

**For:** State and County Offices

**TAP for Low Threshold Pecan Losses Under the  
Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act**

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



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Under provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill, as amended, TAP is available for tree growers that have suffered a mortality loss in excess of 15 percent, adjusted for normal mortality. Similar to what was done under **the** Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 for 2017, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 Disaster Relief Act (Pub. L. 116-20), signed into law on June 6, 2019, provides assistance to eligible pecan orchardists or pecan nursery tree growers for certain low threshold mortality losses incurred January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. To be eligible, the pecan orchardist or pecan nursery tree grower must have suffered a mortality loss in excess of 7.5 percent, but not more than 15 percent, adjusted for normal mortality, on a stand. If TAP applications filed for these losses exceed the available funds, payments may be factored or limited.

Eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers, including any pecan orchardists or pecan nursery tree growers, who suffered a 2018 mortality loss exceeding 7.5 percent mortality, adjusted for normal mortality, are eligible to apply under this legislation. All other persons or legal entities suffering greater than 15 percent mortality loss, adjusted for normal mortality, can apply for assistance under the regular TAP provisions.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with information about:

- the provisions of the Disaster Relief Act for pecan orchardists and pecan nursery tree growers
- program information to be provided at a later date when sign-up may begin.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2019 7-9-19	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Program Information for Pecan Growers

#### A Pecan TAP Qualifications

To qualify for a TAP payment for pecan tree losses under the Disaster Relief Act, orchardists and nursery tree growers **must** have:

- planted, or be considered to have planted (by purchase before the loss of existing stock planted for commercial purposes) pecan trees for commercial purposes, or have a production history, for commercial purposes, of planted or existing trees
- suffered a qualifying pecan tree loss in excess of 7.5 percent mortality, but not more than 15 percent, adjusted for normal mortality, from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018
- continuously owned the stand from the time of the disaster until the time that the TAP application is submitted.

#### B Signup Period

A signup period will be announced. A subsequent FSA notice will be issued with the specific application dates associated with accepting applications.

#### C Program Provisions and Regulations

Offices can access 1-TAP (Rev. 4) on the FSA Intranet at <https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/>. Click the “Handbooks” link at the top of the page.

Program regulations will be included in 7 CFR Part 1416. The final rule for provisions included in the Disaster Relief Act will be published in the near future.

#### D Software

Web-based TAP application software to accommodate the change in mortality for pecan growers incurring losses from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, will be available at a later date.

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### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices will instruct all County Offices to:

- publicize the contents of this notice
- widely publicize the signup start and end dates for pecan growers incurring losses from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- accept CCC-899 for losses according to 1-TAP (Rev. 4)
- publicize the contents of this notice through all available means
- use the web-based TAP application software to enter CCC-899's
- load the 2018 TAP Pecan application into the regular 2018 TAP software
- complete Part D – COC Action/Determination in the regular 2018 TAP software
- verify eligibility based on the results of the system calculations for total determined:
  - trees lost for payment
  - trees damaged for payment
  - acres for payment.

**Note:** If any of the 3 are equal to 0, the producer is not eligible for regular 2018 TAP and the application should be taken manually and loaded into the 2018 TAP Pecan software once available.

The following is an example of the system calculations.

Total Determined Trees in Stand:	325
Total Determined Trees Lost:	72
<b>Total Determined Trees Lost for Payment :</b>	<b>59</b>
Total Determined Trees Damaged:	25
<b>Total Determined Trees Damaged for Payment:</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Determined Acres in Stand:	0.7500
Total Determined Damaged Acres in Stand:	0.1661
<b>Total Determined Acres for payment:</b>	<b>0.1362</b>
Total Replanted Trees:	0