

For: State and County Offices

2011 TAP Application Software

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-234, as amended by Pub. L. 110-398 and Pub. L. 111-005 authorizes TAP. TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines that were lost by natural disasters occurring on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011.

To qualify for TAP, orchardists and nursery tree growers must:

- suffer qualifying tree, bush, or vine losses in excess of 15 percent mortality, after adjustment for normal mortality, from an eligible natural disaster for the individual stand
- have owned the eligible trees, bushes, and vines when the natural disaster occurred; however, eligible growers are not required to own the land on which eligible trees, bushes, and vines are planted
- replace eligible trees, bushes, and vines within 12 months from the date the application is approved.

Eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers who suffer qualifying tree, bush, or vine losses after May 7, 2010, must file FSA-899 and supporting documentation within 90 calendar days from the following:

- occurrence of the disaster event
- date when the loss of trees, bushes, or vines became apparent to producer.

B Purpose

This notice notifies State and County Offices that the web-based 2011 TAP application software is available as of January 3, 2011.

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

Notice TAP-45

2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall instruct all County Offices to start accepting FSA-899's for 2011 losses according to procedure in 1-TAP (Rev. 3).

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- publicize that applications for 2011 TAP losses are currently being accepted
- start accepting FSA-899 for 2011 losses according to procedure in 1-TAP (Rev. 3)
- use the web-based TAP application software to enter FSA-899's.