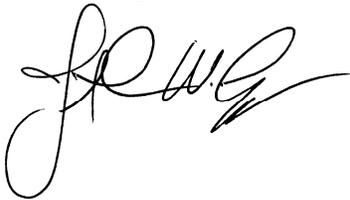


For: State and County Offices

2010 Nursery Crop Year and Application Closing Date

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

7 CFR Section 1437.6 requires a producer to file CCC-471 and pay the applicable service fee in the administrative County Office by the application closing date established by STC. STC's are instructed in 1-NAP, subparagraph 23 C, that when establishing application closing dates, the dates must correspond to FCIC sales closing dates for like crops.

Beginning with the 2007 crop year, RMA changed the beginning and ending dates for nursery to June 1 through May 31, and the sales closing date for CAT to May 1. However, FSA has **not** notified producers of a revised nursery crop year and application closing date for NAP.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- the NAP coverage period for 2010 nursery is June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010
- the application closing date of September 1, 2009, will be used for 2010 nursery coverage
- 2010 NAP coverage for nursery will be retroactive to June 1, 2009.

2 Nursery Crop Year for NAP

A Nursery Crop Year

The nursery crop year for NAP must be consistent with the RMA nursery crop year to cover eligible plant species and sizes for which CAT is **not** available.

For 2010 and future crop years, the NAP crop year for nursery is June 1 through May 31.

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2010 6-16-09	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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3 Application Closing Date

A NAP Application Closing Date

Since producers were **not** notified in advance of the NAP crop year change for 2010 nursery, the previous NAP application closing date of September 1 is authorized for the 2010 crop year.

The application closing date for 2010 nursery is September 1, 2009. However, the 2010 NAP coverage will be retroactive to June 1, 2009, and will end May 31, 2010.

For those producers who obtained 2009 NAP coverage for nursery, and choose **not** to obtain 2010 continuous coverage, the 2009 NAP coverage for nursery will continue until September 30, 2009.

Notes: The National Office has set the application closing date in the 2010 NCT nursery records to September 1, 2009.

A future directive will be issued to provide procedures for processing CCC-576's for nursery losses that indicate the date of disaster occurrence is after May 31, 2009.

4 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- publicize the nursery crop year and application closing date for NAP as specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 and 1-NAP, subparagraph 23 D
- distribute continuous coverage letters according to 1-NAP, subparagraph 23 E
- follow 1-NAP, subparagraph 151 C and 2-CP, Exhibit 6, subparagraph B for acreage reporting.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- review FCIC sales closing dates annually to ensure consistency between programs according to 1-NAP, subparagraph 23 C.