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# Latah County FSA News

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## Pulse Base Establishment and its Affect on Your 2009 DCP Contract

FSA is currently in the process of establishing pulse crop bases on farms that had a history of growing dry peas, lentils and/or garbanzo beans in the crop years 1998-2001.

Letters are being sent out to owners and operators of tracts indentified as having grown one or more of those crops during that 4-year base period.

Three options are available to tract owners. These options are listed on form CCC-524, which will be mailed to all owners with 1998-2001 pulse crop acres. The CCC-524 shows your pulse crop bases if you select option 2, also referred to as the "default option".

Here is a breakdown of tract owner options:

**Option 1.** Do not add pulse bases to the tract.

**Option 2.** Add pulse bases to the tract.

**Option 3.** Add pulse based to the tract, but one or more existing bases must be reduced.

If you do not respond and fail to elect an option, the 2008 farm bill deems that you have elected option 2. Option 2 adds pulse bases to the tract; while also assigning a "default yield". These yields are the same throughout the state. These are the "default yields" for Idaho pulse crops:

Dry peas	1252 lbs
Small garbanzo beans	792 lbs
Large garbanzo beans	793 lbs
Lentils	662 lbs

As noted earlier, if you fail to elect an option, FSA will add pulse crop bases to your farm tract record using the "default option". This will be done, whether or not you request it.

**ONCE PULSE BASES ARE ADDED, THE 2009 DCP CONTRACT IS TERMINATED.**

**A NEW DCP CONTRACT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE LATER OF AUGUST 14, 2009 OR 30 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION THAT PULSE BASES HAVE BEEN ADDED.**

**NO 2009 DCP PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE TO A FARM UNLESS ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES ARE OBTAINED ON THE NEW DCP CONTRACT.**

## Pulse Base Production Records

Farm operators are being provided form FSA-658P in the event they want to prove yields. Included with the form are guidelines of what are acceptable records to FSA.

Proving your pulse yields may result in higher counter-cyclical payments, in the event those payments are made. However, if records don't exist, you cannot obtain them or simply don't care to prove you yield, you may choose to simply use the "default yield" listed in the opposite column.

You must use the same type of yields throughout the production process. For example, you cannot use an actual and a "default yield" in your calculation for proving any pulse crop yield.



## 2009 Crop Reporting Deadline Extended Through August 14, 2009

The FSA National Office has extended the crop certification period for 2009 due to extreme weather conditions nationwide. Therefore, acreage reports received prior to August 14, 2009 will be considered timely filed. In addition, requests for prevented planting and failed acreage credit will be considered timely filed if received by August 14, 2009. CRP and NAP acreage reports must be filed by this date as well to be timely filed for 2009.

### Farm Reconstitutions

For FSA program purposes, tracts having the same owner and the same operator are grouped under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

**Estate Method** — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

**Designation of Landowner Method** — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

**DCP Cropland Method** — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

**Default Method** — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

### Dates to Remember

August 1 NAP deadlines start for 2010 nursery crops  
August 3 Deadline to file County Committee nomination  
August 14 Deadline for:

DCP Signup  
ACRE Signup  
Pulse Base Establishment  
Pulse Crop Proven Yields  
Acreage certification DCP, ACRE, CRP, NAP  
Prevented planted and failed planting reports  
September 1 NAP sales closing date for 2010 grass seed crops  
September 15 Sales closing date for 2010 crop insurance coverage for fall and spring wheat

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