

For: State and County Offices

**FAV and Wild Rice (WR) Provisions for Crop Years (CY's) 2014 Through 2018**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Planting FAV's and WR on base acres of enrolled farms was prohibited under the previous Farm Bill. The Agriculture Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) was enacted on February 7, 2014. The 2014 Farm Bill authorized Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs. ARCPLC provides revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the CY's 2014 through 2018. Producers who participate in ARCPLC are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when FAV and/or WR are planted on the base acres of a farm.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides guidance to State and County Offices on FAV and WR provisions as producers are making planting decisions for CY 2014.

**2 FAV and WR Provisions Applicable to the 2014 Farm Bill**

**A FAV and WR Crops**

FAV and WR planting provisions apply to **all** of the following commodities:

- fruits, including nuts
- vegetables, **except** mung beans, dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas
- WR.

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#### B FAV and WR Planting Provisions on Base Acres

In general, planting and harvesting FAV and WR on ARCPLC payment acreage is subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when FAV and/or WR are planted on either of the following:

- more than 15 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using the county coverage or PLC
- more than 35 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using the individual coverage.

#### C FAV and WR Planting Exceptions

Planting fruits (including nuts), vegetables (**except** mung beans, dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas), or wild rice on base acres on the farm shall result in a payment reduction **unless** FAV and WR are planted in a double-cropping practice. Double-cropping, for FAV and WR purposes, is defined as planting and harvesting on a farm of a covered commodity for grain in cycle with the planting and harvesting of FAV and WR on the same acreage in a 12-month period with the ability to plant and harvest the same 2 crops in the immediately succeeding 12-month period, under normal growing conditions. The farm **must** be in a region designated by CCC, in the regulations at 7 CFR Part 1412, as having a history of double-cropping covered commodities with FAV and WR.

Recording a county as a double-cropping region under these FAV and WR provisions does **not** supersede 2-CP provisions on double-cropping. When FAV and WR double-cropping rotation is approved under the 2-CP double-cropping provisions, **and** FAV and WR are planted in a double-crop rotation in a double-cropping region, **no** reduction in ARCPLC payments will be made.

Requests to update double-cropping regions are forthcoming.

**Note:** The farm and producer history exceptions were removed with the passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

#### D FAV and WR Planting Provisions on Nonbase Acreage

Planting FAV and WR on acres that are not considered base acres will not result in a payment reduction.

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#### E FAV and WR Plantings on Non-ARCPLC Farms

Farms eligible to participate in ARCPLC, but **not** enrolled for a particular year:

- may plant unlimited FAV and WR for that year
- will **not** receive any ARCPLC payments for that year
- may enroll in ARCPLC in succeeding years and be eligible for ARCPLC benefits
- may place production from eligible commodities in MAL's or receive LDP's.

### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Office employees shall ensure that County Office employees are provided guidance on this notice and these new FAV and WR provisions.

#### B County Office Action

County Office employees shall inform producers of the contents of this notice.