Agricultural Act of 2014

Eligibility Overview

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Compliance

Late-Filed/Revised Acreage Reports for Base Acre Reallocation

- the operator or owner(s) may submit:
  - late-filed acreage reports of P&CP or subsequently planted crop acreage for crop years 2009 through 2012
  - late-filed prevented planting requests providing the prevented planting request was not previously processed and acted on by FSA

- Note: Late-filed fees will be waived.
Compliance

– **FAV Payment Reductions**
  – An acre-for-acre payment reduction will be assessed if an FAV is planted on payment acres

– **Payment Acres**
  – Payment acres for ARC-CO and PLC – 85%
  – Payment acres for ARC-IC – 65%
Compliance

– ARC/PLC Acreage Maintenance
  – Producers must protect ALL land on the farm enrolled in ARC/PLC from noxious weeds and erosion.
Payment Eligibility/Payment Limitation

- **AGI limitation** - $900,000 total farm/nonfarm
  - Applicable to commodity and conservation programs

- **Applies to** - persons or legal entities

- **Based on** - the 3 taxable years preceding the most immediately preceding complete taxable year for which program payments are requested

- Acceptable certification is via CCC-941 or CPA/attorney statement
Payment Eligibility/Payment Limitation

– New payment limits
  • $125,000 – combined for PLC, ARC, LDP’s, and MLG’s
  • $125,000 – combined for LIP, LFP, ELAP, and TAP
  • $125,000 – NAP
  • $50,000 – CRP
Conservation Compliance

– Compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions adopted under the 1985 Farm Bill continue with the 2014 Farm Bill.

– Conservation compliance is tied to crop insurance; however, if in violation only the premium subsidy is impacted.
Conservation Compliance

– Form AD-1026 and AD-1026 Appendix, dated June 30, 2014, have replaced the previous versions of each

  – There, however, is no requirement for producers to file a revised form providing a valid AD-1026 is on file

  – Producers that have crop insurance but never previously were subject to HELC/WC provisions must check Block 3 A in Part B
Conservation Compliance

– For crop insurance purposes, a producer must:
  – for all highly erodible fields, be in compliance with a conservation plan
  – not plant or produce an ag commodity on a wetland converted after February 7, 2014
  – not have converted a wetland for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an ag commodity possible on such converted wetland after February 7, 2014
Conservation Compliance

- If a crop insurance participant has never been subject to conservation compliance before:
  - must file an AD-1026 by June 1, 2015 (for 2016 reinsurance year)
  - have 5 reinsurance years to develop and comply with an approved conservation plan on any HEL on which an agricultural commodity is produced
  - have 2 reinsurance years after final determination to remedy or mitigate any wetland conservation violation
Conservation Compliance

– **Timing of ineligibility for crop insurance participants:**
  – ineligibility for premium subsidy will only apply to reinsurance years after the date of a final determination of a violation, including all administrative appeals
  – ineligibility for premium subsidy will not apply to the existing reinsurance year or any reinsurance year prior to the date of final determination