

**For:** Tobacco State and County Offices

**Curing-Barn Certification Program**

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



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

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

**B 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 2003 Barn Certification Program.

**2 2003 Barn Certification Program**

**A Stabilization Action**

Stabilization shall:

- publicize the 2003 Barn Certification Program
- provide 2003 certification forms with the operator's name, address, and farm serial number (FSN) to the applicable County Office by June 2, 2003

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>September 1, 2003</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices</p>
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### 2 2003 Barn Certification Program (Continued)

#### A Stabilization Action (Continued)

- 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 the normal price support rate.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- obtain signatures on Stabilization's 3-part certification form
- return to Stabilization **only** those 3-part certification forms that contain FSN's that are checked "has not" or "some portion" by July 1, 2003

**Note:** Stabilization's FAX number is 919-821-3691.

- record FSN changes manually on the certification form.

#### C Work Measurement Reporting

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

#### D Farm Operator Action

Flue-cured tobacco farm operators shall certify that the tobacco offered for marketing in 2003 "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 complete a declaration curing form when the tobacco is presented for auction.

#### E Questions

Direct question about the 2003 Barn Certification Program to Stabilization at 919-821-3691.