

For: Flue-Cured Tobacco State and County Offices

Curing-Barn Certification Program

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

There has been concern about the marketability of flue-cured tobacco cured in barns with direct heat sources. For this tobacco, CCC will provide a price support rate that is one-half the normal price support rate for tobacco that is cured in a barn with an indirect heat source. So tobacco can be duly valued for price support purposes, farmers will be required to certify whether their barns have an indirect heat source.

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Purpose

This notice:

- informs flue-cured tobacco State and County Offices of a curing-barn certification program conducted by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation (Stabilization)
- provides authority for County Offices to aid Stabilization in administering the 2002 Barn Certification Program.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>September 1, 2002</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>Flue-Cured Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices</p>
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**Stabilization
Action**

Stabilization shall:

- publicize the 2002 Barn Certification Program
 - provide 2002 certification forms with the operator's name, address, and farm serial number (FSN) to the applicable County Office by June 1, 2002
 - provide County Offices with a copy of any certification form mailed directly to Stabilization
 - provide warehouses with a list of certified farms, identifying farms that have or may have tobacco only eligible for one-half price support.
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**County Office
Action**

County Offices shall:

- obtain signatures on 3-part certification forms provided by Stabilization
- return to Stabilization only those 3-part certification forms that contain FSN's that are checked "has not" or "some portion" by July 1, 2002

Note: Stabilization's FAX number is 919-821-4564.

- record FSN changes manually on the certification form.
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**Work
Measurement
Reporting**

Work measurement County Offices shall report all time associated with this activity under work item 1201.

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**Farm Operator
Action**

Flue-cured tobacco farm operators shall certify that the tobacco offered for marketing in 2002 “has”, “has not”, or “some portion” been cured in a barn with an indirect heat source.

Note: At the time tobacco is weighed into an auction warehouse, the weigh-master will compare FSN on the marketing card to the computer list provided to the warehouse by Stabilization. For a farm where “some portion” was checked on the certification form, the weigh-master will ask the operator to execute a declaration curing form when the tobacco is presented for auction.

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Questions

Direct questions about the 2002 Barn Certification Program to Stabilization at 919-821-4560.
