1 Overview

A Background

On February 9, 2018, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123) amended Section 1501 of the 2014 Farm Bill with regard to TAP for tree, bush, and vine losses incurred on or after January 1, 2017, by:

- increasing the annual payment acreage limitation from 500 to 1,000 acres
- removing the $125,000 per person and legal entity payment limitation.

County Offices will continue to follow procedure in 1-TAP (Rev. 4).

B Purpose

For eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers with losses incurred from January 1, 2017, this notice provides State and County Offices with:

- signup dates
- guidance for preparing for the new enrollment period.
2 Program Updates

A Signup Period

The signup period outlined in the following table applies to TAP applicants who:

• previously applied for 2017 losses who have not received an adverse determination
  
  **Exception:** If an adverse determination was made solely based on late-filing the 2017 TAP application, a new application may be accepted.

• want to either file an application or revise an original application because of removal of the $125,000 payment limitation

• did not apply by the prior 2017 program deadline

• apply for 2018 losses and have not received an adverse determination.
  
  **Exception:** If an adverse determination was made solely based on late-filing the 2018 TAP application, a new application may be accepted.

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<th>Date of Loss</th>
<th>Final Date to Submit an Application and Supporting Documentation</th>
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<td>On or after January 1, 2017</td>
<td>Later of 60 calendar days after publication of the regulation in the FR providing the new provisions, or within 90 calendar days of either of the following:</td>
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<td>• the disaster event</td>
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<td>• date when the loss of trees, bushes, or vines is first apparent to the producer.</td>
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**Note:** A subsequent notice will be provided with the specific application dates associated with accepting applications for losses incurred after January 1, 2017.
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2 Program Updates (Continued)

B Program Provisions and Regulations

1-TAP (Rev. 4) will be amended to provide program changes to the payment acreage limitation and payment limitation. Offices can access the handbook on the FSA Intranet at https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/. Click the “Handbooks” link.

Program regulations are included in 7 CFR Part 1416. The final rule will be published in the near future.

C Software

Software to remove the $125,000 payment limitation was deployed to production on April 6, 2018. Payments issued and were limited because of the $125,000 payment limitation have already been reprocessed. Therefore, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers who before this notice previously applied for 2017 and/or 2018 losses and who have no additional losses do not need to revise their applications.

3 State and County Office Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will instruct all County Offices to:

- publicize the contents of this notice
- widely publicize the TAP signup start and end dates.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- publicize the contents of this notice by press release, newsletters, etc.
- continue to accept CCC-899 for losses according to procedure in 1-TAP (Rev. 4)
- use the web-based TAP application software to enter CCC-899’s.