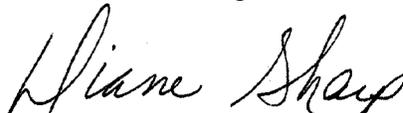


For: Other Kinds of Tobacco State and County Offices and KCAO

2003 Other Tobacco Quotas, Allotments, Factors, and Referendum

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

The Secretary has:

- proclaimed national marketing quotas for the 2003 through 2005 crops of fire-cured (type 21-23) and dark air-cured (types 35-36), and called for a referendum by mail ballot during the period March 17 through March 21, 2003, to determine whether marketing quotas will be in effect for this kind of tobacco
- announced the 2003 national marketing quotas for the following kinds of tobaccos:
 - fire-cured (type 21)
 - fire-cured (types 22 and 23)
 - dark air-cured (types 35 and 36)
 - Virginia sun-cured (type 37)
 - cigar-filler and binder (types 42 through 44, 54, and 55).

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Purpose

This notice provides:

- 2003 national marketing quotas, acreage allotments, acreage factors, and acreage reserves
- instructions for completing other kinds of tobacco annual allotment calculations
- instructions for conducting fire-cured (types 21-23) and dark air-cured (types 35-36) tobacco referenda.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>August 1, 2003</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>Other Kinds of Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices</p>
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2 National Factors

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**Establishing
2003 National
Quotas**

The 2003 national quota and acreage allotments, factors, and reserves for other kinds of tobacco are established as follows.

Kind	Quota Pounds	Acreage Allotments	Acreage Factors	Acreage Reserves
Fire-cured (type 21)	1,378,000	780.74	1.00	2.98
Fire-cured (types 22 and 23)	30,800,000	10,949.16	1.02	48.50
Dark air-cured (types 35 and 36)	11,000,000	4,306.97	1.05	17.16
Virginia sun-cured (type 37)	114,000	76.40	1.00	.26
Cigar-filler and binder (types 42 through 44, 54, and 55)	8,600,000	3,740.76	1.12	26.75
Cigar-filler (type 41) <u>1/</u>			1.00	
Cigar binder (types 51 and 52) <u>1/</u>			1.00	
Maryland <u>1/</u>			1.00	

1/ These kinds of tobacco are not currently under marketing quota. Use the acreage factor to maintain farm crop records on a current-year basis. Do **not** issue MQ-24 for tobacco not under marketing quotas.

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Reserve Acreage

Reserve acres for correcting errors and adjusting inequities are prorated to States as follows.

Kind	State	Reserve Acreage
Fire-cured (type 21)	Virginia	2.00
Fire-cured (types 22 and 23)	Kentucky	20.21
	Tennessee	22.79
Dark air-cured (types 35 and 36)	Indiana	
	Kentucky	12.90
	Tennessee	2.10
Virginia sun-cured (type 37)	Virginia	0.26
Cigar-filler and binder (types 42 through 44, 54, and 55)	Minnesota	0.04
	Ohio	
	Wisconsin	6.71

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KCAO Action

KCAO shall transmit to County Offices the 2003 national factors for fire-cured (types 21-23) and dark air-cured (types 35-36) tobaccos not later than March 5, 2003.

For all other kinds of tobaccos, the 2003 national factors shall be transmitted on April 4, 2003.

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3 County Office Action

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Conducting Referendum

To conduct referendum for fire-cured and dark air-cured tobaccos, County Offices shall take the following action.

Step	Action
1	Inventory referendum supplies. Ensure that supplies are adequate.
2	Follow 1-TB SCOAP, Part 13 to build the eligibility file and generate MQ-4. Note: This must be done after the FSA-578 summarization and before annual calculations.
3	Mail ballots by March 12, 2003.
4	Conduct referendum according to 1-PA.
5	Call referendum results into the State Office after completing tabulation on March 26, 2003.
6	Submit MQ-7 to the State Office by March 28, 2003.

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Action Before Establishing 2003 Allotments

Before establishing 2003 allotments for each other kind of tobacco currently under marketing quotas:

- update 2002 production data according to 1-TB SCOAP, Part 9
 - run 2002 crop year FSA-578 summarization for other kinds of tobacco
 - build eligible voter file and print interim list of eligible voters for fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco referenda according to 1-TB SCOAP, Part 13
- Note:** If previous voter list exists, delete this list before selecting option to build a new list.
- complete all 2002 reconstitution requests for DCP purposes on farms with fire-cured and/or dark air-cured tobacco
 - establish 2003 crop year allotments according to 1-TB SCOAP, Part 5, including kinds of tobacco not currently under marketing quotas.

Note: This is required to maintain tobacco farm crop records on a current year basis.

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3 County Office Action (Continued)

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Generating and Mailing MQ-24's County Offices shall take the following action to generate and mail MQ-24's.

Step	Action
1	Generate MQ-24's as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• indicate that 2003 is a referendum year when generating MQ-24's for fire-cured (types 21-23) and dark air-cured (types 35-36) tobaccos• date MQ-24's (FSA-708's) for fire-cured and dark air-cured tobaccos March 10, 2003• date MQ-24's (FSA-708's) for all other kinds of tobacco April 14, 2003.
2	Review MQ-24's for farms with an allotment reduction for CRP. Reinstate reduced acres for CRP-1's that expired or were terminated in 2002. Note: For farms with an allotment reduction for CRP, the Tobacco Program Technician shall provide the CRP Program Technician a copy of Report ID: MRAP02-R001 for each farm with tobacco allotment designated under CRP.
3	Mail MQ-24's for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fire-cured and dark air-cured tobaccos by March 10, 2003• all other kinds of tobacco by April 14, 2003.

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4 State Office Action

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Action

State Offices shall take the following action.

Step	Action
1	Allocate all reserve acreage to County Offices by April 14, 2003.
2	Instruct County Offices to load reserve acreage in the 2003 Other Kinds of Tobacco Crop Table Record.
3	Require COC to adjust inequities within 30 calendar days after the reserve acreage is allocated.
4	Ensure that County Offices have adequate supplies of FSA-708 to generate MQ-24's.
5	If applicable, ensure that referendum supplies are adequate.

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**Referendum
Results**

State Offices shall:

- on March 26, 2003, telephone the preliminary referendum results to TPD, on 202-720-0200, by 4 p.m.
 - by March 31, 2003, submit final referendum results on MQ-8.
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