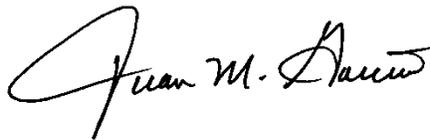


For: State and County Offices

**Recording Prevented Planting and Failed Acreage on FSA-578**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Notice CP-666 provided policy and guidance on how to accurately record prevented planted and failed acreage on FSA-578 when a determination is made on CCC-576. Policy for recording prevented planted acreage was included in 2-CP, Amendment 68. There have been no changes to prevented planting and failed acreage policy issued in Notice CP-666.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides:

- examples on how to accurately record failed acreage on FSA-578
- policy on accepting prevented planted and failed acreage claims.

**2 Prevented Planted Acreage**

**A Accepting Prevented Planted Acreage Claims**

COC shall accept and make a determination for prevented planted credit on a case-by-case basis as CCC-576's are filed according to 2-CP, subparagraph 24 M. Once CCC-576 is submitted, it **cannot** be withdrawn or revised. For adverse determinations, a producer may request reconsideration according to subparagraph C.

If the County Office is notified that a case involving prevented planting is under review by other USDA agencies, such as OIG, RMA, or crop insurance companies, COC shall not make a determination on the request for prevented planting until the claim has been resolved by the other agency or crop insurance company.

**Note:** Action shall be taken on CCC-576 **before** SURE or ACRE payments are processed.

Disposal Date	Distribution
August 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Prevented Planted Acreage (Continued)

#### B Removal of Policy That Makes Acreage Ineligible for Prevented Planted Credit When a Previous or Subsequent Crop Not Meeting Double-Cropping Provisions is Planted

Beginning with 2010, acreage is no longer considered ineligible for prevented planted credit when a previous or subsequent crop is planted that does not meet double-cropping provisions. However, it is important that subsequent crops are reported accurately to provide consistency for reporting prevented planted acreage.

**Note:** For 2010, if COC disapproved CCC-576 because the acreage was determined ineligible because of the previous or subsequent plant rule, COC shall revise their determination to approve CCC-576 as long as all other requirements are met.

### 3 Failed Acreage

#### A Reporting Failed Acreage

To be approved as failed acreage, the acreage must have been:

- reported before the disposition of the crop
- planted under normal conditions, but failed because of a natural disaster and **not** a management decision.

**Note:** An exception may apply according to 2-CP, subparagraph 24.5 C.

#### B Accepting Failed Acreage Claims

COC shall accept and make a determination for failed acreage credit on a case-by-case basis as CCC-576's are filed according to 2-CP, paragraph 24.5.

Once CCC-576 has been submitted, it **cannot** be withdrawn or revised. If COC is not satisfied with the supporting documentation provided, the request shall be denied. For adverse determinations, producer may request reconsideration according to subparagraph C.

If the County Office is notified that a case involving failed acreage is under review by other USDA agencies, such as OIG, RMA, or crop insurance companies, COC shall not make a determination on the request for failed acreage credit until the claim has been resolved by the other agency or crop insurance company.

**Note:** Action shall be taken on CCC-576's **before** SURE or ACRE payments are processed.

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### 3 Failed Acreage (Continued)

#### C Notifying Producer of Determination for Failed Acreage Credit

Notify, in writing, each producer with an interest in the specific acreage or crop when COC makes a determination by:

- approving the entire acreage claimed on CCC-576, Part B
- disapproving the entire acreage claimed on CCC-576, Part B
- approving less than the entire acreage claimed on CCC-576, Part B.

Notification to producers shall include the determination. Adverse determinations shall include a detailed explanation supporting the determination and right of reconsideration, appeal, or mediation according to 1-APP.

#### D Recording Failed Acreage on FSA-578

Crops reported as failed shall be recorded on FSA-578 as failed by recording an “F” in the second character field status code.

If another crop is reported behind failed acreage, the applicable status code shall apply according to 2-CP, Exhibit 11.

Determined acreage **shall not** be entered on FSA-578 for failed acreage, unless the reported acreage was determined through spotcheck or measurement service.

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4 Recording Failed Acreage on FSA-578 When CCC-576 is Approved/Disapproved

A Recording Failed Acreage on FSA-578 When Entire Acreage Claimed on CCC-576 is Approved

Use the following to record failed acreage on FSA-578 when the entire acreage claimed on CCC-576 is approved.

<b>IF the producer has reported failed acreage and COC...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
approved the entire acreage claimed on CCC-576	determined acres will <b>not</b> be entered unless the acreage is questionable.

**Example 1:** Entire acreage claimed is approved and **no other crop is reported.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	

**Example 2:** Entire acreage claimed is approved and another crop, **not meeting double cropping rule, is reported.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	
3	Soybeans	J	60	

**Example 3:** Entire acreage claimed is approved and another crop, **not meeting double cropping rules, is reported on a portion of the acreage.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	
3A	Soybeans	J	30	

**Example 4:** When the entire acreage claimed is approved and 2 other crops, not meeting double cropping rules, are reported.

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	
3A	Soybeans	J	40	
3B	Corn	J	20	

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5 Recording Failed Acreage on FSA-578 When Acreage is Determined or Spot Checked

A Recording Failed Acreage on FSA-578 When Failed Acreage as Reported is Determined or Spot Checked

Use the following to record failed acreage on FSA-578 when the failed acreage is determined.

<b>IF the producer has reported failed acreage and...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
the reported acreage is determined	load the acreage determined in the determined acreage field on FSA-578.

**Example 1:** When less than the failed acreage as reported is determined and **no other crop is reported.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	50

**Example 2:** When less than the failed acreage as reported is determined and **2 other crops, not meeting double cropping rules are reported.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	50
3A	Soybeans	J	30	
3B	Corn	J	20	

**Example 3:** When the failed acreage as reported is determined and **no other crop is reported.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	60

**Example 4:** When the failed acreage as reported is determined and **2 other crops, not meeting double cropping rules are reported.**

Field	Crop	Status Code	Reported Acreage	Determined Acreage
3	Wheat	IF	60	60
3A	Soybeans	J	30	
3B	Corn	J	30	

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### **6 State and County Office Action**

#### **A State Office Action**

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are immediately informed of the contents of this notice.

#### **B County Office Action**

County Offices shall:

- follow procedure in this notice for 2010 and future years acreage reporting
- fully document determinations in COC minutes.