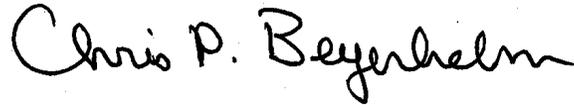


For: CO, IA, LA, MT, NV, NJ, NY, OH, OK, WA, WI, and WY State Offices

Collecting Photo Identifiable Points for National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) Inspection

Approved by: Associate Administrator, Operations and Management



1 Overview

A Background

Beginning in 2006, APFO has worked to support the absolute horizontal accuracy requirement in the NAIP contract by building an absolute control database for inspecting NAIP deliverables. The NAIP database was built using control points that were shared with FSA by multiple Federal, State, Tribal, and local government agencies. Only a few points have been purchased, but points collected and shared with FSA by other government entities are becoming more difficult to obtain. Because purchasing points is expensive, it is more cost-effective to collect points. APFO has access to Global Positioning System (GPS) units capable of collecting points to the accuracy necessary for NAIP inspection.

B Purpose

This notice requests that applicable State Offices collect photo identifiable points to support NAIP inspection in their State that may be coordinated at the discretion of the State GIS specialist.

C Contact

For questions or technical support, State Offices shall contact Louise Mathews by either of the following:

- e-mail to louise.mathews@slc.usda.gov
- telephone at 801-844-2934.

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2 Control Point Collection

A Collecting Points

Control points collected will be used for many years for subsequent inspections in each State. APFO will provide full instructions for point collection, maps showing areas of point need, the GPS unit (APFO will pay for shipping), and any necessary remote support.

B Collection Timeframe

Depending on how the State specialist or SED chooses to accomplish the work, APFO expects point collection may take 1 to 3 workdays, likely distributed over several weeks. Travel to collect points will **not** be paid by APFO. If this limits point collection outings to day trips, that is an acceptable course of action given fiscal constraints.

Notes: The photo identifiable control points collected will:

- only be used for internal imagery inspection
- **not** have the positional accuracy to support design or construction of real property and do **not** need to be performed by a registered engineer or licensed surveyor
- be processed by APFO and formatted for FSA purposes.

Accuracy and collection requirements for the points will be provided with the instructions by APFO.

3 Action

A State Office Action

APFO will ship the GPS unit to the designated State GIS specialist or designee. The State GIS specialist, or designee, shall:

- receive the unit and review all instructions
- schedule and collect points as guided in the instructions
- coordinate with County Offices, if necessary
- return the unit to APFO, after points are collected.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall coordinate with the State Office, if directed.

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3 Action (Continued)

C Schedule

APFO's goal is to have control points collected in 12 States receiving NAIP this year. GPS units will be shipped according to the schedule in the following table.

Notes: Dates are flexible.

New York already has a GPS unit and will determine their own schedule for collecting points.

APFO Ship Date	Ships To	Return Shipment By
May 15, 2015	NV, OK, WY	June 15, 2015
July 1, 2015	CO, MT, NJ	August 1, 2015
August 15, 2015	OH, WA, WI	September 15, 2015
October 1, 2015	IA, LA	October 31, 2015