

For: State and County Offices

**Closing the 2008 SURE Program**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The application period for the 2008 SURE program payments closed on September 30, 2010. The last day crop insurance companies have to submit policy data to RMA for 2008 is **February 10, 2012**. County Offices will receive the final RMA download for the 2008 Sure Interim Report (SIR) process on February 21, 2012.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides:

- notification that the final RMA download for the 2008 SIR will be **February 21, 2012**
- actions to be taken by State and County Offices to close out 2008 SURE.

**Note:** The lockout of payment software has not been scheduled at this time. A forthcoming notice will provide information on payment software.

**2 Preparing for Final 2008 RMA Download**

**A Final RMA Download**

The last day for crop insurance companies to submit policy data to RMA for 2008 is **February 10, 2012**. County Offices will receive the final RMA download for the 2008 SIR on February 21, 2012. This download will include changes RMA received from the insurance companies by February 10, 2012. There will be no further updates processed by RMA for 2008.

| <b>Disposal Date</b> | <b>Distribution</b>                                  |
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| June 1, 2012         | State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices |

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### 2 Preparing for Final RMA Download (Continued)

#### B Timely Signed Applications Waiting for RMA Corrections to 2008 SIR Data

Producers should have contacted their agents, from the beginning of the 2008 SURE signup, about corrections to data the insurance companies provide RMA, so that changes show up timely on the SIR. In special cases, State Offices have requested that the FSA National Office contact RMA concerning questions on why an anticipated data change has not appeared on the SIR.

County Offices shall contact the State Office through the DD immediately if they have a producer meeting **all** of the following criteria:

- producer:
  - timely signed the 2008 application, including all required forms according to 1-SURE, subparagraph 321 A
  - has contacted their agent concerning a correction to the SIR
- the agent indicated that the data would change but the change has not appeared on the SIR.

For each case meeting **all** of the criteria, State Offices shall send an explanation of the issue and an encrypted PDF of the most recent SIR to Carol Ernst, PECD, by e-mail to [carol.ernst@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:carol.ernst@wdc.usda.gov).

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### 3 SURE Policy Reminders

#### A Data Discrepancies

The last day crop insurance companies have to submit policy data to RMA for 2008 is **February 10, 2012**, according to subparagraph 2 A.

Data from RMA may not match FSA records. The basic rule is that RMA data shall be used provided it meets the requirements of the SURE program. COC's must use the most accurate data and if warranted, make changes to RMA data according to the following provisions.

- If acreage discrepancies exist, follow the tolerance rules in 1-SURE, paragraph 100.
- If other discrepancies exist, such as producer of record, shares, harvested vs. unharvested, follow guidance in 1-SURE, paragraph 292.
- Notice SURE-8 provides procedures to follow when RMA concurs with FSA shares, yet the RMA data will not be changed. County Offices are required to submit AD-2007, however, SURE applications may be processed without RMA concurrence as long as the guarantee reflects the lesser of RMA share or FSA share.
- If RMA data needs to be adjusted and loaded into the 2008 SURE Interim Workbook, follow procedure in 1-SURE, paragraph 519.

#### B RMA Production Information

A producer may use RMA production information provided on the SIR in the L (loss) record or the SY (subsequent year) acre and yield record for their production certification on FSA-682. As indicated in 1-SURE, subparagraph 201 D, a producer is required to report production for all insurable and NAP coverable crops on FSA-682.

If RMA production information is not present, incorrect, or not useable for specific justifiable circumstances for the producer to make their production certification, SURE applications are **not** to be held. The application should be processed with production evidence as provided in 1-SURE, subparagraphs 201 G through K rather than await corrections from RMA.

#### C Applications Missing All Required Forms

Follow 1-SURE, subparagraph 321 A for applications that did not include all required documentation by the signup deadline.

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### **4 Action**

#### **A County Office Action**

County Offices will notify State Offices of producers waiting for 2008 RMA data changes according to subparagraph 3 A.

#### **B State Office Action**

State Offices shall ensure that:

- the National Office is notified of all SURE producers who met criteria in subparagraph 3 A
- County Offices follow 1-SURE in processing 2008 SURE applications.