

For: Tobacco State and County Offices

Processing CCC-955

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Signup for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) begins on March 14, 2005, and ends on June 17, 2005. If a quota holder does not sign up during this time period, the quota holder will not receive a 2005 payment. FY 2005 payments will be made between June and September 2005. Subsequent FY payments will be made during January of each year.

Assignments of 2005 payments will be permitted. Successor-in-interest contracts will be permitted for 2006 through 2014 payments.

Late-filed contracts will be approved for future payments only.

B Purpose

This notice provides provisions for processing CCC-955.

2 CCC-955 and Automation Software

A CCC-955

A payment contract for a quota holder is made up of CCC-955 (03-03-05) and CCC-955 Appendix (03-08-05). A separate CCC-955 must be filed by:

- county
- FSN
- kind of tobacco
- taxpayer ID number.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2005	Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices

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2 CCC-955 and Automation Software (Continued)

A CCC-955 (Continued)

For example, if a quota holder has both burley and flue-cured tobacco on FSN 555 in County A and only flue-cured tobacco on FSN 777 in County B, in County A there will be one CCC-955 filed for that quota holder for burley tobacco and a separate CCC-955 filed for flue-cured tobacco. The quota holder will also have to file CCC-955 in County B for flue-cured tobacco in that county.

B Automation Software

Automation software to generate TTPP contracts, reports, and inquiries will be a web-based application. Instructions will be provided in a future notice. The web-based application will calculate quota holder base quota level (BQL).

3 Action

A County Office Action

Before being approved for payment, CCC-955's will be entered into the web-based system. The following instructions are for manually completing CCC-955. See Exhibit 1.

Item	Instructions
1	Leave this item blank. When the manually completed CCC-955 is entered into the web-based system designed for TTPP, the system will assign a contract number.
2	Enter FSN.
3	This item is pre-filled with the quota holder payment rate of \$7 per pound of BQL.
4	Enter the date (mm-dd-yyyy) on which CCC-955 is approved. The end of the 10-year contract period is pre-filled with 09-30-2014. Note: No CCC-955 may be approved until further notice.
5	Enter the number of BQL pounds beside 1 of the kinds of tobacco. Note: A separate CCC-955 must be filed for each kind of tobacco.
6 A and B	Enter the name, address (including the ZIP Code), and telephone number with area code of the quota holder.
6C	Enter the tax ID number of the quota holder. Note: No payment will be made to a participant with a temporary ID number.
6 D and E	The participant quota holder is to sign and date (mm-dd-yyyy) this portion of CCC-955.
7 and 8	Leave blank. A notice concerning contract approval is forthcoming.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow the provisions in this notice.

CCC-955, Tobacco Transition Payment Quota Holder Contract

This form is available electronically.

CCC-955 (03-03-05)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. Contract Number	2. Farm Serial Number 125
		3. Quota Holder Payment Rate \$ 7.00 Per Pound of Base Quota Level/10 Years	
		4. Contract Period FROM (MM-DD-YYYY): 6/17/2005 TO: 09-30-2014	

TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT QUOTA HOLDER CONTRACT

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5. Base Quota Level (BOL) By Kind Of Tobacco:

_____ 1000 lbs. Flue-Cured	_____ lbs. Virginia Sun-Cured
_____ lbs. Burley	_____ lbs. Fire-Cured
_____ lbs. Dark Air-Cured	_____ lbs. Cigar Filler/Binder

This Contract is entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the undersigned tobacco quota holder (Participant). The Participant agrees to the terms contained in this Contract, including the Appendix to this Contract, entitled Appendix to CCC-955. Providing a false certification to the government is punishable by imprisonment, fines, and other penalties. All information provided herein is subject to verification by CCC. By signing below, the Participant acknowledges that a copy of the Appendix to CCC-955 has been provided to such person. The terms and conditions of this Contract are contained in this form CCC-955 and in the Appendix to CCC-955.

6. Participant Information:

A. Name and Address (Including ZIP Code) Carol Holley 521 Tobacco Rd Winston-Salem, NC 27000	C. Tax Identification Number 333-333-3333
B. Telephone Number (Including Area Code): 919-555-5550	
D. Participant's Signature /s/ Carol Holley	E. Date Signed (MM-DD-YYYY) 3/23/2005

7. CCC Use Only:

A. Action: APPROVED DISAPPROVED

B. Signature of CCC Representative /s/ Randy Smith	C. Title County Executive Director	D. Date Signed (MM-DD-YYYY) 6/17/2005
8A. County Office Address (Including ZIP Code) 1313 Corporate Circle Winston-Salem, NC 27008	8B. Telephone Number (Including Area Code) 919-444-4444	
8C. Remarks		

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