.
	Stage Code Adjustment Factor 1 is incorrect.
	Plan Code/Coverage Code is incorrect.
	Producer Share is incorrect.
	APH is incorrect.
	Applicable crop is not entered in SURE Interim Workbook.
Revenue Data	Production to Count is incorrect.
	Other Payment Amounts (RMA) are incorrect.
	Other Payment Amounts (Price Support) are incorrect.
	Other Payment Amounts (DCP-Direct) are incorrect.
	Other Payment Amounts (DCP-CC) are incorrect.
	National Average Market Price is incorrect.
Miscellaneous	Field Market Value B is incorrect.
	FSA employee that completed the SURE Interim Workbook did not enter their initials and/or date completed.
	Incorrect calculated payment amount is recorded in the web-based payment process.

B Procedural References

The procedure reference for:

- completing the SURE Interim Workbook is 1-SURE, paragraph 515
- completing FSA-682's is 1-SURE, paragraphs 341, 343, and 344
- preventing improper payments is 1-SURE, subparagraph 21 A.

C Action

SED's shall ensure that:

- applicable State Office staff provide additional program training where needed
- DD's review this notice with CED's and PT's within their respective districts to alert them of manual errors that cause SURE program noncompliance.

CED's shall ensure that approved CORP CAP's that address SURE findings are implemented timely according to 1-COR.